NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION: Ocular Toxicology

May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

I. Officers/Committees:

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Committees:
- Program Committee Chair: Evan Thackaberry
- Election Committee Chair: James Arthur Render
- Awards Committee Chair: Diana Auyeung-Kim
- Membership Committee Chair: Chris John Somps
- Communication Committee Chair: Leandro Teixeira
- Finance Committee Chair: Jon Popke

II. Activities:

2015 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held in San Diego, California on March 24, 2015. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Dr. Edward Chow called the meeting to order at around 6:15 pm. Brief verbal reports were provided by various committee chairs or designees. Short presentations were also made by Manlong Xu, the recipient of the “Student Research” award, and Dr. Christopher Murphy, the recipient of “Career Achievement” award.

Awards:

Career Achievement Award:
Dr. Christopher Murphy at UC Davis and OSOD
Title: University-Based Expertise Benefitting Ocular Drug Development

Student/Postdoctorate Research Award:
Manlong Xu at the University of Waterloo
Title: Investigation of the Effect of UVC Radiation on the Toxicity of Benzalkonium Chloride
2015 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:
Dr. Edward Chow (Chair) and Dr. Donald Fox (co-chair) coordinated a two and a half hour scientific workshop for March 25, entitled “Deciphering clinical and experimental retinal toxicology: an eye on the present and future. Speakers included Dr. Brian Short (Allergan), Dr. James Chastain (Alcon), Dr. Donald Fox (The University of Houston), Dr. Craig Crosson (Medical University of South Carolina), and Dr. Dennis Clegg (UC Santa Barbara).

Endowment Fund Details: Irrelevant

Newsletters: 2 issued (Summer 2014 and Spring 2015)
http://www.toxicology.org/groups/ss/otss/news_events.asp

Teleseminars: None

White Papers: None

Contributions to SOT website: Updated OTSS Website for 2014 - 2015

Membership: During the year, membership crossed the 100 mark briefly but stayed mostly in the high 90’s.

Other Specialty Section 2014-2015 Activities:
One symposium proposal, entitled “Nanotoxicology and Ocular Drug Delivery”, was developed under the leadership of Chris Somps and has been submitted for presentation in 2016.

A proposal for a “Contemporary Concepts in Toxicology” 2-day mini-conference was initiated by Edward Chow in early 2014. The presentation ideas were fully developed and sponsors were signed up under the leadership of Evan Thackaberry, the new program committee chair for this term. The proposal, entitled “Ocular Toxicology, Pharmacology and Drug Delivery: An Eye on the Future” has now been approved by the SOT and the conference is scheduled for June 2016.