

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues

ANNUAL REPORT: 2016-2017

May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
President:	Daniele Staskal Wikoff	Judith T Zelikoff
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Secretary/Treasurer:	Tamara R House-Knight	Tamara R House-Knight
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	Robert G Tardiff	Linda Roberts
PDA Representative:		
GSLC Representative:	Benjamin R Kistinger	Trudi Denoon

II. Activities:

2017 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held in Baltimore, Maryland on (Date).

Approximately 35 people were in attendance.

The 2017 ELSI Specialty Section luncheon convened in the Baltimore Convention Center in Room 314 at 12:15 pm EDT. Vice President Judith Zelikoff opened with a welcome to attendees. She then introduced current officers and incoming officers. Judith presented the Student Award to MJ Ruzmyn Vilcassim (New York University). He received a certificate, ribbon and financial award. He then briefly discussed his research work, "Health Effects of Traveling Abroad: Integration of Health and Low Cost Particulate Matter Sensor Data". Next the specialty section's financials were presented to the group:

- 2016-2017 beginning budget: \$2,197
 - Beginning budget based on dues collected from membership and funds carried over from previous year
 - Expenditures – annual meeting luncheon, graduate student travel, student award
 - Balance after annual meeting: \$772.76
 - Membership total: 64

Judith then introduced the idea of specialty section re-invigoration previously discussed in the officers' meetings. The topic was well received and members offered several ideas (see below).

After an enthusiastic discussion, the guest speaker was introduced. Elizabeth Baker, Esq, Senior Science Policy Specialist with Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine discussed “Modernizing Preclinical Testing: Some Ethical, Legal and Social Considerations”. The luncheon concluded at 1:30 pm EST.

Awards: Student Award to MJ Ruzmyn Vilcassim (New York University) for “Health Effects of Traveling Abroad: Integration of Health and Low Cost Particulate Matter Sensor Data”.

2017 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions

- Informational Session: Communicating Toxicology to the Public
- Roundtable: Bias and Conflict of Interest in Conducting Research and Risk Assessments: Perspectives from Academia, Government, Industry, and Others

Newsletters: [March 2017 ELSI Newsletter](#)

Other Specialty Section 2016-2017 Activities:

ELSI Reinvigoration Discussion

- Reading list of relevant articles and books of current issues
- More advertising
- Ethical concerns on animal welfare and using them in research; put poster in ToxExpo next to booths of companies encouraging research on animals
- Controversial talks
- Visual representation (i.e. posters, messages, etc.) to bring awareness
- Historical seminar of government handling of disasters
- Ethics of CRISPR-cas9 in light of new patent ruling; disease therapy versus designer babies
- Use YouTube videos; guidelines for responding to sexual harassment
- Targeted documents/videos with information about basic bioethics/ethical principles and applications to toxicology and public health (for students, scientists, professionals, etc.) I'd be happy to help with case studies in ethical failures/disasters
- Education Kit – “Ethics in a Box”
- Connecting the Dots
- When ethics make a difference (i.e. thalidomide in US); the legal issues that arise with roadside or blood tests for DUI/DWI
- Increase membership by cross collaboration/promotion with other relevant SS (e.g. RA, Regulatory Affairs). Invite other speakers from government organizations to talk about the overlap between science and politics. Have it targeted towards grad students who are always looking out for these sort of learning opportunities
- Symposium on disasters in scientific ethics
- CE course, participate in undergrad program, short presentation during SOT Annual meeting
- Symposia about emerging public health issues that disproportionately affect children, women, the poor, etc. (smoking, alt tobacco, anti-vaxx movement, etc.)