Dear Fellows,

Welcome to 2024! It may be past the acceptable time to wish you a “Happy New Year” but it is always a good time to send greetings and good wishes! As the current President of ATS I am privileged to also remind you of our annual ATS reception for Fellows at SOT. Mark your calendars for Tuesday March 12 from 7:30-9:00 pm at the Hilton Salt Lake City center in the Grand Ballroom B. This reception and opportunity to network with other Fellows is always a highlight at SOT. Our surveys tell us that this reception continues to be one of the benefits of being a Fellow. We also ask you to invite potential new Fellows to the reception so they can see for themselves how the Academy can benefit them in their career path. I look forward to seeing everyone there. I also look forward to presenting the Mildred Christian award to Bill Brock. I know you will want to be there to congratulate him as well.

At the end of October (Halloween to be precise), members of the Board meet for an in-person strategic planning meeting led by a great facilitator, Susan Iris. Our Executive Director, Susie Masten also provided data and historical context for many of the topics we discussed. Thank you to all of the Fellows and Board members who participated in pre-meeting interviews and/or the actual strategy meeting. I will be sharing some of the key outputs of this meeting with the attendees of the ATS reception at SOT, but I wanted to mention a few here now.

We went into the meeting expecting that we would clearly articulate the Academy’s strategic approach; establish definitive goals to be prioritized and aligned with our resources; and formulate direction and metrics to move the plan forward with a way to evaluate our progress. We started by reviewing and tweaking our Vision and Mission. Then we discussed our unique brand and how ATS certification differs from other certifications. We established that our key goal was Growth: to “accelerate growth and sustainability through strategically focused recruitment and retention.” We established 3 Strategic Pillars:

- Relevance
- Engagement
- Awareness

For each pillar we identified the audiences and key performance indicators (KPIs). We then listed main objectives for each and prioritized these objectives and corresponding strategies according to the target timeline and resources. More on these will be presented to the Fellows in the coming months. Next steps include this communication, updating our slide deck used to communicate to various audiences what ATS is about, updating our membership application and developing a Value Proposition.

As you can see, the Board and ATS leadership have been busy and we look forward to further engagement with all of the Fellows. If you are interested in helping with these initiatives, let Susie Masten or one of the Board members know.

I hope to see many of you in Salt Lake City!

Mary Ellen Cosenza, PhD, DABT, ERT, RAC, ATS
ATS President, 2023-2024
The annual ATS Annual Business Meeting and Reception will be held on Tuesday, March 12, from 7:30-9:00 pm at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center in the Grand Ballroom B. We look forward to seeing you there!

2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2024-2025 ELECTION
The 2024-2025 election is in progress. Fellows in good standing were sent the ballot via Survey Monkey. All votes must be cast by March 9, 2024

ATS MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND FEES, EXPLAINED!
The ATS office gets many questions regarding types of fees and when they are due. Emeritus status and recertification. It seems a good time for a refresher.

There are two types of fees, annual dues and recertification fees. Failure to pay fees within two months of the deadline results in forfeiture of all Fellow privileges. Failure to pay fees within twelve months of the due date will result in forfeiture of Fellow status. The two types of fees are explained below.

Annual Dues
Dues are payable each year by September 30. If dues are not paid on time, a Fellow is not eligible to vote in elections or run for any position on the ATS Board or Committees. Fellowship is forfeited if dues are twelve months past due.

Recertification Fee
Fellows are required to recertify every five years. The application and fee are due June 30 of that year, with dues also payable by September 30. Thus, in the year of recertification, two fee payments are required.

In addition to Full Fellows, there are also Emeritus Fellows. Emeritus Fellows do not pay dues, recertify, hold office or vote in elections. To qualify for Emeritus status, one must have been a Fellow for 10 consecutive years and be in good standing with no delinquent dues or recertification applications. They also must be retiring, be neither employed nor active as a consultant, and no longer continue the practice of toxicology as a primary means of financial support. To request Emeritus status, a Fellow simply sends a letter to the Board stating they meet those criteria.
We are happy to welcome the following new Fellows who became members since 2022:

- Viruna Bhat
- John Buchweitz
- Lyle Burgoon
- Hassan Dhaini
- Douglas Donahue
- Marie Fortin
- Weimin Gao
- Elliot Gordon
- Jessica Graham
- James Luyendyk
- Nadia Moore
- Michael Oldham
- Arun Kumar Pandiri
- Gary Rankin
- Les Recio
- Christopher Reilly
- Nicole Soucy
- David Woolley

