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Message from the President

Jean Buchenhorst
ASCLS-PA President

It was exciting to have the ASCLS National meeting in Philadelphia! Bill Hunt did an awesome job coordinating a host table, organized dinners for those attendees travelling on their own or in small groups, pub crawls and a historic tour (even in the rain)! Our efforts as the host group (thank you other volunteers!) were complimented by many attendees. The 2017 National meeting will be in San Diego—the weather alone should be a treat!

This is my second term as president—an honor, and with last years' experience the tasks and responsibilities will hopefully be easier to fulfill. The state chapter was unable to find a president-elect during my first term as president—more involvement at the state level is key to prevent this from happening again! I'm glad to say this year there is a President-elect: Ann Spjut. Ann is Vice President of Governance, Compliance and Operations at Genomind in King of Prussia. She's a Utah native but has lived in the Tri-state area before (NJ) and recently moved to PA from Texas. Ann looks forward to being involved with our state leadership and this quote " I see a lot of potential in both the PA Society as well as Region II and am excited for the opportunity to work with this group of dedicated professionals. "

The state chapter really could use your ideas and help. We are looking to grow our state membership and there are many opportunities to get involved in leadership of ASCLS. This can help with your certification maintenance points as well; participation on the professional group board earns a point per year. Board meetings are open to all members. Our next board meeting will be held on Sat., Feb 4th at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

Last year the ASCLS-PA had a booth at the Philadelphia Science Festival (great idea Stephanie Noblit!) and we had a T-shirt fundraiser, initially an idea of the Delaware Valley Chapter (thanks Travis Bicher and Jessica O'Donnell!) that we rolled into the state organization hoping to sell out at the national meeting. We still have T-shirts available if you are interested, please contact me. The ASCLS-PA took part in the ASCLS Legislative Symposium in Washington, DC, sending a group of four members to represent Pennsylvania. We also had a very successful two day state meeting in Harrisburg (thank you Marybeth and Becky!). This year the state meeting will be held in the Philadelphia area. The ASCLS-PA Student Representative

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**If you have renewed your membership, we thank you!
If you have not, this may be your last issue. Go to www.ascls.org and renew your membership today!**

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ASCLS-PA Hosts Another Successful Student Review Session

Mary M. Gourley
ASCLS-PA Bylaws Chair

Action was taken by the 2016 ASCLS House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in August. Two Articles of the ASCLS Bylaws were modified as follows:

Article IV – Board of Directors: modified to change the name of the ASCLS First Year Professional to New Professional and New Member Director. Motion carried.

Article X – Society Forums: modified to reflect the name change of the Forum for the Concerns of Minorities to Diversity Advocacy Council. Motion carried.

Amendments to the ASCLS-PA Bylaws will be presented to the ASCLS-PA membership for action at the 2017 ASCLS-PA Business meeting in the Spring of 2017.

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put together an informative Student Review Session in June (thanks Joshua!). Also in June the state educators met in Reading for the Educators' Scientific Assembly, so there are many ways to get involved with the group!

I became involved in the ASCLS when I became a Medical Technology Program Director at Graduate Hospital. The meetings and networking really drew me in—I always enjoy the Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference and our state Educators' Assembly Meetings. I want to be able to offer current students as many opportunities as possible to start their careers, and the ASCLS can help with this at the chapter, state, regional and national levels.

There are many ways to find out about what is happening within the ASCLS: Facebook, the website for the state and the national organization and/or you could contact me directly via email: Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu or by phone: 215-892-7634. I'm looking forward to working with you for another rewarding year as president of ASCLS-PA!

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**ASCLS
National Meeting
in
San Diego, CA
2017**
July 30, – August 3, 2017



ASCLS-PA June Email Motions

Travis Bicher
ASCLS-PA Secretary

1. Motion 1: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the expenditure of up to \$150 on the ASCLS silent auction; money to be taken from O&A. Motion Passed.

2. Motion 2: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve moving our monetary accounts from Bank of America and Merrill Lynch to Wells Fargo.

Be it noted: The Treasurer and Finance Chair are in support of this move. The Treasurer will bring back specific investment opportunities at Wells Fargo to the next Board meeting for the Board to approve prior to the actual investment. Motion Passed.

3. Motion 3: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors authorize the President to purchase a gift for the outgoing ASCLS President Barbara Snyderman; money to come from O&A, not to exceed \$150. Motion Passed.



Phun In Philly

Stephanie Noblit
ASCLS-PA Mentorship Program Chair

When you live in a city, you become immune to the hustle and bustle after a while. The city loses its sense of charm and wonder, and you take everything for granted. Philadelphia is an amazing city, in fact it was even named a World Heritage City not too long ago, but I tend to forget that often.

Having the ASCLS National Meeting in Philadelphia this year was a great reminder to me just how special this city is. Many of my friends had never been to Philly before, and I was excited to be able to show them around. While most people know about the Liberty Bell and the Rocky Steps, I wanted to show my friends a side of Philly that many tourists don't get to see.

Throughout the week I was really able to give my friends a taste of Philadelphia. I made sure to point out all the hidden gems in Reading Terminal Market and insisted they try a Beiler's donut. We strolled along eccentric South Street where two of my friends tried to eat a Philly Taco (a slice of Lorenzo's Pizza wrapped around a cheesesteak from Jim's Steaks). They couldn't finish it, but watching their efforts has scarred me for life! A perfect summer afternoon was made better with John's Water Ice in South Philly. A family style dinner at a great Italian restaurant in Rittenhouse Square showed just how much of a family we all are.

