

CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE STATEMENTS

I am applying to be a delegate at this year's AST National Conference to be held in May 2019 at the Gaylord Convention Center in Maryland. It should be an exciting time since it is the 50th anniversary of AST.

I feel I meet the qualifications to represent the state of IL. I have attended the March 2018 annual meeting in which I was elected the ISA Secretary. I am certified and current with my AST membership. I am very active with the assembly spending many years on your board of directors, 2 terms as a director, 2 terms as your president and now your acting secretary. I have planned and hosted many ISA meetings and conferences. I was also very active in government issues regarding state registration and licensure.

Conference is an awesome experience. It is a great way to network with other state members and officers, see the new things trending in the OR, reconnecting with past friends you have made over the years and a way to gain your continuing education credits needed for recertification. One can learn a lot about what is new on the national level and a delegate can listen to the issues and vote for new officers for nationals.

It would be a great honor to serve the state of Illinois as a Delegate. I am asking for your vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M Brook CST
ISA Secretary

It would be an honor once again to serve as a delegate to represent the State of Illinois at the AST national conference. To be able to impact what happens on a national level within our organization will eventually affect what happens on a state level. I will put the interests of the membership first in making voting decisions. Our profession needs to continue to move forward and in order to do that, the candidates that best represent all surgical technologists should be chosen. I promise to make the best decisions for our profession that will benefit every member in our organization. It is exhilarating to attend conference and network with surgical technologists from all over the country, but there is no higher honor than to have a voice in your profession and national organization for the future. I ask that you vote for me as a delegate to conference. Thank you.

Janice Grewatz, CST/CSFA, CSPDT, FAST
President, Illinois State Assembly

To my fellow Surgical Technologists:

My name is Stacie Chaney. I have served on the Illinois State Assembly board for 5 years. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Vice-President for the past two years. I am coming before you to ask for your vote to represent our great state at National Conference in Washington, D.C. as a delegate. As a delegate, I am representing every surgical technologist in the state. I'm not just representing the Certified Surgical Technologists, but also the non-certified, military trained, on the job trained and the student surgical technologists from all over the State of Illinois. Every decision made by our national board affects us all. I will listen to the candidates running for the national board seats and challenge them on their agendas. I will vote for the right candidate with each of you in mind. This isn't just about Stacie Chaney. Elections for the national board is about surgical technologists everywhere. Vote for me to represent you at conference. Let's get to work!

Stacey Chaney, CST

My name is Keesha Watts and I would like the opportunity to have my vote heard and counted in the elections for our National board. It is important to elect those who can make sound decisions regarding our profession, as well as move us into the next phase. I missed the change to be a delegate in 2017, and I don't want another chance to pass me by. Our voices need to be heard and that will only happen when we elect those who can mirror the thoughts we have. I ask you to let me represent Illinois and be a delegate at this year's National Conference in Washington, D.C.

Keesha Watts, CST

The past six years I have served as a delegate for the Illinois State Assembly and represented us at the Association of Surgical Technologists National conferences each year. Attending conference as a delegate offers the opportunity to serve as a voice for the ISA and vote on AST officers, the Board of Directors, and other important topics. Being able to attend conference and participate in business meetings and candidate forums, meet the board candidates personally and ask the important questions are some of the most fulfilling parts of being a delegate. The opportunity and ability to not only gain knowledge for myself, but to also help shape our ISA future is a responsibility I take great pride in and I hope to represent Illinois again as a delegate this year. Thank you.

Adele Alvarez, CST

Hello! I am committed to continuing to work with and for the Illinois State Assembly to ensure we meet our goals as an organization as well as continuing to be a voice that represents the membership on a national level. With all of the current changes to national certification requirements and entry level certification testing, I believe it is important for our voices to be heard. It would be my honor to represent the State of Illinois as a delegate at the AST national conference as our profession continues to grow, evolve and strengthen.

Chante Yearby, CST

ISA Treasurer

I would like to represent the Illinois State Assembly as a delegate at the 2019 Annual Conference in Maryland. This will be my third time attending the AST National Conference. Being a delegate for the first time at the 2017 Annual Conference in New Orleans was a great experience. I did not know what to expect. The conference made me more aware of surgical technology as a whole and our place in the medical arena. My second conference experience was even more of an eye opener, as I was able to attend the Leadership Forum representing the Illinois State Assembly as a Board of Director. It will be an honor to represent the Illinois State Assembly at the AST 50th Surgical Technology Conference. The information and tools I gain from the conference, I will bring back and contribute to my peers and the Illinois State Assembly.

Tanisha Bonner, CST

ISA Board of Director