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"GET BEHIND THE WHEEL"

The Journey to Certification Continues

By Wilhelmina Jones, NYSACSP President



The NYSACSP Board of Directors met in Niagara Falls, New York on November 13, 2004 to navigate the road ahead, check our gauges and get ready to move toward certification. This meeting served as a driver's manual as we begin to map direction and steer toward the 2005 Educational Conference. As a final destination we had on our agenda to:

- Confirm educational speakers
- Establish on line registration process for the seminar
- Implement Early Bird registration discounts for the seminar
- Approve an Educational Grant to benefit all Chapter members (\$1000.00 dollars will be awarded annually to each chapter education endeavors)
- Draft a Business Plan for the NYSACSP



- Revise and redistribute the data collection survey
- Approve a Vendor Website Link
- Establish a Vendor Advisory Committee

But hold on to your hats!! January 2005 proved to be a month filled with excitement and enthusiasm as we set our gauges on cruise control.

On January 21st, members of the Board of Directors met with Government Officials to discuss the Associations' vision, goals and objectives and seek support in submitting our bill for CS State Certification to the legislature. That meeting served as starting point to our journey.

However, the road trip did not end there...The journey continued

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CEU Options / Opportunities

YOU CAN GET CEUS FOR ATTENDING:

- Your monthly/weekly staff meetings as long as there is an educational component.
- Inservices on new equipment count, updates on new equipment, annual review of equipment operations, and policy and procedure review, etc... Just apply!
- Go to the NYSACSP website for more educational opportunities.
- Infection Control Magazine
- Call your manufacturer's, they offer programs in your facility
- 3M, ASP, iceinstitute.com also have inservices
- Check with your local chapter, they offer educational programs

Opportunities to acquire CEUs are

abundant if you care to search them out. They are also free in many instances. A new website hosted by Natalie Lind offers great reading and free CEUs for completing an online educational program. Her new website is:

www.e-cspd.com Check it out!

Contact Information:
Natalie@e-CSPD.com

For CS Technical Questions you can email the experts at:
Experts@e-CSPD.com



National Certification Information

Editor's Note: Reprinted Continuously

Technicians may seek certification through two National Associations



The International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management's

website provides information about CS related issues as well as educational materials and opportunities to network with other sterile processing professionals through the online "Forum". Certification information is available through the site. www.iahcsmm.com

(800) 962-8274

Fax: (312) 440-9474

Postal Address:

**213 W. Institute Place, Suite 307,
Chicago, IL 60610**

Electronic Mail:

mailbox@iahcsmm.com

Website

Contact:

webmaster@iahcsmm.com

IAHCSMM has two options techs may pursue; Technicians may purchase the Purdue University Program or they may purchase the "Boxed" program directly from IAHCSMM. The IAHCSMM course includes the workbook and the textbook for studying. For further information:

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NY Chapter News & Events

Long Island Association

Contact Melody Traversi, President @ 516-496-8822

February 19th: CS Technician Course starts, NSUH at Syosset Dan Bialt: 718-334-2005

March 16th: Educational meeting 5:30 PM – NYSUH at Syosset, Don Gordon speaker, Larry Guittard: 516-496-6508

April 7th: Technician Seminar/Dinner Milleridge Inn Christa Walsh: 631-351-2315

May 22nd-25th IAHCSSM Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH IAHCSSM Headquarters 1-800-962-8274

June 15th: Educational meeting 5:30 PM - JT Mather Hospital Evelyn Baez: 613-473-1320, ext 4156

September 21st: Educational Meeting 5:30 PM – Huntington Hospital Christa Walsh: 631-351-2315

New York City Association

Contact: Carlos Fernandez (NYU Medical Center) NY City carlos.fernandez@msnyuhealth.org (212) 263 –0419

Central NY CS Association

Contact: Brian Carr @607-274-4415

There will be a seminar on Saturday, March 19th, 2005 Registration from 7AM – 8 AM, Program will run until 4 PM The Lodge at Welch-Allyn, 4355 State Street Road, Skaneateles Falls, NY 315-2913700 \$45.00 includes all food and beverages.

