



Attend IAHCSSM's Advocacy Sessions at the 2020 Annual Conference & Expo


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Those attending the 2020 IAHCSSM Annual Conference & Expo in Chicago and arriving early are encouraged to attend the pre-conference session, Legislative Workshop 101, on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at 1 p.m. (check the schedule for room location). This interactive workshop will be presented by me (IAHCSSM's Government Affairs Director), and the following members of IAHCSSM's Advocacy Committee: Damien Berg, BS, BA, CRCST, Past-President of IAHCSSM and Advocacy Committee Chair; Steve Adams, RN, BA, CRCST, CHL, Past-President of IAHCSSM; Lori Ferrer, BS, CRCST, CST; Karen Nauss, CRCST; and Don Williams, CHL, CRCST.

Attendees are encouraged to bring questions to this workshop, so we can provide answers to anything they wish to know about IAHCSSM's advocacy efforts. This workshop will also explain how a bill becomes a law at the state level and how bills are drafted; share how chapters can prepare for legislative efforts in their state; and discuss how to send legislative action alerts (and the importance of doing so).

On Sunday, April 26, from 1-2 p.m., please attend the general session, In



Politics, Anything but Yes is No, which will be jointly presented by me and our Pennsylvania lobbyist, Judith A. Eschberger, Esq. Attendees will become political insiders as Eschberger walks them through how she determines whether a legislator supports an issue or not (as the name of this session implies, in regard to our certification efforts, unless a legislator replies, "Yes, I support it," we can assume they mean "No"). Attendees will also learn what is happening with certification legislation in various states and discover how easy it is to send letters to their elected officials regarding the certification issue and the Sterile Processing profession. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago! 



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