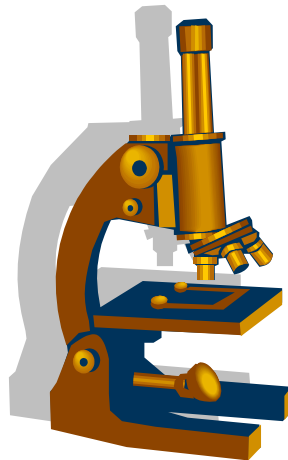
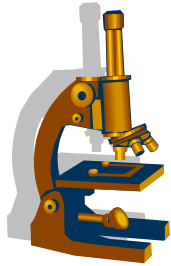


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President's Address

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome 2008! The buzz word for our Country this year seems to be change. I recently heard someone on a radio show reiterate that old cliché “the only constant in our lives is change”. I thought about all of the phenomenal changes that have occurred in this profession within the past ten years that I have been a cytotechnologist. Changes in technology have led to advances in: specimen collection, preparation, reporting, reimbursement, automated screening tools, ancillary testing, HPV vaccination, patient management, and community education. It is hard to believe that ten years ago a majority of people did not know what HPV is or how it is linked to cervical cancer. Our profession has come a long way and has many years of continued progression ahead. As cytotechnologists and pathologists we are lucky to be working during this time of great technological developments which will enhance our skills and improve patient care and management. We are fortunate to have professional societies. It is within these professional societies that we can come together and help each other adapt to the new technologies that will increase and improve our skill sets. That is why I am grateful for the VT/NHCA. Last year was a year of change and celebration within the VT/NHCA. There was a new board elected, a deserving student, was awarded the VT/NHCA student scholarship, and we were able to celebrate the **10th** annual Tri-State Conference.

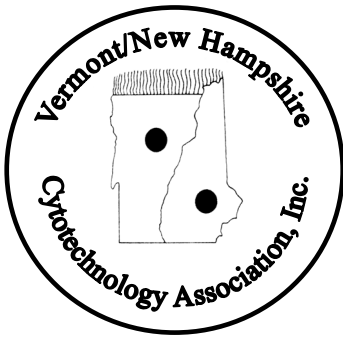
On behalf of the board, I would like to thank all of the members for your hard work and continued support which made 2007 another successful year for our society. I am personally honored to have the privilege to serve as president for the next two years in a society composed of such hard working and dedicated professionals.

Congratulations to Thomas McGowan for receiving the 2007 VT/NH Cytotechnology Association, Inc. Scholarship. I believe from his application that he will be an asset to our profession. I encourage new students to apply for the 2008 scholarship before the deadline of March 1.

The 10th annual Tri-State Conference in Burlington, VT was held on September 27 & 28, 2007. It provided education, encouragement, and beautiful scenery. It was a successful, well attended meeting that was filled with enthusiastic and accomplished speakers which included: Kristen Atkins MD, David Kindelberger MD, Pamela Gibson MD, and Sharon Mount MD. The subject matter spanned a wide array of topics including the impact of ancillary testing and HPV vaccines on cytology to patient care advantages in diagnosing circulating tumors cells. A review of the challenges and pitfalls in abdominal cases of FNA's in young adults, salivary gland, and thyroid cases reminded us of another constant in our career- cases are not always black or white and that is what keeps this field interesting and challenging!

In lieu of a Tri-State Conference in 2008, we are partnering with the ASCT and are encouraging our members to attend the ASCT 2008 annual conference in Newport, Rhode Island at the Newport Marriot on April 4-6. I hope to see many of you at the meeting. Have a happy and healthy 2008.

Sincerely,
Lisa Merry-Carreiro



Secretary's Report

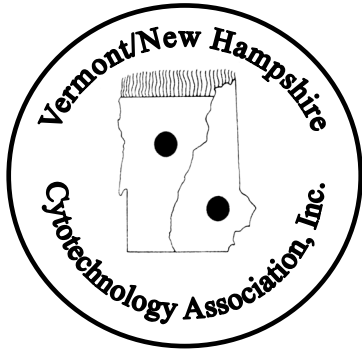
Business Meeting Minutes

The 10th Tristate meeting was held on September 28th & 29th 2007, at the Sheraton Hotel in Burlington, Vermont. Guest Speakers were Dr. Kristin Atkins, Dr. David Kindelberger, Dr. Pamela Gibson and Dr. Sharon Mount.