Thanks,
B.C.Carr Pres. CNYCSP

The American Society of Healthcare Central Service Professional's Website

...has opportunities and options for certification and CEUs. The American Society for Healthcare Central Service Professionals is located in Chicago Illinois. Office hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm, Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

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ASHCSP's Website:
www.ashcsp.org

ASHCSP offers a workbook and textbook to study to take the certification exam through:

Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD)

www.sterileprocessing.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm Eastern Time
Phone: 1-800-555-9765 or 908-788-3847
Fax: 908-788-4787
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121 State Hwy 31 North - Suite 500
Flemington, NJ 08822
E-mail: CBSPD@att.net



NY Chapter News & Events

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NENYCHCSP Albany & Upstate

- Meet every three months on the second Wednesday
- *Quarterly meetings*

Contact Faith Stokes, Pres. fstokes@stpetershealthcare.org 518-454-1040
Next meeting March 9th, 11:00 AM

Western NY Association of Central Service Professionals

Meetings take place the third Wednesday of every other month starting in January. For more information contact: Wilhelmina Jones @ 716-859-2772

Location: Buffalo General Hospital, 100 main St. Buffalo, NY Room to be announced.

Education Update

NYSACSP Working for you!

Most organizations start with a mission statement, the NYSACSP is no different. Our mission statement:

"The mission of the New York State Association of Healthcare Central Service Professionals will be to provide educational opportunities for Central Service / SPD professionals in the state of New York."

"The CS Chapters of New State shall work together to promote knowledge and experience of the Central Service profession in New York State."

"The New York State Association will work together to achieve mandatory state certification as a condition of employment for all Central Service Professionals."

The NYSACSP BOD met in Niagara Falls on November 13th, 2004. One of the topics of discussion was education and the opportunities we are providing and what we need to provide in the future. By a unanimous decision we voted to develop an **Educational Business Plan & Grant Program** and make monies available to all five regional chapters in NYS. Included with this newsletter (pgs 5,6 &7) are the three forms that have been developed. It is spelled out pretty clearly, just complete the first form to tell us how you want to use the money and complete the second form within 30 days telling us how you used it.

The three forms are also available online on the NYSACSP website:

www.nysacsp.org

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We gained speed when Mary Olivera, President Elect of NYSACSP and Carlos Fernandez, NYC Chapter Representatives met with State Officials and Legislation representatives on January 31st seeking direction in drafting the bill and identifying required data to be collected. We established contacts that got on-board with our vision to obtain State Certification. We are getting close to the final lap on this race and we urge you to participate and encourage all CS Professionals to join and support this quest. Don't miss out!

Special thanks to the BOD for their dedication, support and diligence.

Grab your Keys, start the engine toward education today and tune to NYSACSP to hear the latest news.

Wilhelmina Jones, President
NYSACSP

National Seminars & Programs

IAHCSP Annual Meeting
May 22nd-25th, Cleveland, Ohio

ASHCSP "Raising To New Heights" 2005 Conference & Exhibition, Albuquerque, NM

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Send us an Email @

education@nysacsp.org

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*Partners for
Professionalism*

Every Day A Challenge



**Winter Coming To A
Close?**



2005 Seminar Planning:

You can now register and pay on-line at the NYSACSP website:
<http://www.nysacsp.org/wsn/page4.html>

We have just added a secure online registration process that makes registering and paying easy.

This will probably be the last year at The Falls, so don't miss out. We have secured a "Special" rate at the Quality Hotel and Suite directly across the street from the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

All the seminar information is available on our website for location, hotels & particulars. You may also download and print the seminar brochure and mail it in.

If you haven't completed a survey, you can download the survey and email it or fax it to us. All the information is on the website!

www.nysacsp.org

NYSACSP Educational Business Plan & Grant Guidelines

Goals:

The NYSACSP' goal is to promote education and serve as catalyst for CS professionals to become certified technicians.

The NYSACSP will provide educational opportunities through educational seminars and educational grants.

Objectives:

The NYSACSP will provide an educational seminar and vendor exhibit annually.

The NYSACSP will provide Educational Grant Monies to be spent on educational programs directly related to the Central Service Profession.

Guidelines:

Grant monies submissions should not exceed \$1,000.00. Upon completion of the educational program the Chapter receiving the educational grant is committed to submit a report to the NYSACSP on the outcome of the program.