Emeritus status was granted to the following Fellows:

- Jon Cook
- George Corcoran
- Robert Ettlin
- Don Fox
- Uwe Heinrich
- Annetta Watson

In addition, the following Fellows successfully completed the recertification process:

- James Bus
- Harvey Clewell
- Lucio Costa
- Michael Dorato
- Basat Engin
- Elaine Faustman
- Nikolay Filipov
- Jodi Flaws
- Mary Gulumian
- Lei Guo
- Ramesh Gupta
- Debra Kaden
- Elaina Kenyon
- Gregory Ladics
- Robert Landsiedel
- John Lipscomb
- Brinda Mahadevan
- Yuseok Moon
- Prakash Nagarkatti
- Jeff Peters
- Jason Richardson
- Donald Stump
- Lawrence Thomas
- Joyce Tsuji
- Rao Uppu
- Jia-Sheng Wang
- Adam Woolley
- Jeff Yourick
- Helmut Zarbl

We are saddened to announce the passing of the following members:

- Mohamed Abou-Donia
- Sharon Meyer

The ATS Recruitment Committee was formed to identify potential candidates for ATS Fellowship. To both grow and keep ATS vibrant, the Recruitment Committee has re-doubled efforts to identify highly qualified candidates.

In brief, the ATS Board has established a process for an initial review through both personal knowledge of the candidate, as well as review of the candidate’s CV. An invitation letter to apply is then sent to the candidate naming the ATS Fellow who recommended them to apply as well as a link to both the application and application instructions.

Although this process of identifying candidates is being driven by the Recruitment Committee and the ATS Board members, all ATS Fellows have the shared responsibility of identifying highly qualified candidates for ATS Fellowship. To this end, please review the updated ATS application and application instructions, and take some time to thoughtfully consider potential candidate(s) for Fellowship. All names should be sent to the Executive Director for ATS, Susie Masten. (smasten@acadtoxsci.org).
Dr. Brock has been actively involved with the toxicology community going on about 40 years and remains committed to serve with fellow colleagues in toxicology. In his current role, he provides pharmacology and toxicology advice to sponsors in the pharmaceutical, chemical, and consumer product industries.

His research into hepatic effects of xenobiotics began in graduate school at the University of Kentucky, and is now an Adjunct Assistant Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Pharmacy, where he serves on PhD committees and assists in directing graduate research into the mechanisms of drug-induced liver toxicity.

Dr. Brock has authored and co-authored more than 50 peer-reviewed publications and is an editor for several books and co-authored several book chapters. He serves on the editorial board for the International Journal of Toxicology, and has reviewed manuscripts submitted to other main stream toxicology journals, e.g., Toxicological Sciences, Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology, Food and Chemical Toxicology, and others.

Dr. Brock is a Diplomate of ABT (1987) and a Fellow of ATS (2004). He served twice on the Board of Directors for ATS, serving as President during his first term. He also served on the ABT Board of Directors, ultimately becoming President of ABT. Dr. Brock was the 2017 recipient of ACT’s Service Award. He serves in leadership roles in ACT and has served in various committee within SOT.

He has served as a member or chairperson of several national and international toxicology organizations including the USP, NTP, ILSI-HESI, WEEL, ECETOC and IPEC committees among others. He has been an invited speaker for the Committee on Toxicology, the National Research Council, IPEC, DIA, toxicity standard setting organizations and university toxicology programs.

Dr. Brock considers his work in the pharmaceutical industry as a basis to further our knowledge in toxicological sciences. He believes in the practical aspects of our toxicological science since it is a vibrant community of toxicologists engaged in the field of drug development. He knew personally Dr. Christian, and embraced her leadership, experience, knowledge and involvement for all toxicology organizations at all levels.
The 2023 ATS Annual Meeting and Reception was held on Tuesday, March 21 at the Omni Nashville Hotel, the first since 2019 due to the pandemic. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Mildred Christian Award to the winners from 2021-2023. President Lorrene Buckley presented Dr. A. Wallace Hayes (2021) and Dr. She then presented the 2023 award to Dr. James Popp who then gave a short presentation. It was nice to celebrate with friends and colleagues after such a long time!