

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION: Stem Cells

## **ANNUAL REPORT: 2018-2019**

May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

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

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
President:	Harry Salem	Kameshwar Prasad Singh
Vice President:	Kameshwar Prasad Singh	Timothy O'Toole
Vice President-Elect:	Timothy O'Toole	Patrick Allard
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

### **II. Activities:**

**2019 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in Baltimore, Maryland on (March 11).

Approximately 47 people were in attendance.

Dr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6 PM on March 11th.

Business Meeting Speaker: Dr. Tim O'Toole

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

Reception and meeting were held at the Hilton, Baltimore. Dr. Tim O'Toole (SCSS President) called the meeting to order at 6 PM on Monday, March 11, 2019. Dr. O'Toole discussed the SCSS activities as follows:

- 1) Recognition of award sponsor: Stem Cell Technologies
- 2) Recognition of officers present (Patrick Allard, Petra Haberzettl)
- 3) SCSS activities, goals and plans were discussed
  - a) Current membership is at 75 which is in the range of the recent norm. A discussion followed as to how to increase membership and involvement.
  - b) SCSS sponsored 3 sessions which were included in the final program. Attendance at these sessions was encouraged.
  - c) The feasibility of a mentoring program was discussed.
- 4) The treasurer's report was given by Dr. O'Toole. SCSS has a balance of \$1524.29.

5) Outgoing officers (Harry Salem, Jason Richardson, Anthony Luz, and Piyush Joshi) were recognized.

6) Student awards were presented (Sharavan Ramachandran, Zunwei Chen, Monica Langley)

**Mr. Chen and Dr. Langley gave short presentations on their posters which they will present later in the week.**

7) Recognition of new officers (Mike Clements, Li Pang, Xian Wu, Sharavan Ramachandran).

8) A request was made for session proposals for SOT 2020. A request for candidates for the vacant VP-elect position was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

**Awards:**      1<sup>st</sup> place graduate student – Zunwei Chen  
                    2<sup>nd</sup> place graduate student – Sharavan Ramachandran  
  
                    1<sup>st</sup> place post-doctoral Monica Langley

**2019 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:**

- Tuesday March 12th “Stem cells and metals toxicity: from tissue regeneration and repair to carcinogenesis”. 8AM-10:45AM Room 314 Tuesday
- March 12th “ Not your father’s ED: expanding the definition and understanding of endothelial dysfunction”. 8:00AM – 10:45 AM Room 316
- Wednesday March 13th “Air pollution-induced cardiovascular toxicity: endothelial progenitor cells as critical mediators”. 1:30 – 4:15 Room 310

Endowment Fund Details:

N/A

Newsletters: One newsletter was distributed in October 2018. Other communications to the membership related to the 2019 meeting or proposal request for 2020 were made via direct email to the membership on Toxexchange.

Teleseminars: N/A

White Papers: N/A

Contributions to SOT website: N/A

Other Specialty Section 2018-2019 Activities:

The specialty section has worked to identify several proposals for the 2020 SOT meeting. We received 4 proposals for symposia requesting sponsorship of which 3 have been tentatively accepted.