

2005 ASTDD President's Award: Christine Forsch, RDH, BS

Presented by Lewis N. Lampiris, DDS, MPH

Over these past few years Chris has stepped up to the plate and taken on ever-increasing responsibilities within ASTDD. Not only did she accept the nomination to serve as Treasurer last year – she has served as ASTDD's co-lead in planning the last two National Oral Health Conferences – and this year served as our principle representative on what is affectionately called the "Group of Four." Just ask anyone who served on this year's committee with Chris and you'll know that she took the bull by the horns and kept the planners on task throughout the entire year. After participating in the first couple of conference calls this year, I felt completely at ease knowing that she was in charge.

Not only did she keep this year's planning efforts moving along smoothly, she took the initiative to impact future NOHC meetings. She did this by developing a NOHC Planners' Guide – a comprehensive step-by-step manual that can be used as a template by future planning groups. Our future volunteers will be ever grateful for her attention to detail and her effort to organize and formalize the planning process.

I also can't overlook her passion for having fun – particular through dance. It was Chris who insisted that Jane Weintraub and I get up and do a President's Dance at last year's beach party in Santa Monica. Then of course there was the belly dancing in Atlanta

at a CDC grantee workshop – and I just heard about a hip-hop experience here in Pittsburgh – but I don't have all of the details on that excursion.

What I do know is that Chris won't say no when asked to serve our Association and she has done an

outstanding job representing ASTDD in planning our National Oral Health Conference. That's why it's my honor to present her with this President's award—it's my way of saying thank you.



Left to right: Christine Forsch, Lewis Lampiris

Remarks on Receiving the President's Award

Christine Forsch, RDH, BS

It was a great honor to be involved in the planning and implementation of the 2005 National Oral Health Conference. It takes many people to

make something like this happen and I would like to thank everyone who helped put on such a successful conference. Without their hard work the

National Oral Health Conference could never happen. Thank you.