

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION ____Stem Cells_____

ANNUAL REPORT: 2015-2016

May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
President:	B. Alex Merrick	Erik Tokar
Vice President:	Erik Tokar	Harry Salem
Vice President-Elect:	Harry Salem	Harry Salem
Secretary/Treasurer:	Colleen Hegg	Colleen Hegg
Past President	Jingbo Pi	B. Alex Merrick
Councilors:	Anna M. Vetrano	Chidozie Joshua Amuzie
	Chidozie Joshua Amuzie	Aaron Bowman
PDA Representative:	Joshua Robinson	Joshua F Robinson
GSLC Representative:	Joseph Shearer	Joseph Shearer

Committees: This year's Awards committee, Endowment committee, and Program committee are being established and will be finalized soon.

II. Activities:

2016 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 14, 2016. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

Dr. Erik Tokar (SCSS Vice President) called the meeting to order at 6:00PM on March 14, 2016.

Business Meeting Speaker: Drs. Alex Merrick and Erik Tokar

Meeting Minutes: (see Attachment I)

Awards:

Graduate student Awards

1st Place - Monica Langley, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

2nd Place - Qin Wang, Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Post-doctoral Awards

1st place: Ntube Olive Ngalame - National Toxicology Program Laboratory, NTP, NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, NC

2nd place (tie): Ngome Makia - National Toxicology Program Laboratory, NTP, NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, NC

2nd Place (tie): Xiaozhen Dai - Department of Pediatrics, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY

2016 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

Symposium Session: *Patient-Specific Stem Cells As Models for Gene, Drug, and Environment Interactions in Disease*. Chairs: Aaron Bowman and Jason Richardson

Endowment Fund Details:

SCSS Endowment Fund is being established. The Endowment Fund committee will be in charge of this.

Newsletters: Fall newsletter will be sent out sometime in August/September.

Teleseminars: N/A

White Papers: N/A

Contributions to SOT website:

SCSS website is continually being updated and was last updated in March 2016.

Other Specialty Section 2015-2016 Activities:

The SCSS sponsored an American College of Toxicology Webinar titled “Applications of iPS cell derived tissues in Safety Assessment” presented by Dr. Kyle Kolaja on September 17, 2015.

Attachment I
Stem Cells Specialty Section Annual Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2016

Reception and meeting were held at the Hilton Riverside Grand Salon 12, in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Erik Tokar (SCSS Vice-President) called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 14, 2016. Dr. Tokar discussed the SCSS activities and then announced the newly-elected officers and thanked the outgoing officers for their hard work. The following topics were discussed during business meeting:

Newly elected officers were introduced:

- Vice President Elect: Anna Vetrano
- Junior Councilor: Aaron Bowan
- Postdoctoral Rep: Joshua Robinson
- Student Rep: Joseph Shearer

SCSS Goals and Plans were discussed.

1. Membership Drive: The importance of continuing to increase the membership was emphasized. Goal: increase membership by $\geq 20\%$ by 2017. Challenge: every member bring in 1-2 new members by 2017 meeting.
2. Fund Drive: Goal is to establish Endowment Fund for Student/Postdoc Awards.
3. Program Drive: Goal is to endorse several scientific sessions for 2017. Program committee will be established again. SCSS endorsed 2 approved Sessions for the 2016 Annual Meeting.
4. New Committees will be established for each Drive.

SCSS program contributions were reviewed by Dr. Tokar. The course was very well attended with approximately 150 attendees:

- **Symposium Session:**
Patient-Specific Stem Cells As Models for Gene, Drug, and Environment Interactions in Disease. Chairs: Aaron Bowman and Jason Richardson

Programmatic themes and submission guidelines for SOT 2017 were presented by Dr. Tokar. Tips for successful proposals were discussed.

The treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Tokar

- SCSS estimated balance as of March 2016: approximately \$687. Estimated income after membership dues and meeting revenue: approximately \$2,800.

SCSS student and post-doctoral awards for research excellence were presented by Dr. Alex Merrick (SCSS President):

Graduate student Awards

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15PM.