

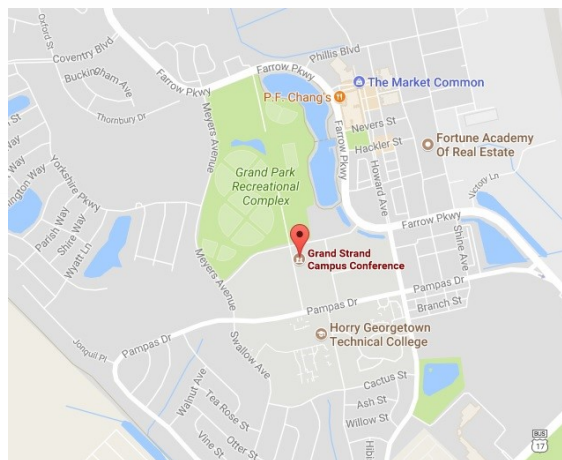
# The Palmetto Scrubber

We got 99 problems  
But the *beach* ain't one.

Please come join us in Myrtle Beach August 26, 2017 for a Luau at our fall workshop, annual business meeting, and elections. It's sure to be a fun day of learning and networking with our fellow CST's from across the state. Come spend the day with us at the Grand Strand Campus of Horry Georgetown Technical College located at 950 Crabtree Lane Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Doors will open at 7:00 am. Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

Registration has opened and will remain open until August 18th, to register visit our website at [sc.ast.org](http://sc.ast.org) and click on "Register Now".

We look forward to seeing everyone at the beach for a great time!



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## PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Hello everyone!

The past year has been a phenomenal one! Your board of directors have been busy planning meetings and workshops. We have listened you to, our members, and are taking the fall meeting to Myrtle Beach! In the spring 2018, we will return to Columbia, South Carolina with a topic that has been highly requested!

In June, your elected delegates attended the national conference

in New Orleans, Louisiana. Holly Falcon was elected president, and Kevin Craycraft as vice president. Peggy Varnado is the new treasurer, and newly elected board of directors are Michelle Gay, Sue Jeffrey, and Nicole Claussen.

It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past two years, and represent you. The possibilities are endless for the future of the South Carolina State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists.

***“The possibilities are endless for the future of the South Carolina State Assembly.”***

## SCSA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

In order to continue our commitment to furthering the profession, the South Carolina State Assembly has devoted resources to our student assembly. From putting on student tracks at workshops to awarding new graduates attendance to their first fall workshop following their graduation. We feel that it is important to bestow upon the new members and future of our profession our passion for our patients. In order to further this commitment to our student members the state assembly has chosen to create a scholarship award for our students.

Details of requirements and the application will be available on the state assemblies website no later than August 1st of 2017 at which point the state assembly will be accepting applications for our first ever South Carolina State Assembly Future of our Profession Award.

We look forward to the submissions from our students and will continue to identify and pursue ways to engage our students and further our profession.



## Declared Candidates

### President:

Raetta Coleman, CST, FAST, BAS

### Vice-President:

Katrina Williams, CST, CSFA

### Treasurer:

Kathy Patnaude, CST, BS, FAST

### Board of Directors:

Mary Kay Cusack, CST, CSFA

## CALLING ALL CANDIDATES

The following offices are up for election at the 2017 fall business meeting and workshop:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- 3 Board of Directors
- 6 National Conference Delegates

Anyone wishing to run for an elected office must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of AST for at least one full year prior to nomination
- Be a current CST
- Have a current CV and Consent to Serve on file with the Credentials Committee prior to the beginning of nominations.



Forms can be found the state assembly website: <http://sc.ast.org/>

## ELECTION STATEMENTS



Hello, my name is Raetta Coleman and I am seeking your vote as president. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the past two years.

I have been involved with the South Carolina State Assembly for seven years. I have served two terms as your vice president and also as interim treasurer. I have been a certified

surgical technologist for 22 years, and continue to work in that capacity. I am also a program director, and love sharing my passion for the profession. I have also served on numerous committees. In 2016, I was awarded the Fellow of the Association of Surgical Technologist designation.

I am committed to the members and non-members of this great state as well as the profession of surgical technology. My vision for the state is required registration for certified surgical technologists. I also believe that we need to reach our student population as they are our future. If elected, you can be confident that you will be represented well, and I will be your advocate. I am seeking your vote for president. Thank you for your consideration.

## ELECTION STATEMENTS



My name is Katrina Williams and I have been a CST/CSFA for 17 years. My experiences in the field include that of Educator, preceptor for Residents, Students, and new hires as well as Surgical First Assistant and Lead General Specialty Tech.

I have maintained active membership with AST and for the past two years, I have served you faithfully as your SCSA Vice President. My vision for our state assembly is the same; to increase and grow our ACTIVE membership, to educate our membership in the realities of the process involved for us to proceed

with further legislative efforts and the time frame required to do so.

