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New York State Association of Central Service Professionals

NYSACSP Newsletter

Welcome to Our First Issue!

By Ray Averill, Editor

Welcome to the first issue of the New York State Association of Central Service Professionals (NYSACSP) news letter. The news letter will be published 4 times a year. We will bring you updated information from across New York State concerning Certification, Education, and any interesting local or state events taking place.

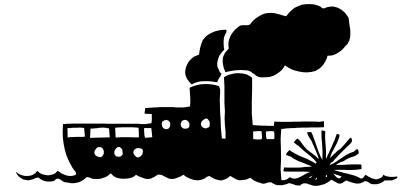
Who or What is NYSACSP?

The New York State Association for Central Service Professionals (NYSACSP) has been formed after more than two years of correspondence and meetings between five Central Service associations in NY State. There are no dues. NYSACSP represents all CS employees from across NY State.

The five associations, which operate under the auspice of two separate national Central Service Associations, convened at a dinner meeting in Albany in June of 2002. The associations involved were: Central New York Association of Central Service Professionals; Long Island Association for Central Service; New York City Association for Central Service Professionals; Northeastern New York Healthcare Chapter of Central Service Professionals; and Western New York Sterile Processing and Distribution Managers Association.

The represented associations are affiliated with the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCSSM) and the American Society

for Healthcare Central Service Professionals (ASHCSP) – with downstate groups affiliated with IAHCSSM and upstate groups with ASHCSP. *“The chapters of New York State shall work together to promote knowledge and experience of the Central Service profession, and work together to achieve state certification”*. Each regional association has two representatives that comprise the Board of Directors. Last June a very successful conference was held in Niagara Falls. This year’s program will also be held in Niagara Falls at the Holiday Inn Select.



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“Get On Board!”

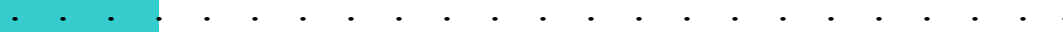
“Get on Board” will be the theme of the educational seminar and vendor exhibit this **June 13th & 14th** in Niagara Falls. Get on board for certification, are you treading water? Don’t let your future go over the falls.

Mark Your Calendar Now.

June 13th (Sunday) and June 14th (Monday) at the Holiday Inn Select, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303 (716) 285-3361 (continued on page 3)

Why Certification?

Being certified demonstrates your Educational Qualifications. It demonstrates that you are dedicated to continued competency, and your commitment to professionalism.



What does AAMI say about certification?

AAMI ST46, 2002, Paragraph 4.2.2 titled, "Sterilization Processing Personnel", the NOTE in the referenced paragraph states, "it is recommended that all personnel performing sterilization activities be certified as a condition of employment. As a minimum, all such personnel should successfully complete a CS certification examination within 2 years of employment".

New CDC Recommendations

The new CDC recommendations are coming out later in 2004.

CEU Options

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

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

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 work book and the text book for studying. For further information:

Telephone: (312) 440-0078
24-Hour Answering Service: (800) 962-8274
Fax: (312) 440-9474
Postal Address:
213 W. Institute Place, Suite 307, Chicago, IL 60610
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mailbox@iahcsmm.com
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The **American Society of Healthcare Central Service Professionals** 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 offers a workbook and text book to study to take the certification exam through:

Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD) www.sterileprocessing.org

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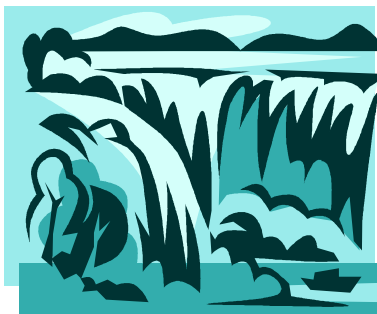
“Get on Board.....”

Feedback from last years participants told us that attendees preferred that the program be on a Sunday and Monday. There will be a vendor exhibit on Sunday the 13th with lots of door prizes and things to see. Stay up on the latest technology products from our vendors.

Entertainment

CAPTAIN'S Reception

There will be a social event immediately following the end of the programs on Sunday. This year's theme will have something to do with "Going over the Falls in a Barrel", our hospitality committee is already hard at work on this two hour social event..



NY Chapter News & Events

NENYCHCSP Albany & Upstate

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

December 10th at Samaritan Hospital, March 10th & June 9th are the next scheduled events. The Spring Seminar and vendor fair will be May 12 (Wed)

For more information contact;

Peggy Thew @ 518-562-7039

Western NY SPD Manager's Association, Western NY Roch & Buffalo

Meetings take place the third Wednesday of every other month starting in January. For more information contact: Sheri Weisansal at 716- 859-3705

January

Inventory tracking system from Cardinal Health

March

Working Safely With Oxyfume Sterilant Gases" in-service given by Honeywell.

New York City Association for C S Professionals News:

NYCACSP Meeting Agenda:
Meeting location: NYU Hospital Center, Room TCH 459
Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

December 18, 2003 - Topic: Is it really sterile, Speaker: Linda Schultz, ASP

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January 22, 2004 - Topic: Proper Sterilization Packaging w/ the NYC Packaging Olympics, Speaker: Marcia Fraize, Case medical

Feb 19, 2004: Topic: Cost justification for additional FTE's for managers and new managers, Speaker: Kathy O'Shaughnessy, SSI

News:

By Mary Olivera

1) The chapter is currently sponsoring two certification classes with more than 20 participants each. The class will end in the Spring of 2004.

2) Some members of the NYCACSP were the winners of the Team Award given by NYU Hospital Center during Employee Recognition Week. The award was earned with the Day Surgery Nurses for their contribution to working together towards improving the process. They will receive the award in a ceremony to be held on December 9, 2003 during Employee Recognition Week. Congratulations Central Sterile and Day Surgery.



More chapter News

UPDATE ON WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH CS CERTIFICATION IN NEW YORK STATE

Bonnie Ingham, President NYSACSP

During the past year the NY State Association of Central Service Professionals has been very busy pursuing mandatory certification of Central Service Technicians. This is what we have accomplished to date:

- We have consulted with Tony Monaco of the New Jersey Health Dept. to see how the process developed in New Jersey to obtain mandatory certification.
- We have consulted with Delton Courtney of the New York Health Dept. to determine what avenue would be best to pursue mandatory certification in New York State.
- We have formulated a Central Service survey and asked member hospital Central Service Personnel to fill out

and return.

- We are raising money that will go to providing educational opportunities for certification in NY State

There still remains much to be done:

- The survey is in the process of being compiled and tabulated.
- An impact analysis of what mandatory certification means for the patient and what financial impact it will have on healthcare in NY State.
- Further meetings with the New York State Health Dept. will occur.
- We are working towards gathering support from the NY State Hospital Association and our parent organizations.

We know that this will take time to happen but this Association is driven to accomplish our goal within 5 years. We are up o the challenge.

Chapter News (Continued)

Long Island Association for Central Service:

January 3, 2004

Annual Dinner/Dance and LIACS Hall of Fame Award
The Woodlands, Woodbury, Long Island

January 31, 2004:

Technician Certification Course begins / Contact Don Gordon @ 718-918-4381

February 28, 2004: CS Technician Workshop on Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization and Endoscopes (sponsored by SPSmedical)

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