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Message from the President

Laurie Taraborrelli, MBA
ASCLS-PA President



Greetings! This message is meant to be informative and inspirational to garner more recognition and support for those who currently have and those that are seeking a career in laboratory science. My journey into the field of laboratory medicine is a unique and unconventional one which began many moons ago as a quest to learn how and why things function and what causes disease. My findings were that these answers can only be found in the laboratory.

My education began with a two year Laboratory Science program which landed me an initial job at a physician office before getting into the research side of the business where I worked for two different pharmaceutical companies followed by an academic research facility.

After marriage and two kids, I settled into a routine as a tech with

reference and hospital laboratory work. When the kids were a little older, I decided to continue my education and obtained a bachelor degree and graduated into the management role within the hospital and reference laboratory environment.

After about ten years, I had worked my way through a Master's Program and morphed again into consulting and account management and sales which is where I currently find myself looking forward to a future in sales/account management and consulting.

The reason I share this very brief synopsis of my own personal journey is to highlight the variety of roles and potential possibilities and the vast experiences that are available within the laboratory field. I invite everyone to explore all possible alternate career op-

portunities within the laboratory entity and see where your own personal journey takes you.

Along this journey, I became involved with ASCLS-PA which has added so much potential to my quest for new opportunities and new connections with educated, enthusiastic and fun colleagues. Again, I invite everyone to become involved with their local ASCLS-PA chapter or on the state level and I hope to see and meet with everyone at the future events that are planned for the coming year. Thank you. See you in the New Year!

ASCLS-PA 2014 Spring Meeting

Meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton; Philadelphia West, on May 5, 2014
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ASCLS-PA 2014 Spring Board Meeting & House of Delegates

May 4, 2014 - 6pm-11pm
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton; Philadelphia West

ASCLS-PA 2014 Student Review Session

June 7, 2014
University of the Sciences, West Philadelphia

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Message from the President-elect

Michael R. Osborne, BBA
ASCLS-PA President-Elect-Elect

Mike Osborne here at your service as President-elect of ASCLS-PA. I am so proud to be associated with such a fine group of laboratory professionals and colleagues. I would like to thank the past (ASCLS-PA founded in Philadelphia in 1940) and present members of ASCLS-PA for their dedication in making our state organization a premier lab group. Please contact me anytime you feel I may help in any way with our organization/industry. My contact info is 267-273-6415 (cell) and michael.r.osborne@questdiagnostics.com.

I became involved because I feel it's my time to give back. **Is it yours?** Will you help me pay it forward to grow our laboratory profession in this time of challenge, uncertainty and financial pressure?

For the good of our laboratory profession, I ask you to become active and get involved with a lab group whether it be ASCLS or another one of our allied associations, of course, I really want you for ASCLS-PA. Please visit <http://www.ascls-pa.org/>

I reside in Horsham, Montgomery County, PA. My lab experience includes 23 years in laboratory sales and service to hospitals and physicians in several states with lab testing experience in prenatal and cancer genetics, rheumatology and for the last 10 years as a generalist. I am married with 5 children (4 grown young men and a teenage daughter).

As president elect my goal is to **reinvigorate our organization statewide** and gain more **active members** from the **Pittsburgh, Erie, Harrisburg, Lancaster/York/Reading and Scranton areas**. My second goal is to **bring more, young laboratory profes-**

sionals and students into our organization as active members to help our organization and its members with technology and social media as a way to have our voice heard when it comes to pocket-book issues. My third goal is to **encourage more involvement from laboratory professionals and colleagues from our community based hospitals and independent clinical laboratories** as they bring another valuable perspective to our profession along with building our reach within our academic medical center members.

Will you PLEASE help me and our ASCLS-PA organization? Please join and get active!

You can do this by sending me your suggestions as to how to better serve our members. You can do that by volunteering for chapter leadership roles in your area. You can do that by attending regional and PA statewide educational meetings (P,A,C.E credit available). You can help us move into the future with virtual meetings that come to you! You can do that by simply spreading the ASCLS-PA message- **we are a professional service not a commodity!**

Our voice and contribution of our laboratory work to healthcare combined with the voice of other professional laboratory/pathology organizations will enhance our standing in the medical field as we all try to figure out how that will look in the future. There has never been a better time for you to step up and contribute. Thank you in advance for volunteering. I promise you will get back more than you give. I look forward to serving you now and as president in 2014. Thank you.

ASCLS-PA Annual Spring Meeting and Vendors May 5, 2014 - 8:30am-4pm

Location: DoubleTree Suites by Hilton: Philadelphia West
640 Fountain Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Four simultaneous rooms of the latest continuing education in Hematology, Chemistry, Microbiology and Blood Banking. A room of vendors showcasing their latest technologies.

