

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION Stem Cells

## **ANNUAL REPORT: 2017-2018**

May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018

### **I. Officers/Committees:**

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
President:	Harry Salem	Timothy O'Toole*
Vice President:	Kameshwar Prasad Singh	Patrick Allard**
Vice President-Elect:	Timothy O'Toole	vacant
Secretary/Treasurer:	Colleen Cosgrove Hegg	Fang Liu
Past President	Erik J Tokar	Harry Salem
Councilors:	Aaron B Bowman	Jason R Richardson
	Jason R Richardson	Petra Haberzettl
PDA Representative:	Sanket Gadhia	Anthony Luz
GSLC Representative:	Rachana Nitin	Piyush Joshi

\* moved up from Vice President due to resignation of President

\*\* moved up from Vice President-elect

**Committees:** n/a

### **II. Activities**

**2018 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in San Antonio, Texas on March 14.

Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Dr. Harry Salem called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM on March 14

Business Meeting Speaker: Dr. Harry Salem

Meeting Minutes:

Reception and meeting were held at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Harry Salem (SCSS President) called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Dr. Salem discussed the SCSS activities as follows:

1) Newly elected officers were introduced:

- Vice President: Timothy O'Toole (filled vacant VP-elect position, January 2018)
- Vice President Elect: Patrick Allard
- Junior Councilor: Petra Haberzettl
- Postdoctoral Rep: Anthony Luz
- Student Rep: Piyush Joshi

Outgoing officers were thanked for their effort.

2) SCSS Goals and Plans were discussed.

- a) Membership: Current membership was around 60. It was uncertain how this corresponded to historical levels. The importance of continuing to increase the membership was emphasized.

- b) Program Drive: Goal is to endorse several scientific sessions for 2019. SCSS endorsed 2 approved Sessions for the 2018 Annual Meeting.
- c) SCSS program contributions were reviewed by Dr. Salem. Both the Symposium (*Adipocyte Toxicology and Obesogens*) and Informational Session (*Good Cell and In Vitro Method Practices against the “Reproducibility Crisis”*) were very well attended.
- d) There was no treasurer’s report due to the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer and the lack of a power point presentation and computer.
- e) Ideas were discussed as to how to increase participation and involvement.

3) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

**Awards:** none awarded

**2018 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:**

Symposium: Adipocyte Toxicology and Obesogens

Primary Endorser

Sunday March 12, 1:45 PM - 4:30 PM

Chairs: Supriya Kulkarni and Laura Armstrong

Informational Session: Good Cell and In Vitro Method Practices against the “Reproducibility Crisis”

Other Endorser

Wednesday March 14, 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM

Chairs: David Pamies and Sandra Coecke

**Endowment Fund Details:** n/a

**Newsletters:** Fall newsletter will be sent out in October/November

**Teleseminars:** n/a

**White Papers:** n/a

Contributions to SOT website: n/a

Other Specialty Section 2017-2018 Activities: n/a