

E-News

AGT Annual Meeting CDs Are On The Way!

July 2008

For those of you that were able to attend AGT's 33rd Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas and are anxiously awaiting the CD with all of the handouts from the presentations, the CDs are finished and are on their way to you. CD's will be mailed to the address that we were provided on your Annual Meeting registration form. Thank you for your patience.

Save the Date!

34th AGT Annual Meeting



Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
June 25 – 27, 2009
Jacksonville, Florida

It's Not Too Late to Order Your AGT Logo T-Shirt!



The deadline for ordering an AGT T-Shirt featuring our new logo has been extended until **August 31**. T-shirts are now available in white, light

pink, light blue, and light grey. Click here to download an order form <http://www.agt-info.org/Publication.aspx>

AGT 2008 –2009 Board of Directors Initiatives

The Board held a strategic planning session on Tuesday to assist with prioritizing the direction and energy of the association over the next few years. They met again on Wednesday for their annual face-to-face meeting. The following initiatives were passed.

Governmental Affairs

- Created a new COR position for a CCCLW representative. Kathy Sudduth has been appointed to that position.
- Appointed a representative to serve as a liaison to the ASCLS Governmental Affairs committee

These two representatives will serve as the foundation of the new AGT governmental affairs subcommittee

Education

- Took steps to formalize our relationship with the Genetic Educators and Mentors (GEMS).

Annual Meeting

- Discussed ideas to expand the eligibility of students to participate in submitting abstracts for the Student Research Award
- We are in the final stages of negotiating the contract for the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Publications

- Decided to conduct another salary survey this year.

Public Relations

- AGT will be renovating its web site this year. If you have suggestions for improving the web site, please email us at agt-info@goamp.com
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Call for Volunteers

Have you always wanted to volunteer for an AGT committee but weren't sure how to get started? Now is your chance. AGT is looking for volunteers in each region to assist the membership committee with its activities throughout the year. This is an easy and fun way to get more involved with your colleagues. Volunteers are still needed in the following regions:

Mid-Atlantic (DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV)
Mountain States (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, UT, WY)
New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
New York State
Northern Pacific (AK, Northern CA, OR, WA)
Texas
International

If you are interested in volunteering, please [click here](#) for a volunteer form and return it to us at snewman@goamp.com or by fax to (913) 895-4652.

The Journal of the Association Of Genetic Technologists

The 3rd Quarter 2008 Issue of the Journal is scheduled to be mailed in mid-September

Next Deadline to Submit Articles for the 4th Quarter 2008 Issue:
September 22, 2008

E-mail articles to Editor, Mark Terry at mark-terry@charter.net

Are you looking for a Job?

Check out the Employment Opportunities posted on the AGT web site at <http://agt-info.org/JobLine.aspx>

VOTED ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO WORK:
TEXAS MONTHLY – 2008 SURVEY

SENIOR ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATOR CYTOGENETIC TECHNOLOGY

This highly motivated individual will provide didactic and clinical training and mentoring for educational program in Cytogenetic Technology Program. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree in a related science field; Board Certification in Cytogenetic Technology via NCA. Masters degree, graduate of a Cytogenetic Technology Program with specific experience in teaching are preferred. Applicants experience as a technologist. Both salary and benefits are very competitive and salary is commensurate with experience. Salary is market competitive in both the university and clinical setting.

Application procedures: Mail cover letter, curriculum vitae and professional reference list to:

Vicki Hopwood, MS, CLDir (NCA), CLSp (CG) (NCA)
Assistant Professor, Program Director,
School of Health Sciences
E-mail to: vhopwood@mdanderson.org

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Continuing Education

Test Yourself: Each issue of the *Journal of the Association of Genetic Technologists* contains an "open book" quiz based on a previously published article. AGT offers 0.2 CEUs for each correctly completed Test Yourself. Test Yourself quizzes are complimentary to AGT members (\$10.00 savings)

Journal Clubs: Journal Clubs can be completed as a group or individually. Each Journal Club includes a reading list, several discussion questions and a post-test. The discussion questions provide a starting point for group discussion, and give individuals taking a Journal Club questions to consider while reading the articles. The post-test is taken after reading the articles and is returned to the regional representatives of the

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[Click here for a Journal Club order form.](#)

NCA Update National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel

In July 2008, NCA plans to begin offering on-line recertification for your NCA credential. In order to recertify on-line, you will need:

- An Active E-Mail address.
- Your NCA ID number- located on your wallet card call the NCA executive office at 913-895-4613.
- Your zip code- 5 digit code is sufficient.
- Your credential, continuing education course names, course dates and hours.
- Hard copies of continuing education documentation are no longer required.
- If you choose to recertify online **do not** mail in the hardcopy application.

You must complete and submit your online recertification by your expiration date cycle either February 28 or August 31(check your wallet card)

This service can also be used to track your continuing education hours throughout your recertification cycle.

For more information about certification and re-certification, contact NCA at (913) 895-4613; web site: www.nca-info.org

Have You Moved?

Be sure to keep your contact information current by e-mailing changes to your address, phone, fax, and e-mail to the AGT Executive Office at agt-info@goamp.com

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments? E-mail us at agt-info@goamp.com or call (913) 895-4605