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Message from the President

Sharon Strauss
ASCLS-PA President

The dog ate my homework. It's true. I had started this President's message a few days ago but did it on paper while I was relaxing. Unfortunately, I left it on the floor at our lake house while I went to run an errand. When I got back, I found that our new puppy Frankie had ripped it to shreds so I am taping little pieces of paper together. Oh well, lesson learned.

It is said that the only constant thing is change. That is certainly true in the world around us, in our jobs, our personal lives, and in our professional organization. We need to embrace this change because it is inevitable. If we don't, we will become overwhelmed by it.

When I think back on the changes that have occurred since I first began my career, it seems incredible. I have to laugh when I think of the first hand held calculator that I got when I started college. It was a clunky thing that required 4 AA batteries and did the major arithmetic functions. Now we carry a phone that just requires periodic charging and connects us to anywhere and anyone in the world (but it still has a calculator). Almost any information that we want to learn can be asked of Siri. We can share any bit of personal information we want to with the world or our friends. We can play music, control functions in our house from miles away, get up to the minute financial news and weather, and pay for many items with our phone. I can text with my sister while she is traveling in the Far East.

One of the biggest changes that we may experience in our personal lives is the loss of a job. Newer professionals are more accustomed to have a number of positions in their careers, but many of us grew up in a world where we remained at a job for many years. With changes in the healthcare field that include consolidation of duties and elimination of positions, we can no longer count on remaining with the same employer for many years. Never in a million years did I think that after 37 years with one employer, I would be in the job market. Writing a resume and going for interviews after all of those years can be a little intimidating. Luckily through involvement in professional organizations and networking with others, opportunities opened up. I find this one of the biggest advantages of involvement in a professional organization such as ASCLS. Not just membership, but active involvement. Developing a network of professional contacts is invaluable in a job search. I hope that you don't find yourself in this situation, but if you do and maintain a positive attitude about the change, you may find that it is just what you needed to expand your horizons and grow in your field.

We have had many changes in our professional organization and will experience many more. I first joined ASMT and then years later we became ASCLS. This change was difficult for many. For many years, the national meeting involved many governance activities including the "Reference Committee" where any member could

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speaking about the issues being discussed. These meetings went on and on, often for hours but it was exciting to have so many members passionate about the issues. We had 2 members attend one of the early committee meetings in pajamas and curlers! Changes needed to be made to streamline the meetings and to come up with a more structured governance. There is now a meeting called the "Issues Update" where attendees can still ask questions but in a more limited timeframe. There is still a House of Delegates that governs the organization but many issues are resolved before we get to that meeting. Other changes needed to be made in order to consolidate meeting activities. Some members have raised questions about whether additional changes need to be made to our House of Delegates as our governance structure. For many years, we have held our meeting

in conjunction with the American Association for Clinical Chemistry. Again, changes in the field have necessitated that we again hold these meetings separately from AACC. But this is a good thing! With a smaller meeting we will be able to hold meetings in "second tier" cities where the cost for the organization and for attendees will be less. I hope that this will allow many more members to be able to attend and experience an ASCLS Annual Meeting.

ASCLS is a growing, vibrant organization with a great staff, an updated website and presence on all of the current social media. I hope that many more members will become actively involved in ASCLS. Don't forget to save the date for the 2019 meeting in Charlotte, NC June 23-27, 2019.



Updated ASCLS Bylaws

Mary M. Gourley
ASCLS-PA Bylaws Chair

The 2018 ASCLS House of Delegates has adopted the proposed amendments at the annual meeting in Chicago, IL. The proposed changes were published in the June issue of *The Pennsylvanian* and the ASCLS TODAY.

The new classes of membership are as follows:

Professional (formerly PF1 and PF2), Community (formerly Collaborative), Emeritus, Developing Professional (formerly Student), Honorary, Ascending Professional (formerly First Year Professional).

During the process, one amendment was offered to retain the term "emeritus" instead of Platinum. This motion was carried and then the vote for the original motion.

The membership of ASCLS-PA will be voting on the bylaws changes next spring to bring our bylaws into compliance with national. Amendments will be presented to the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors this Fall for approval before being submitted to the ASCLS Bylaws Committee for review. Once approval is received, the amendments will be presented to our membership for action.

A Call for Newsletter Names



The ASCLS-PA Board of Directors is accepting potential names for the ASCLS-PA Newsletter. Names should be related to the field of medical laboratory science or science in general. Get creative! The winner will be highlighted in the first edition of the newsletter with the new name.

Please submit names to Joshua Cannon at joshua.cannon@jefferson.edu.



ASCLS-PA Welcomes New Members

Marianne Downes

ASCLS-PA Membership Committee Chair

ASCLS-PA would like to welcome all the new members who have joined ASCLS this summer. If you work with one of these new members or see one of these students on their clinical rotations, please welcome them to the society and encourage them to become active in the society telling them why you chose to join and share some of the insights you have from your experiences.

Nhi C. Nguyen	Winona	MN	Stephanie Veater	York	PA
Reade Naudascher	Fishersville	VA	Emily Reimer	York	PA
Kristopher Fuchs	Milwaukee	WI	Alyssa Stuller	York	PA
Erica Jo Charnock	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	Nicole L. Breighner	Gettysburg	PA
Julie Kim	Bordentown	NJ	Amanda Healy	East Islip	NY
Robert Keith	Robbinsville	NJ	Allyson Huntington	Danville	PA
Jasmin Rider	Vineland	NJ	Kamelea Megahed	Enola	PA
Maria V. Guerrero	Littleton	CO	Scarlett Wagner	Red Lion	PA
Erika Rush	Fayette City	PA	Kaitlyn White	York	PA
Taylor L. Dorman	Boiling Springs	PA	Jennifer Washington	Olive Branch	MS
Haley Slaughenhoup	Cleveland	OH	Jamie Darragh	North Wales	PA



ASCLS-PA members enjoying the President's Reception at the ASCLS 2018 Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

Left to right: Mary Beth Miele, Sharon Strauss, Bill Hunt.



