I. Officers/Committees:

Officers: 2019-2020 2020-2021
President: Kathleen L. Krenzer Hiromi Hosako
President-Elect: Qihong Huang Vladimir Bantseev
Vice President: Hiromi Hosako Qihong Huang
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Past President: Brenda B. Smith Kathleen L. Krenzer
Councilors: Denise P. Rodeheaver Andrea D. Rodrigues
Communications Officers: Vladimir Bantseev Christopher Schuetz
PDA Representative: Vacant Vacant
Grad Student Representative: Vacant Vacant

Committees:
Program Planning Committee Chair: Kathleen Krenzer
Membership Committee Chair: Vladimir Bantseev
Communications Committee Chair: Christopher L. Steele
Nominating and Award Committee: Andrea D. Rodrigues and Christopher Schuetz

II. 2019 Membership total: 98

III. Key Outcomes in 2019-2020:

Activities:

A. 2020 SOT Annual Meeting Virtual Activities (e.g. courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):

Courses/Sessions: The OTSS organized a Continuing Education (CE) Course, entitled “Developing Therapeutics for Ocular Indications: A 20/20 View,” which was presented on April 10th as a live webinar. The Chairs of the workshop were Kathleen Krenzer (iuvo) and Hiromi Hosako (Alcon), and the course was endorsed by the OTSS, Biotechnology Specialty Section and Comparative and Veterinary Specialty Section. Speakers were Seth Eaton (“Do Animals See 20/20? The Spectrum of Ocular Anatomy and Physiology in Animals”), Joshua T Bartoe (“Getting the 20/20 Read: Clinical Evaluation Techniques for Ophthalmic Toxicology”), Helen Boole (“Evolving Strategies for Histopathological Assessment of Ocular Tissues”), and Brenda Smith (“Using 20/20 Hindsight to Set the Course for Considerations in the Preclinical Development of Ocular Therapeutics in the Future”). The CE Course was well-attended (approximately 110 people) and received a good review (per survey).

In addition, OTSS had planned to co-host a career panel with MDCPSS during the annual SOT meeting on March 17th. This was planned as an hour event where 2-3 panelists each from academia, government, industry, and consulting would address career development and questions from graduate students and post-docs. Due to the cancellation of the annual meeting, this event was not
held in 2019-2020; however, OTSS and MDCPSS are considering a virtual event in 2020-2021 with the same panelists.

**Receptions:** Reception was not held due to the cancellation of the SOT meeting this year. However, some of the slides and all highlights will be covered in the upcoming OTSS newsletter (2020-2021).

B. 2020 Awards Information:

**Ocular Toxicology Best Poster Award**
Awarded to: Sairam Bellum
Poster Title: Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) In Vivo Imaging Tool to Monitor Retina in Preclinical Species

**Annual “Paper of the Year” Award by Taylor & Francis**
Awarded to: Investigation of comet assays under conditions mimicking ocular instillation administration in a three-dimensional reconstructed human corneal epithelial model.

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

**Webinars:** MDCPSS/OTSS Joint Webinar: Biological Risk Assessments for Ocular Medical Devices August 28, 2019 at 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM EDT

D. Communication Activities:

Newsletter publication frequency: OTSS 2019 Winter

Key Announcements/blogs: None

Website highlights: The OTSS website was updated.

E. Mentoring activities: See the career event mentioned in activity #A.

F. Other Specialty Section Activities

- To encourage membership, OTSS created a poster for the annual SOT meeting (however, the meeting was cancelled).

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.*

- It would be more helpful to have a clear guidance from SOT or have an SOT contact person for how we can navigate updating our own website.
• It would be more helpful to have a written guidance/support/rules on how to set up our own social media page and around extending outreach to other professional meetings (to have a booth, etc.).