ANNUAL REPORT: 2019-2020
May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020

I. Officers/Committees:

Officers: 2019-2020 2020-2021
President: Marusia A. Popovech Tamara R. House-Knight
President-Elect: Esther Haugabrooks Steven G. Gilbert
Vice President: Tamara R. House-Knight Esther Haugabrooks
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Councilors: John Norman Marusia A. Popovech
Donald Fox Nikaeta Sadekar
Nikaeta Sadekar Lyle D. Burgoon

PDA Representative: TBD Elyse Caron-Beaudoin
Grad Student Representative: Trudi Denoon Jeffrey Chen

Committees:
If applicable.

II. 2019 Membership total: 88

III. Key Outcomes in 2019-2020:

Activities:
A. 2020 SOT Annual Meeting Virtual Activities (e.g. courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions): None
   ▪ Planned activities for the in-person SOT Annual Meeting included:
     ▪ Sponsored Session: Workshop/ IAT Session: Cannabidiol Science, Safety, and Societal Impacts: Where do we stand? (ID 75); Session Chairs wanted to amend, update, and resubmit the session for the 2021 SOT Annual Meeting.
     ▪ ELFSI Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Vincent Cogliano, Deputy Director of Scientific Programs, OEHHA; Talk: Bias in Scientific Decision-Making; This talk is now tentatively scheduled to be presented as a webinar in Fall 2020.
     ▪ Mentoring activity organized by Student Representative planned during the ELFSI Luncheon to match students with mentors.

B. 2020 Awards Information:
   • Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS Graduate Student Award – Rakeysha Pinkston, for the work titled, Short-Term JUUL and Third-Generation E-cig Aerosol
Exposure Dysregulates Biotransformation and Inflammation-Related Genes in Murine Macrophages Exposed at the Air-Liquid Interface.

- Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS Postdoctoral Award – Dr. Kathryn Miranda, for the work titled, Mechanisms of Cannabidiol-induced immunosuppression mediated by myeloid-derived suppressor cells.

C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g. webinars, in person meetings, etc.):

- ELFSI SS Webinar: Ethics, Opioids, and America’s Drug Overdose Crisis
  - Date and time: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm EDT
  - Speaker: Travis N. Rieder, PhD, Assistant Director of Education Initiatives, Research Scholar, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics

D. Communication Activities: New member outreach letter

- Newsletter publication frequency: ELFSI Fall 2019 Newsletter
- Key Announcements/blogs:
- Website highlights:

E. Mentoring activities: Mentoring activity planned for the in-person SOT Annual meeting reception

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.

  - Promotion of collaboration and leveraging of ideas, support, and funding between Specialty Sections to develop program initiatives such as webinar series and other activities would serve to enhance the quality of and enhance member interest in Specialty Section Programs. We attempted to develop collaborative ideas; however, Leadership of other Specialty Sections were unfortunately not open to collaborating. The SS-CCG is attempting to foster collaboration among specialty sections, however, unless this directive comes from SOT Council, it is unlikely to take hold broadly amongst Specialty Section Leadership, particularly with larger, more established Specialty Sections. This in turn negatively impacts small to mid-sized Specialty Sections, with regard to expanding interest and participation in program activities.
What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

- As a small to mid-sized Specialty Section, we experience unique challenges that, from my experience, may not occur to larger more established Specialty Sections. For instance, we have made a number of calls to our membership for support with Subcommittees, to try and expand our programming, communications, and outreach, but were unable to solicit volunteers. Also, with our call for leadership nominations, we only received one self-nomination, and had to scout individuals to run for the other positions. These endeavors required a significant amount of additional effort, then I have seen in my leadership position on a large Specialty Section. As the needs vary between Specialty Sections, perhaps the SS-CCG or SOT Council, could start mapping these key differences in needs and think of ways to help address these issues.