It would be my honor to continue to help lead within the organization of AST and our South Carolina State Assembly as your Vice President. My work experiences have prepared me for the duties and responsibilities of this position and I would greatly appreciate your support.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Katrina Williams, CST/CSFA

Hello my name is Mary Kay Cusack, I am running for Board of Directors for a second term. I am a CST/CSFA with 35 years experience as a Surgical Technologist. I was runner up CST of the year for the South Carolina State Assembly in 2011. I was Surgical Technologist of the month July 10 2014 at Mcleod Regional Medical Center where I'm currently employed since 1996. I have enjoyed serving you the members of this great organization 2015-2017 but there is more work to do. My vision for South Carolina State Assembly as our state continues to grow ,pass legislation to become Registered Certified Surgical Technologists. I believe in helping others to succeed in the in we're all winners. Thank you in advance for your support and encouraging words.





## ELECTION STATEMENTS



Hello SCSA Members,

My name is Kathy Patnaude CST, BS, FAST and I am running for the office of Treasurer. I have been an active Board member of the SCSA of AST for many years. As Treasurer I would be responsible with the member's money, and help us save more for the long run. There are things in the future that we need to save for and invest in. I would make sure that the use our money would be used effectively and efficiently. My job won't stop with only money, I will address concerns you have about the

SCSA of AST, and take them to the Board for discussion.

I have three major goals as treasurer:

1. To ensure that the SCSA of AST operates in a fiscally sound manner and uses funds in a responsible manner that moves the SCSA forward on our missions and objectives.
2. To make SCSA finances transparent and accessible by providing the tools for members to read and understand the SCSA financial statements.  
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3. To create strategic financial plans to allow the membership to navigate more successfully with a longer-term outlook.

In conclusion, I am a team player, excellent listener and a futuristic thinker. I would truly appreciate your consideration of me as your new SCSA Treasurer.

Peace to all!

Kathy Patnaude

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

H.3135, legislation sponsored by Rep. Murrell Smith and Rep. Brandon Newton was pre-filed in December 2016. This is the Bill that would allow the NCCT exam as an alternate method of certification. The state currently endorses and recognizes the NBSTSA national certification exam as the competency of choice. The Bill moved to the 3M committee which is the Committee on Medical, Military, and Public and Municipal Affairs. After the initial filing, the Bill did not move at all, as it is considered a "constituent request" bill, with no support in the other chambers. So, the Bill for

this year has been tabled and the legislative session is over.

Should the Bill be re-filed this December, you can be track weekly by subscribing to the SC Legislative Information Tracking System. Go to <http://www.scstatehouse.gov> and log in via the "Track Legislation" link found on the blue menu on the left side of the page.

Kathy Patnaude, CST, BS, FAST  
SCSA Board of Director

## 2017 Galaxy Recognition

Each Year, AST recognizes programs across the country that have successfully encouraged all their students to become AST members. The South Carolina State Assembly recognizing the importance of instilling the passion we carry into our students through involvement. We would like to join AST in honoring and congratulating the 2017 Galaxy Stars. The following South Carolina programs have demonstrated the importance of professional involvement to their students:

Aiken Technical College– Aiken, SC

Central Carolina Technical College– Sumter, SC

Florence-Darlington Technical College– Florence, SC

Greenville Technical College– Greenville, SC

Horry-Georgetown Technical College– Georgetown, SC

Midlands Technical College– West Columbia, SC

Miller-Motte Technical College– Charleston, SC

Piedmont Technical College– Greenwood, SC

Spartanburg Community College– Spartanburg, SC

Technical College of the Lowcountry– Beaufort, SC

Tri-County Technical College– Pendleton, SC

Virginia College– Columbia , SC

Virginia College– Charleston ,SC

Virginia College– Greenville, SC

York Technical College– York, SC

## SCSA 40+ YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

The South Carolina State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists' would like to recognize the following members for continued membership and dedication to the furtherment of the profession we all share a passion for over the last 40 plus years.

Madonna Turner, CST

Rose Robinson, CST

Naomi Brown, CST

Donald Ling, CST

Mozelle Hunter, CST

Carol Denton, CST

Karen Kelly, CST



# National Surgical Technologists Week

Each year we celebrate you, the wonderful practitioners that help provide quality patient care to each and every patient, you are the backbone of the OR and that is the theme for this year's National Surgical Technologists Week. So join us and our fellow scrubs across the nation as we celebrate on September 17-23. Here are some ways you can celebrate with us:

- ◇ Display posters in hospital lobbies, physicians' offices, shopping malls, schools, and libraries.
- ◇ Participate in your local State Assembly.
- ◇ Mentor a Surgical Technologist degree student or new CST.
- ◇ Add "Surgical Technologists Week" to your email signature.
- ◇ Wear Surgical Technologists apparel in public.
- ◇ Ask your hospital newsletter staff to write an article about the Surgical Technologists at your facility.
- ◇ Order NSTW promotional items visit [surgtechweek.com](http://surgtechweek.com)
- ◇ Throw a party!



***We look forward to seeing you soon!***



## South Carolina State Assembly of The Association of Surgical Technologists

Since 1969, the Association of Surgical Technologists has sought to bring together Surgical Technologists and other health care professionals and organizations to promote quality patient care by developing educational programs, promoting professional standards and credentials, providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, monitoring the changing healthcare environment, and fostering other opportunities for the personal and professional growth of all Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assistants.

Our mission is to provide Surgical Technologists the opportunity to grow through continuing education, legislation, and marketing. By networking with other healthcare professionals, we will ultimately contribute to the care of our surgical patients.

We are enhancing the profession to ensure quality patient care.

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