Ocular Toxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2008-2009
May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009

I. Officers/Committees:

Officers:

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<td>President: Margaret Collins</td>
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II. Activities

2009 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held March 17, 2009 in Baltimore, MD. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. Margaret Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on March 17, 2009.

Meeting Minutes:

- **Welcome**

- **CE/Workshop/Symposium Submission**
  - 2008 submission
    - Andrea Weir gave an overview of the CE course that was submitted for the 2009 meeting. The reason for rejection was that the course was too specific.
  - Ideas for 2009 submission (deadline is April 30, 2009)
    - There was discussion of whether to re-submit the 2008 proposal, given that the Specialty Section Leadership meeting attended by Margaret Collins, Mark Vezina and Anne Weise included comments about wanting more specialize presentations. Additionally, members felt that focusing only on ocular drug delivery/toxicity testing did not reflect the various backgrounds of OTSS members. The consensus agreement was to review the 2008 presentation and update as needed, in addition to submitting other topics for consideration.
    - Members were asked to organize and move forward additional ideas for CE submissions.

- **Brian Short, DVM, PhD, DACVP from Allergan gave a talk on “Safety Evaluation of Ocular Drug Delivery Formulations: Techniques and Practical Considerations”**

- **Membership involvement was requested for the following topics:**
2010 Board Election - A Nominations/Election committee chairperson is needed

Background: At the 2008 organizational meeting, Margaret Collins was nominated and elected President by voice vote of the attendees. Volunteers were solicited for remaining positions, resulting in the following Interim Executive Board:

- President: Margaret Collins, Charles River
- Vice-President: Mark Vezina, Charles River
- Secretary-Treasurer: Anne Wiese, Allergan.com
- Councilors: Tim MacLachlan, Genzyme
  - Ken Schafer, Vet Path Services
  - David Lehmann, Bausch and Lomb

In December, a decision was made by the President to ask all interim board and committee members to stay on for an additional year. Mark’s position for 2009 is combined President-Elect/Vice President and he will become President in 2010 and Past President/Councilor in 2011.

In order to get on-track with our by-laws, the following 2010 positions will be open for nominees:

- President-Elect (will become President in 2011 and Past President/Councilor in 2012)
- Vice President (who will become President-Elect in 2011, President in 2012, and Past President/Councilor in 2013)
- Secretary-Treasurer (2-year position)
- 1 councilor position (2-year position)

Committee Chairpersons and volunteers needed

- Programs
- Awards/student outreach
- Newsletter
- Ocular Liaison (with other professional organizations)

Fall webinar

Given the current economic climate, the idea of a Fall webinar/meeting is suggested. Another idea to consider is a meeting in conjunction with other meetings attended by the membership.

SOT website

The OTSS section of the SOT website is currently in development headed up by Tim MacLachlan and should be ready for launch in early Fall 2009.