

[Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues Specialty Section]

ANNUAL REPORT: 2021-2022
May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
President:	Esther Haugabrooks	Steven Gilbert
Vice President:	Steven Gilbert	Michael McCabe
Vice President Elect:	Carla Kinslow	Lyle Burgeon
Secretary:	Jaime Mirowsky	Katrina Jew
Treasurer:	Jamie Mirowsky	Katrina Jew
Past President	Tamara House-Knight	Esther Haugabrooks
Councilors:	Lyle Burgeon	Brittany Baisch
	Brittany Baisch	Laura Plunkett
PDA Representative:	TBD	Emma Karey
Grad Student Representative:	Jeffrey Chen	Amanda Charette

Committees: If applicable.
Note: We are working on reestablishing our newsletter committee. We have also started movement towards establishing a webinar committee, a program committee and a membership engagement committee.

II. 2022 Membership total: 86

III. Key Outcomes in 2021-2022:

Activities:

A. 2022 SOT Annual Meeting Virtual Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):

During the 2022 SOT Virtual Meeting, the Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS endorsed three scientific sessions.

- 1) Informational Session: *Honor Thy Stakeholders: How Toxicologist Can Better Incorporate Stakeholders into Research Communication, and Translation*
- 2) Symposium Session: *Disparities in Environmental Chemical Exposure and Health Risks*
- 3) Workshop Session: *Communicating Science in an Age of Misinformation and Mistrust*

Our SS Luncheon exceed our expectations of 25 participants, and we garnered a lot of interest for SS collaboration on webinars and SS development. We are following up on those connections in the next calendar year.

B. 2022 Awards Information:

The Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS Graduate Student Award was given to Shelby Zangari, who accepted her award in abstentia. Shelby is a graduate student at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. The award was given for Shelby's work titled, Daily Variation of Air Pollutants Near an Elevated Highway in Syracuse, NY.

Emma Karey accepted our postdoctoral Award for their work entitled Evaluating the relative inflammatory risk of passive tobacco product emissions in adults and children. Dr. Karey is a post doctorate at the New York University School of Medicine.



C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g., webinars, in person meetings, etc.):
None (but we plan on having webinars in 2022-2023).

D. Communication Activities:

Newsletter publication frequency: ELFSI will aspire to return to releasing a newsletter annually

E. Mentoring activities: ELFSI will begin exploring mentoring opportunities, potentially as part of its Program Committee efforts.

V. Feedback and Ideas:

A. How might SOT better support your group's activities (perhaps something the Society should be doing that we currently do not do, or do not do effectively, that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?):

Note: If funding is listed, please provide detail on the membership need that the funding would support.

Due to the large officer turnover, we are currently trying to better understand SOT processes, and are interested in creating our own internal policies that align with SOT processes. If SOT has a process handbook for Specialty Section operations that would be helpful. Having all of the processes and a general month when things are due would help. We find the recent communications of all of the important dates coming up really helpful.

We also find the webinar process to be difficult when wanting to host a large series. Turning in paperwork for each webinar in the series has been a bit labor intensive. It may be better if we could turn in a package request.

We would like feedback from Council on what they believe we could do to bring more value to the Society. And we would like to have this as a continued conversation. Perhaps we could work collaboratively on reviewing and updating our Code of Ethics? It seems that would be an activity that ELFSI could co-lead with Council.

What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

What changes does your component group anticipate making in the way in which it operates in the coming year?

We are updating our roles and responsibilities. We are also updating our bylaws to reflect the current reality of how we are structured and to streamline operations. We may explore reframing our mission and vision statements.

The current officers are working hard to reinvigorate ELFSI and to raise ELFSI's profile. To that end, we are standing up a Program Committee as well as a Membership Engagement Committee.

We want ELFSI to be more visible to the Society, and we would like the entire Society to view ELFSI as the home for difficult conversations within the larger field of toxicology. To that end, we are interested in sponsoring more discussions on challenging ELFSI topics while providing a safe space for the exchange of ideas.