

## **REGION VII – ANDREA GRANTHAM**

During the past year I was able to attend the Region VII/CSH meeting in Loveland, CO and two of the three quarterly workshops presented by the Arizona Society. During these meetings I spoke to the membership, giving updates on region activity and NSH news and events.

I participated in all BOD conference calls and online discussions and as BOD liaison to the VIR Committee I attended the VIR Forum in Raleigh and will help at the VIR table at the S/C in Cincinnati. I also attended the Summer Symposium where the attendance by region VII members was very good.



I am happy to report as a member of the Career Video Task Force that the additional shots that will be used in the video are now complete. We are hoping to be able to edit all the material that we have so to have a draft ready for the BOD to review at the S/C in September.

There were several great celebrations of HPD in Region VII and I was able to support events at two hospitals in Tucson by providing items from NSH. I also spoke to a reporter who wrote an article for my hometown newspaper on Histotechnology. It was published in the newspaper (and on the front page!) on Histotechnology Professional's Day.

I have communicated by email with NSH members in the non-constituent states in the region and have encouraged the Utah histotechs to hold another workshop day sometime later this year or early in 2012.

### Goals:

- To help the Utah Society to become active again and to attend their meeting.
- To attend the Region VII meeting in Arizona and the Colorado meeting in 2012.
- To identify a candidate (or candidates) for region director after my third term comes to an end next year.

### Challenges:

- Getting the Utah Society back on its feet.
- Identifying and communicating with NSH members in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.