Latest Motions

Travis Bicher
ASCLS-PA Secretary

MOTION 1: Moved by Cannon, seconded by Mourabet, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors commit to hosting the 2019 ASCLS-PA Spring Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg, PA, on the dates of May 5 & 6, 2019.

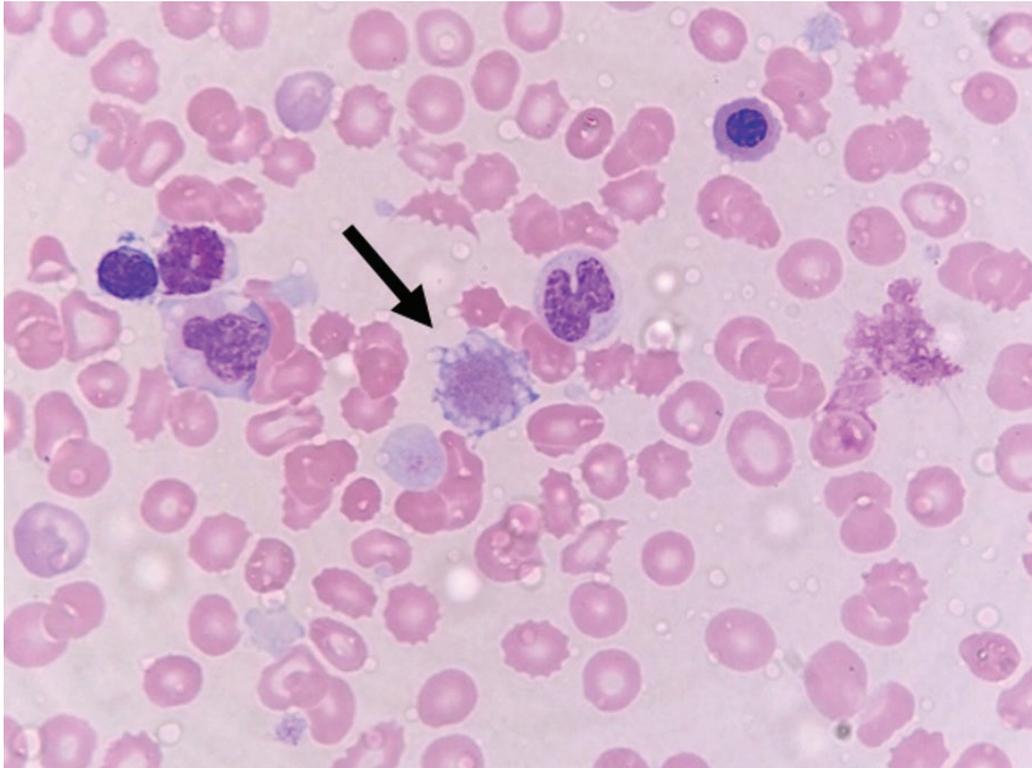
Yes: 6 – Cannon, Mourabet, Snyderman, Bicher, Mourabet, Downes, & Derrouche

No: 0

Not Voting: 3 – Peterson, White, & Strauss (President)

Name that Finding!

Try to identify the finding at the arrow. The answer will be posted to the ASCLS-PA Facebook page approximately one week after newsletters have been mailed.



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ASCLS Recognizes PA Members at the 2018 Annual Meeting

Mary M. Gourley
ASCLS-PA Awards Chair

The ASCLS Annual Meeting was held in Chicago, IL on July 29 through August 2, 2018. At the ASCLS Awards ceremonies, several ASCLS-PA members were recognized.

The following ASCLS-PA members attending the meeting were recognized at the ceremony:

ASCLS Board of Directors Awards: Scott Aikey (completion of 2 terms on the BOC Board of Governors)

Constituent Society Membership Award – *Greatest percent increase:* ASCLS-Pennsylvania received second place.

Constituent Society Publication Award: *The Pennsylvanian*, FIRST PLACE for Paper-Based

Key to the Future: Nassouh Mourabet, Torrey Brubaker, Tierra White

Omicron Sigma: Scott Aikey, William Hunt, Barbara Snyderman, Stephanie Noblit, Sharon Strauss, Travis Bicher, Jean Buchenhorst, Joshua Cannon, Khadidja Derrouche, Marianne Downes, Katie Franz, Mary Gourley, Nassouh Morabet, Tierra White

Constituent Society Members of the Year Recognition: Jean Buchenhorst

The recipient of the **ASCLS Lifetime Achievement Award** was Paula Garrott of Illinois.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Joshua Cannon (left) accepting first place, Paper Publication Award, for The Pennsylvania Newsletter.



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Coming Events

ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting

May 5, 2019 (Harrisburg, PA)

ASCLS-PA Annual Continuing Education Meeting and Exhibits

May 6, 2019 (Harrisburg, PA)

ASCLS National Meeting

June 23–27, 2019 (Charlotte, NC)

All members of ASCLS-PA are welcome and encouraged
to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors.

To get involved, email Sharon Strauss at SStra610@aol.com

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