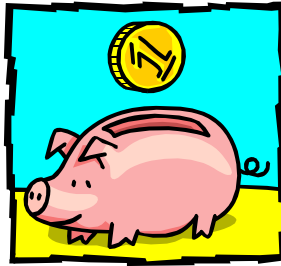
The following topics were discussed at the Vermont/ NH business meeting:

- The Treasurer's Report
- The VT/NH scholarship was discussed in detail. The discussion included the development of a grading system for the applicants in order to determine who should be given the award. The applicant pool has increased significantly over the years and a new system needs to be instituted to make the process fair. The scholarship was initially developed as a financial aid scholarship, however some schools offer more financial aid than others. Also, transcripts from under grad programs will be dropped, however, the applicants will be asked to submit their transcripts with grades from their current cytology school program. The board will be discussing this before the next mailing of applications which is in February. A motion was passed for the membership to support the boards decision on these changes. This years recipient was Thomas McGowan from the FAHC school of cytotechnology in Vermont.
- A poll was taken by the members present for whether they preferred a Fall versus a Spring conference. Discussion took place. There are pros and cons to both. The general consenses was to review the general evaluation forms from the conference and see if it made a difference to non member participants. No definite changes were made.
- There will not be an official meeting for 2008, however the VTNHCA has agreed to partner with the ASCT for 2008. That meeting is April 4-6, 2008 in Newport, RI. All members are encouraged to attend a portion of or all of this meeting since it is regional. More information and brochure can be downloaded from asct.com
- Don't forget to pay your dues even though we are not having an official meeting this year. The monies from dues are used to financially support future Tristate meetings.
- Elections were held. The following officers were elected:
 - President: Lisa Merry-Caierro (Sea Coast Pathology, Exeter, NH)
 - President Elect: Julie Grippo (Concord Hospital, Concord, NH)
 - Secretary: Marybeth Kellogg (Fletcher Allen Healthcare, Burlington,VT)
 - Treasurer: Amy Verville (Fletcher Allen Healthcare, Burlington,VT)
 - Members at Large: Sandra Giroux (Fletcher Allen Healthcare, Burlington, VT)
Melissa O. Robertson (Concord Hospital, Concord, NH)
 - Aspirations Editor: Michele Santos (Fletcher Allen Healthcare, Burlington, VT)

The Website is back up and running. The news letter, Scholarship and Future Brochure mailings will be done via email. Let us know if you have a change in address. Thanks.
Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Marybeth Kellogg, CT(ASCP)



Treasurer's Report



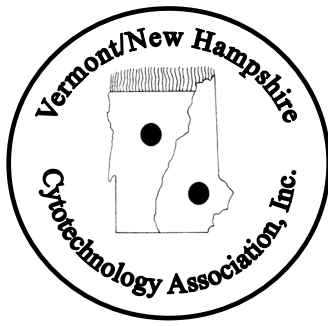
November 21, 2007

Beginning Balance, June 2006	\$15207.13
Income	\$ 11758.61
Expenses	\$10420.48
Ending Balance, November 21, 2007	\$16545.26

Income	
Dues/Meeting Registrations	\$8536.00
Grants/Donations	\$ 3222.61
Total	\$11758.61

Expenses	
Credit Card/Website	\$ 82.11
Stamps	\$ 8.20
Student Scholarship	\$500.00
Meeting	\$9830.17
Total	\$10420.48

Amy Verville



Membership Application

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Type of Membership:

Cytotechnology Member (CT, MD, Other) \$10.00

Student Member \$ 5.00

Donation \$ _____

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Tenth Tri-State Cytology Conference



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Set Sail for Newport!



2008 ASCT Annual Conference Newport, Rhode Island April 4-6, 2008

Join ASCT in Newport, America's "City-by-the-Sea," **April 4-6, 2008** at the **Newport Marriott** overlooking Newport Harbor. Newport is a charming seaside city known as the *Sailing Capital of the World* and features spectacular scenery, a walk-able waterfront downtown, and rich colonial and gilded-age history. While here tour Newport's famous "Summer Cottages" on the Cliff Walk, visit fascinating museums, cruise the harbor by sail or motor, enjoy world class restaurants and shopping or tour a vineyard.

Why Attend?

The ASCT Annual Conference attracts over 200 attendees from the US, Canada and the Caribbean to further their education in an era of rapidly evolving regulations, science and technology. CE is essential for maintenance of competency and professional development. The Annual Conference features a variety of workshops, lectures and panel luncheons to increase knowledge and improve skills in the field of Cytotechnology. Plus you'll enjoy networking with peers.

Accommodations

Rooms are being held at the **Newport Marriott** for the special rate of **\$159.00 per night**. You may make reservations by calling the **Newport Marriott at 401-849-1000 or 800-228-9290** or online at **<http://cwp.marriott.com/pvdlw/asct/>** and enter the group code **CYTCYTA**. Make your reservations early!

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