



Illinois State Assembly Newsletter November 2023

The Illinois State Assembly of Surgical Technologists has been working hard these past few months to serve our membership. We hosted and attended some amazing conferences, continue to prepare for the next legislative cycle pursuing our patient safety bill, and are busy getting ready for our Annual Business Meeting and Seminar in March.

In September, to kick off National Surgical Technologist Week, the ISA hosted our Fall seminar in Huntley, Il. It was an excellent turnout with 48 people in attendance. The workshop was titled “Specialty Blend” and we had a variety of guest speakers who presented on a vast number of different topics and specialties including bariatrics, breast cancer strategies, sinus surgery, trauma, vascular, and robotics.

The ISA Board of Directors wants to give a huge “Thank You” to Kimberly Berland for hosting us at Northwestern Medicine Huntley Hospital, we appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the profession.

During our Fall seminar in Huntley, we also held a toiletry drive for the Grafton Food Pantry, and it was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated toiletry items.



Three of our Board members traveled to Norfolk, VA the first week of November to attend the AccredX Conference. This conference offered hands-on workshops, proven program management strategies, and best practices in surgical technology and surgical assisting education, all designed to support educators in achieving and

maintaining compliance with accreditation standards. It was a great opportunity to collaborate and network with our fellow educators and administrators and meet with ARC/STSA staff and board members. We look forward to attending future AccredX events.

**Calling
all
candidates!**



We will be hosting the ISA Annual Business Meeting and Seminar on March 9th, 2024, at Illinois Central College in Peoria, IL. We are putting out a call for candidates to run for our Board of Directors. Positions up for election in March include:

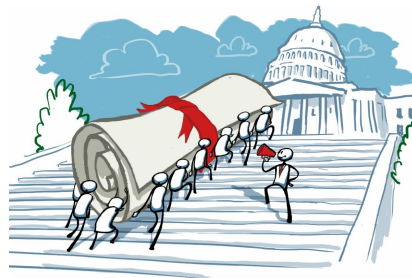
- (1) Secretary (2-year term)**
- (3) Board of Directors positions (2-year term)**

If you are interested, please email your consent to serve, curriculum vitae, and candidate statement to the ISA Board of Directors at illinoisstateassembly@gmail.com.

These documents can be found at:

<https://www.illinoisstateassembly.com/forms-and-documents.html>.

Please save the date, registration will open on our website on December 9th. The agenda will be emailed out soon, as well as posted on the ISA website.



The ISA is also working diligently on introducing legislation in the upcoming year on mandatory educational requirements for surgical technologists. We have a patient safety bill drafted and have meetings scheduled in November and December with numerous Senators, unions, and medical associations to gather support for our patient safety bill. Be on the lookout for information on grassroots efforts in the upcoming months. It will take all of us working together to get this much needed legislation passed in the State of Illinois.

The Illinois State Assembly Board of Directors wants to wish all of our members and their families a very happy holiday season!



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