A. The NYSACSP will disburse funds to local Chapters for educational programs that will help promote and provide technicians the opportunity to become certified as listed below:

- Disbursement to sponsor an educational speaker or educator/instructor who is teaching a course related to CS/SPD.
- Disbursement to provide text/workbooks to CS technicians enrolled in an approved certification program through IAHCMM or CBSPD.
- Disbursement to provide Scholarships for technicians to attain certification through an approved CS/SPD program at a university or vocational institution.
- Disbursement to sponsor a technician to a local NYS Seminar and Educational program.
- Disbursement to compensate a technician's taking an approved CS certification exam.

B. A **NYSACSP Educational Grant Application** must be completed by the chapter President and submitted to the NYSACSP Executive Board.

C. Educational grant monies cannot be used to compensate for the following items:

- The purchase of food
- The purchase of gifts or gratuities
- Any other activity not listed under Section A

D. Upon completion of the program local Chapters must submit a **Local Chapter Educational Outcome Report** within 30 days to inform NYSACSP on the outcome of the program.

NYSACSP Educational Grant Application

Date: ___/___/___

Name of Chapter: _____

President's Name: _____

Grant money request to be used for:

Sponsor an educational speaker or educator/instructor who is teaching a course related to CS/SPD

Name of speaker: _____ Date of program: _____

Length of program: _____ Cost of program: _____

Provide text/workbooks to CS technicians enrolled in an approved certification program through IAHCMM or CBSPD

Program to be held: IAHCMM CBSPD Length of program: _____

Number of students enrolled: _____ Location of the program: _____

Cost of the program: \$ _____per student

Provide Scholarships for technicians to attain certification through an approved CS/SPD program at a university or vocational institution

Number of students enrolled: _____ Location of the program: _____

Cost of the program: \$ _____per student Length of program: _____

Sponsor a technician to a local NYS Seminar and Educational program

How was the grant money utilized? Please provide receipts or documentation.

Program to be held: IAHCMM CBSPD

Location of the program: _____

Cost of the program: \$ _____per student

Disbursement to compensate a technician's taking an approved CS certification exam through IAHCMM or CBSPD.

Cost of Exam: \$ _____

Local Chapter President Signature

NYSACSP Official Use	
Total amount awarded: \$ _____	Date awarded: ___/___/___
Date disbursed: ___/___/___	Treasurers signature: _____
NYSACSP President's Signature: _____	Date: ___/___/___

Local Chapter Educational Outcome Report

Date: ___/___/___

Name of Chapter: _____

President's name: _____ Date grant awarded: ___/___/___

Grant money request used for:

Sponsor an educational speaker or educator/instructor who is teaching a course related to CS/SPD

Name of speaker: _____ **Date of program:** _____

Length of program: _____ **Cost of program:** _____

of individuals who attended the program: _____

of CEU's awarded for the program: _____ **IAHCSMM** _____ **CBSPD**

Provide text/workbooks to CS technicians enrolled in an approved certification program through IAHCSMM or CBSPD

Number of students enrolled: _____ **Location of the program:** _____

of students who completed the program: _____

of students who became certified: _____

of textbooks purchased: _____ **Cost of textbooks:** _____

Recipient's name and address must be provided. (use additional pages if needed)

Provide Scholarships for technicians to attain certification through an approved CS/SPD program at a university or vocational institution

of students who completed the program: _____

of students who became certified: _____

Recipient's name and address must be provided. (use additional pages if needed.)

Sponsor a technician to a local NYS Seminar and Educational program
How was the grant money utilized? Please provide receipts or documentation.

Program to be held: **IAHCSMM** **CBSPD**

Location of the program: _____

Cost of the program: \$ _____ per student

of individuals who attended the program: _____

of CEU's awarded for the program: _____ **IAHCSMM** _____ **CBSPD**

Recipient's name and address must be provided. (use additional pages if needed)

Provide money to pay for a CS technician to take an approved certification exam through IAHCSMM or CBSPD.

Cost of Exam: \$ _____

Recipient's name and address must be provided. (use additional pages if needed)

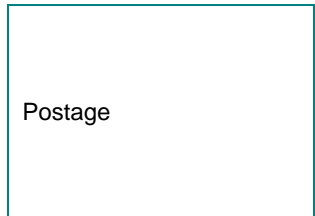
Local Chapter President Signature

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