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Committees: If applicable.

II. Activities:

A. 2019 CVSS Officers Meeting at SOT 2019: CVSS officer met at the Convention Center. Topics discussed are below
   a. Merger proposal with TEPSS
      i. Seek feedback from both CVSS and TEPSS membership
      ii. Once agreed, work towards seamless transition into the merger with TEPSS
      iii. Define scope and vision for the new SS
   b. Ways to improve and increase our membership
      i. Better marketing approaches or strategies
   c. Focus on scientific advancements that align with the SS vision and goals
      i. Think of Webinars by CVSS members or others relevant experts in the field
   d. Focus on mentoring
   e. Conduct surveys to identify the topics of interest
   f. More engagement with regular membership
      i. Leverage relationships with folks that volunteer mentoring (pair them with mentors)
      ii. This will help the members to engage and learn what this SS think

B. 2019 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held in Baltimore, Maryland on March 12th 12:00-1:30 PM. Approximately 30-40 people were in attendance. Dr. Düringer called the meeting to order and introduced new officers. Dr. Papineni, new incoming president gave a message to CVSS appreciating all the efforts of Dr. Duringer and all the officers of 2017-2018. Dr. Düringer and Dr. Papineni together welcomed CVSS members and highlighted the key events at the SOT meeting and upcoming efforts by CVSS.
We completed our lunch and business meeting, then joined Toxicology and Exploratory Pathology Specialty Section (TEPSS) for the latter portion for the presentation of the Roger O. McClellan award. Treasurer’s report was discussed.
Award winners

- **CVSS 1st place travel award** (US$500.00) – Sharavan Ramachandran, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, School of Pharmacy.
- **CVSS 2nd place travel award** (US$300.00) - Sarah Attreed Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.
- **Roger O. McClellan Award** (US $5,339). Sireesha Manne, Iowa State University

2019 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

- Continuing Education Course: Role of toxicokinetics in human health safety assessments. March 10th. 8:15-12:00 AM.
- Symposium: Species relevance: Approaches to determine the most relevant species for safety assessment of pharmaceutical products. March 12. 3:00-4:30 PM

A. Endowment Fund Details: The Roger O. McClellan Award was discussed to expand the funding into two awards, in consultation with Roger O. McClellan. The endowment has grown considerably, and the leadership feels it would be better split amongst two winners each year. The proposal was discussed with Roger who was not supportive of this at this time.

Newsletters: CVSS 2019 newsletter was circulated in April 2019 highlighting the events at SOT 2019 and seeking applications for proposals for 2020 SOT.

Teleseminars: None
White Papers: None
Contributions to SOT website: None

Other Specialty Section 2018-2019 Activities:

- CVSS and TEPSS merger:
  - Merger Proposal for CVSS and TEPSS has been approved by members (90% voting) and SOT council. Jennifer (CVSS) and Dozie (TEPSS) will be leading the discussions on this subject.
  - Name of the new merged specialty Section:
    - Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary Specialty Section
    - New leadership will take the charge after SOT 2020

- CVSS Book Club:
  Discussions ongoing for funding opportunities to launch CVSS Book Club to provide interested trainees an opportunity to read and discuss books on relevant professional skills and to engage professionals with extensive experience utilizing these skills. A cohort of 3 to 5 trainees will be selected in July and October to participate in this program. These cohorts will discuss a selected book over a 12-week period. Bi-weekly discussion meetings will be held to discuss selected reading from the book and to gain insight from professionals on topics covered within the reading material. The July cohort will read the book “Never Eat Alone” by Keith Ferrazzi, who discusses approaches to networking and the benefits to having a strong network. Those interested in participating should contact Marcus Delatte at marcusdelatte@gmail.com for further information.

- CVSS Annual Mentoring Event was held at Luna Del Sea Steak & Seafood Bistro on March 13th 4-6 PM.
Marcus and Brittany led the CVSS second annual mentoring event at SOT 2019 in Baltimore. The goal of this mentoring event was to provide an opportunity for students and post docs to meet with mentors from three main career sectors: Academia, Government, and Industry. The response for this event was excellent as evidenced by the presence of number of graduate students who were able to interact with all the mentors in a rotating fashion enabling them to interact with mentors with different areas of expertise and sectors. This event was open to Mentees and they do not need to be a member of CVSS; however, they are encouraged to consider joining CVSS and taking advantage of the resources offered. A survey was sent out to all the mentees after the event to help CVSS understand and address mentee needs.