

Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2020-2021

May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
President:	Tamara House-Knight	Esther Haugabrooks
Vice President:	Esther Haugabrooks	Steven Gilbert
Vice President Elect:	Steven Gilbert	Carla Kinslow
Secretary:	Jamie Mirowsky	Jaime Mirowsky
Treasurer:	Jamie Mirowsky	Jamie Mirowsky
Past President	Marusia A. Popovech	Tamara House-Knight
Councilors:	Nikaeta Sadekar	Lyle Burgeon
	Lyle Burgoon	Brittany Baisch
PDA Representative:	Elyse Caron-Beaudoin	TBD
Grad Student Representative:	Jeffrey Chen	Jeffrey Chen
Committees:	Newsletter, Membership, Webinar	

II. 2021 Membership total: 94

III. Key Outcomes in 2020-2021: See information below

IV. Activities:

A. 2021 SOT Annual Meeting Virtual Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):

During the 2021 SOT Virtual Meeting, the Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS was the primary endorser for the symposium titled “Cannabidiol 2021: Science, Safety, and Societal Issues”.

The Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS had their virtual member meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm ET, with 23 attendees.

Summary: This virtual event included information about ELFSI membership and financials, introduction of new officers, an award ceremony, and open discussion regarding future SS activities, and roundtable introductions among members.

Planned activities for the in-person SOT Annual Meeting included:
Sponsored Session: Workshop/ IAT Session

B. 2021 Awards Information:

Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS Graduate Student Award – Amanda Charette, for the work titled, Assessing the Relationship Between Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status and Toxic Chemical Releases in Upstate New York.

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

D. Communication Activities:

- Newsletter publication frequency: ELFSI Winter 2020 Newsletter
- Key Announcements/blogs: ELFSI member Ted Simon relayed to the Specialty Section during the virtual meeting that he was contacted by a judge to opine on the use of drug test results at trial from reading his editorial in the ELFSI Summer 2019 Newsletter.
- Website highlights: The website is maintained and updated, which included highlights to new awards and updated award criteria.

E. Mentoring activities: N/A, No Mentoring Activities due to COVID.

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.

Our group needs assistance setting meetings, following up/outreach with the group, and funding to help us build attractive awards might be helpful to recruiting new members.

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

Restrictions on how we contact our group. The emails that get sent through the society are not reaching the majority of our members, which could be due to filters they have created to organize their inbox. Flexibility should be given to the groups to engage in the most effective manner.

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

Bi-monthly meetings