If you need a hotel room, contact the hotel directly at 610-834-8300; Rooms are at a rate of \$169/night.

Registration Rates:

Member: \$95

Non-member: \$130

Student Member: \$25

Student Non-member: \$40

Look for the program to be mailed on 3/1/14 or check the website at www.ascls-pa.org for more information

National Meeting in Houston 2014

Bill Hunt, MT(ASCP)^{CM}SH



The 81st Annual Meeting & Clinical Laboratory Expo for ASCLS was held July 30th -August 3rd in Houston, Texas. This years meeting continued the collaboration with ASCP by offering two workshops. There were over 50 educational sessions condensed into three intense days of learning. The concurrent meeting with AACC gave our members many other education opportunities. The Clinical Laboratory Expo remains the largest laboratory trade show and highlights technology from around the world.

The meeting's networking events gave us time to connect with friends old and new and learn from colleagues facing similar challenges and opportunities in their laboratories. The ASCLS-PA delegation participated in all ASCLS governance sessions.

The ASCLS House of Delegates approved the position papers of a number of task forces: "Health Care Reform", "Advanced Practice: Doctorate in Clinical Laboratory Science", and "Medical Laboratory Response to an Expanding Geriatric Population." All of these

approved positions can be found on the ASCLS website. For next years annual meeting there will be an Advanced Management Institute prior to the start of the meeting.

For those who could get away there were trips to the Houston Space Center and the theater. Although it will never be said that Houston is cool in the summer with average daily temperatures in July of 94^o F it wasn't bad when you dressed appropriately.

If you are active in ASCLS-PA and would like to be a delegate the selection is made at the ASCLS-PA House of Delegates. The meeting is a great deal of fun and a wonderful opportunity to make new friends from across the country. For those of us who have attended for years it is a way to see many friends that we see only a few times or only once a year. So think about stepping up your professional commitment and attend next years meeting in Chicago, Illinois July 29th -August 2nd.

2013 ASCLS-PA Annual Spring Meeting

Laurie Taraborrelli, MBA
ASCLS-PA President

The ASCLS-PA annual spring meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East on Monday, May 13, 2013 and Tuesday, May 14, 2013 and was well attended by vendors, professionals, speakers and students. The registration cost was \$95 for members, \$130 for nonmembers, \$25 for student members and \$45 for student nonmembers.

On Monday in the Hanover room, there were topics on Patient Safety, Cardiac Markers, Toxicology, Microbiology, Automation in Microbiology and Respiratory Viruses. Also on Monday in the Harrisburg Amphitheater, sessions were held on Team Building, Free Light Chain Testing, Case Studies in Hematopathology, Professional Organizations, Personalized Genomics and the Utilization of Laboratory Services.

On Tuesday in the Hanover Room, topics included Identity Matters, a Federal Government Update, Massive Transfusion Protocol, Case Studies in Transfusion, HLA/Immunogenetics and Pre-transfusion testing. A student review was held in the Harrisburg Amphitheater. Also, on Tuesday, a third room held topics including Pediatric Transfusions, Coagulation Talk, Bed Bugs, Liver Enzymes, Joint Commission Accreditation and Maldi-Tof (Micro).

Awards were held during the lunch break and many vendors were available in the lobby to display their various products and services, answer questions, and provide great prizes and giveaways. The vendors that were in attendance included: AdvanDX, AI Companies, Athena, BD Diagnostics, Beckman Coulter Inc, Bio-Rad, Cepheid, Chrono-Log Corp, OTSUKA-US.com, Quest Diagnostics, Roche Diagnostics Corporation, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics and Viracor IBT Labs.

In 2014, we will be holding a one day meeting on May 5th at the Doubletree Suites in Plymouth Meeting, PA. Details will be planned at our winter board meeting on January 11th which will be held at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery located at 559 West Germantown Pike in East Norriton, PA from 10 AM to 3 PM. All are encouraged to attend and become involved. RSVP to Laurie Taraborrelli at ltaraborrelli@aol.com or call me at 610-622-3883 or 484-433-3594 if you need information or directions. Thank you. Hope to see you there !



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Moving? Remember you can update all your membership information online at www.ascls-pa.org

Or send your attached label and your corrected address to: ASCLS-PA, 8 Lakeview Court Sinking Spring, PA 19608 , to insure uninterrupted service

Coming Events

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May 5, 2014	ASCLS-PA Annual Spring Meeting
June 7, 2014	ASCLS-PA 2014 Student Review Session

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