Not every adventure involved eating though. A beautiful summer evening was spent at the cute, quirky Spruce Street Harbor Park. My friends loved the feel of the park with its mesmerizing lights and its panoramic views of the

riverfront. Another gorgeous August evening was spent at Fairmount Water Works and Boat House Row. We watched the sunset from the overlook point behind the Art Museum and took pictures and selfies with all the stunning architecture and lights. After that we made our way back to the front of the Art Museum to take our trek up the Rocky Steps. We sat at the top of the steps looking at the Philadelphia skyline lit up so beautifully and wished we could just sit there forever.

While I did play tour guide most of the trip, I did have some tourist moments as well. My friends convinced me to ride the double decker tour bus with them. I have to say it was fun and I did learn a few new things about my city. Having the National Meeting in Philly also allowed me to cross some Philly spots off my bucket list that I had never gotten the chance to see before, like Eastern State Penitentiary.

ASCLS National Meetings are great because of how much I can learn and experience from all the educational sessions and the Clinical Lab Expo, but the reason why I love national meetings so much is that it gives me a chance to meet so many wonderful people. We all come from different states, cultures, and backgrounds, but it is our love of the lab that brings us together. Friendships made through ASCLS are just one of the many benefits of being a member of this great organization. I loved showing my friends around Philadelphia this year, but I am looking forward to being a tourist again next year in San Diego.

Need a Scholarship?

Did you know that ASCLS-PA offers a graduate and an undergraduate Scholarship every year, but most years no one applies for them?

- Edward P. Dolbey Graduate Scholarship - \$1500
- ASCLS-PA Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship - \$1500

The deadline for both scholarships is February 28, 2017.

Check out the ASCLS-PA website for more details and for the application
<http://www.ascls-pa.org/scholarships.html>

ASCLS-PA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

ASCLS-PA would like to welcome all the new members who have joined our organization between June 13, 2016 and August 31, 2016. If you work with one of these new members, please welcome them to the Society and encourage them to become active!

Hassan	Albedwani	Whitefish Bay	WY	Jeniffer	Lozada	Newark	NJ
Alicia	Astick	Douglassville	PA	Julia	Matteson	East Windsor	CT
Nouf	Bamuhair	Philadelphia	PA	Virginia	Mazack	Ashland	PA
Elizabeth	Chau	North Dartmouth	MA	Scott	Moore	Asheville	NC
Hemant	Dhankecha	North Wales	PA	Van	Nguyen	Philadelphia	PA
Victoria	Francis	Philadelphia	PA	Kathleen	Perlmutter	Blue Bell	PA
Karen	Gatewood	Bryn Mawr	PA	Vivian	Pham	University Heights	OH
Ravine	Kiam	Tulsa	OK	Stephanie	Thum	Philadelphia	PA
Sarah	Kirschbaum	Thompson	IA	William	Weiss	Harding	PA
				Lori	Yeager	West Hazleton	PA



ASCLS-PA Recognizes Award Winners!

Mary M. Gourley
ASCLS-PA Awards Chair

The ASCLS Annual Meeting was held in Philadelphia, PA on July 31 through August 4, 2016. At the ASCLS Awards ceremonies, several ASCLS-PA members were recognized.

Barbara Brown from Colorado presided at the ASCLS Industry Awards at 8:00 AM on August 3, 2016. Barbara Snyderman was presented with the BD ASCLS Past President's Gavel. This tradition has been sponsored by BD for over 50 years.

Scott Aikey presided at the ASCLS Members Awards at 5:30 PM on August 3, 2016.

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

Constituent Society Publication Award: *The Pennsylvanian*, second place for Paper-Based

Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity Undergraduate Scholarship: Michelle Nguyen

2016 Leadership Academy Graduate: Stephanie Noblit

New Professional of the Year Nominee: Stephanie Noblit

Membership Milestones: 50-year: Jane Harting; 35-year: Bill Hunt; 20-year: Mary Beth Miele

Key to the Future: Travis Bicher, Joshua Cannon, Michelle Nguyen

Omicron Sigma: Scott Aikey, Travis Bicher, Jean Buchenhorst, Joshua Cannon, Katie Franz, Mary Gourley, Bill Hunt, Mary Beth Miele, Stephanie Noblit, Michael Osborne, Sharon Strauss

The recipient of the ASCLS Lifetime Achievement Award was Kathleen Hansen of Minnesota.

At the 2016 ASCLS House of Delegates, the following awards were presented: ASCLS President Barbara Snyderman presented ASCLS Board of Directors Awards to Scott Aikey (Annual Meeting Steering Committee Chair) and Stephanie Noblit (Mentorship Program Chair).

Mary Ann McLane, ASCLS Education and Research Fund, Inc. presented a Robin H. Mendelson award to ASCLS President Barbara Snyderman.

Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you for your dedication to our profession and to ASCLS and ASCLS-PA.



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Coming Events

ASCLS National Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo

July 30–August 3, 2017 (San Diego, CA)

ASCLS-PA Board Meeting

February 4, 2017 (Philadelphia)

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

To get involved, simply email Jean Buchenhorst at Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu