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## Message from the President: ASCLS Gives Back

**Barbara Snyderman**  
ASCLS-PA President

There was a lot of news towards the end of 2017 about tax law changes and whether this or that will be deductible for the next tax year. Real estate, sales and mortgage taxes are in the forefront of the minds of many.

What does that have to do with a professional organization you ask? Many of our members, both local and national, are very generous when it comes to a cause they support.

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science has presented an award to the state organization which has raised the most funds and/or has performed many charitable acts during the previous fiscal year. ASCLS-DE has been at the top of the awardees for many years, being one of our smallest state societies. Kudos to them! Mary Ann McLane, remembered from her years in ASCLS-PA, has spearheaded many activities in Delaware, showcasing medical laboratory science at the Apple and Scrapple Festival to collecting canned goods at every meeting of their society.

ASCLS-PA as a group has never designated a charity or attempted as a group to join the effort. This year, for the first time, we will be highlighting an organization close to my heart: Gift of Life Transplant Foundation. Why is this so special to me? There are a few reasons: both my aunt and my cousin are organ recipients. My aunt received a kidney 34 years ago and unfortunately did not survive very long but her son received a liver just days before certain death and is still alive today. He has done a lot of work to honor his donor and to speak on behalf of organ donation.

I decided on the GOLTF at the beginning of my presidency, expecting only to have a collection table at the annual meeting in May. Of course, without the very talented men and women behind the scenes in laboratories everywhere, organ donation is not possible, so that is the second reason I chose this charity. When the E-A-G-L-E-S were in the playoffs prior to the superbowl, I challenged the President of ASCLS-MN: the losing team would make a \$100

dollar donation to the winner's charity of choice. We all know how that ended, and I made a personal match to that donation.

We will be collecting donations at the state meeting in Harrisburg, so please stop by and make your charitable donation to the Gift of Life.

There are several other ways our members and guests donate every year. At the ASCLS Annual Meeting, there have been collections of goods and supplies to benefit a charity in the city in which we meet. We have collected thousands of dollars of donations of food, school supplies and other items over the years.

And then there is our Political Action Committee, or PAC. Local and national collections have helped ASCLS maintain a presence in Washington. One of our most beneficial meetings is the Legislative Day Symposium, which is in March of every year in DC. The meeting registration barely covers costs for the meeting but the attendees are very generous to grow our PAC.

ASCLS scholarships through the Education and Research Fund, Inc. or the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity are also beneficiaries of the generosity of our members. Thousands and thousands in scholarships are awarded each year to undergraduate and graduate students in laboratory related studies. If you are interested in these awards, please visit [ASCLS.org](http://ASCLS.org). ASCLS-PA also offers scholarships and information on these can be found on the society website.

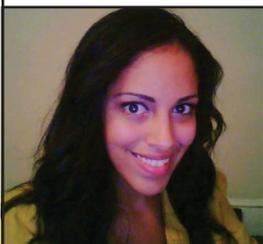
The biggest contribution all of us make, each in our own way, is in the work we do every day. While it is a job and we are all paid, our dedication to the patients we serve, often going way above and beyond might be considered "charitable" although not a deductible item! Know that I appreciate every one of you, whether you are currently working, teaching or retired. Thank you for all of your efforts.



## ASCLS-PA Bylaws

**Mary M. Gourley**  
ASCLS-PA Bylaws Chair

At the State level, there is no activity for this year. However, the ASCLS House of Delegates will be acting on recommendations to change the names of the various membership categories. The ASCLS Bylaws Committee has submitted a report to the Board of Directors for their review and referral to the House of Delegates at the meeting in Chicago in August. If the changes are approved, then there will be amendments to the ASCLS-PA Bylaws submitted for action at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting of ASCLS-PA.



## Winter Bowling Social Brings Local Chapter Members Together

**Gabriela Peterson**  
ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Board Member

On February 3, 2018 over 25 ASCLS- PA Delaware Valley Chapter members, their families and supportive friends joined together for the 2018 ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Winter Bowling Social at PEP Bowl in South Philadelphia. The active ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley chapter led by president, Joshua Cannon and its leadership board, meets regularly to promote the interests of the laboratory science profession, provide avenues for CE credits and build community among laboratory professionals. In the pursuit of building community, the chapter organized another Winter Bowling Social.

Encouraged by the success of last year’s bowling event, the chapter organizers sought to make this year’s Winter Bowling Social equally memorable. The event goes came prepared with plenty of snacks and drinks to this South Philly byob. Medical lab scientists from various area hospitals, MLS students representing multiple MLS programs and several community members crowded the six lane bowling alley. Taking up half of the alley’s lanes, the attendees bowled for two hours showcasing

a varying array of bowling skills and techniques. In between games participants mingled, tried their luck at a t-shirt raffle and learned about opportunities within the ASCLS- PA organization.

Once again, the chapter partnered with PEP Bowl, a local nonprofit corporation that facilitates education, vocational training and employment opportunities for developmentally disabled individuals. Not only was the ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Chapter happy to partner with PEP Bowl and their worthwhile mission, but also they were delighted to work with the pleasant and helpful staff who made every effort to enhance the day’s activities. With nearly double the attendance of last year’s event, the event organizers were pleased with this year’s turnout and hope to eventually build enough interest in local chapters and community members to take up all six lanes at the cozy bowling alley. The Delaware Valley chapter hopes future bowling events will continue to promote the medical lab science profession, develop partnerships within the local community and secure necessary fundraising for the chapter’s operations.

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## ASCLS-PA Spring Meeting

### Nassouh Mourabet

ASCLS-PA 2018 Annual Meeting General Co-Chair

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science– Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Society of American Medical Technologists are excited to welcome you to the 83rd Annual State Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg Hershey, PA on Monday, May 7th 2018. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with passionate professionals, attend informative speaker sessions, and communicate with industry leaders. There are 20 PACE accredited CE session to choose from, with multiples session in chemistry, hematology, microbiology, and transfusion medicine and more! Including QA/QM, Lab Safety, and Government Legislation. Come to the meeting and expand your knowledge about a variety of health care related topics. Take time to meet our speakers and ask them about their career paths. Find out how your position in the laboratory services can serve as a stepping stone into other positions within health care and beyond.

The meeting will have dedicated exhibit time with the following vendors:

- ARUP Laboratories
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- BioFire Diagnostics
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- Drucker Diagnostics
- Geisinger
- GenMark Diagnostics
- Global Focus Marketing & Distribution
- Luminex Corporation
- Meridian Bioscience
- Morell Instruments Company
- Ortho Clinical Diagnostics
- Penn State Health
- Otsuka America Pharmaceutical

For the full program and registration form, please visit our website at [ascls-pa.org](http://ascls-pa.org)

**Do not delay! Advanced registration ends May 1st.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me, at [nassouhmourabet@gmail.com](mailto:nassouhmourabet@gmail.com)

We hope to see you there!



## ASCLS-PA Welcomes New Members

### Marianne Downes

ASCLS-PA Membership Committee Chair

ASCLS-PA would like to welcome all of the new members who have joined ASCLS during the Winter. If you work with one of these new members, please welcome them to the society and encourage them to become active.

George Custard	Meadville	PA
Danielle Hall	Mullica Hill	NJ
Maria Luisa Abon	Orlando	FL
Courtney Dwyer	Drexel Hill	PA
Diane Cehelsky	Scranton	PA
Shailee Shaw	Sinking Spring	PA

ASCLS-PA would also like to apologize to those new members who were unfortunately omitted from our earlier welcome lists, and recognize those members who joined in the Summer and Fall. We thank you for your patience.

Tierra White	Philadelphia	PA
Rosanne Walsh	Pittsburgh	PA
Isabelle Chew	Lehighton	PA
Torrey Brubaker	Philadelphia	PA
Candace Chau	Philadelphia	PA
Megan Zoltowski	Philadelphia	PA



# Motions from Latest Board Meeting

**Travis Bicher**  
ASCLS-PA Secretary

MOTION 1: Moved by Bicher, seconded by Aikey, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Board Meeting agenda dated January 27th, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION 2: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Cannon, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated October 7th, 2017, as amended. Motion carried.

MOTION 3: Moved by Downes, seconded by Bicher, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the Treasurer's Report of the Operating Fund for the financial period 9/1/17 -1/21/18 dated January 21st, 2018, as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

MOTION 4: Moved by Bicher, seconded by Derrouche, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the Treasurer's Report of the Scholarship Funds for the financial period 9/1/17 -1/21/18 dated January 21st, 2018, as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

MOTION 5: Moved by Bicher, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



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## Remembering a Long Time Member

**Barbara Snyderman**  
ASCLS-PA President

ASCLS-PA leadership has just learned of the passing of one of our very important members, Helen Ruane.

Helen was a graduate of College Misericordia, Dallas, PA majoring in Medical Technology.

She was employed by Wilkes-Barre General Hospital as the educational coordinator of the School of Medical Technology. Helen was very active in the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and attended many state and national meetings until her retirement.

She was awarded the Edward P. Dolbey Member of the Year Award for service to the society in 1995.

There will be a program sponsored by the Northeast Chapter of ASCLS-PA in her honor at the 2018 Annual Spring Meeting.

I had the pleasure to know Helen and work with her on a professional basis as well as through ASCLS and she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

## ASCLS-PA Needs a Few Good Men—and Women!

Every year, volunteers are elected to the Board of ASCLS-PA to govern the society. This year, we will be electing the following:

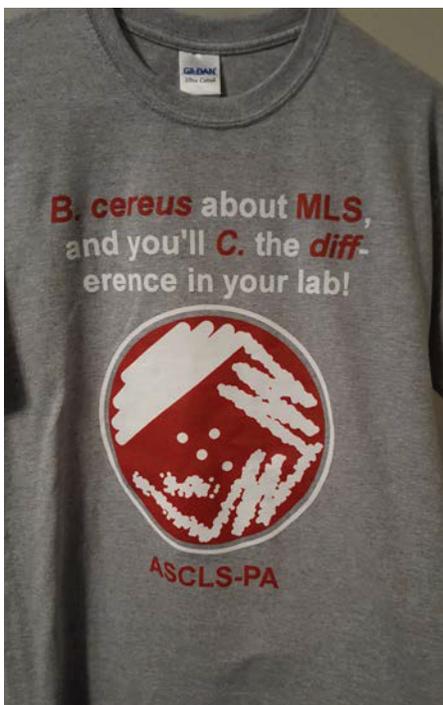
President-elect

Treasurer

Board Member

Please refer to the ASCLS-PA website for more information or contact any board member to learn more about the offices. You are allowed to volunteer or you can ask a member to nominate you.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve your professional society.



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## **American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-PA**

### **Host of the 2018 MLS/MLT Student Review Session**

**Date:** June 2, 2018

**Location:** University of the Sciences (Philadelphia, PA)

Pharmacology/Toxicology Center (PTC), Room 140

**Agenda:** Review of Chemistry & Urinalysis, Hematology & Coagulation, Immunology, Microbiology, Immunohematology and Test Taking Tips

**Registration:** 8:00AM -8:30AM

**Review:** 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM

#### **Fees:**

Student ASCLS member: \$30

Student ASCLS non- member: \$40

Non-student ASCLS member: \$50

Non-student ASCLS non-member:\$60

**Late Fee** (after 5/21/2018):\$10

Registration fee includes lunch and handouts

For a registration form and more information,

Please email Tierra White at [Tierra.White@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:Tierra.White@uphs.upenn.edu)

**Or visit [www.ascls-pa.org](http://www.ascls-pa.org)**

## A Piece of History...

...from the 25th anniversary observance of the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Technologists and Laboratory Technicians (April 1960).



**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS, LABORATORY TECHNICIANS MARK 25th ANNIVERSARY**—Principals at the 25th anniversary convention of the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Technologists and Laboratory Technicians held over the weekend at the Penn Alto Hotel (left to right) were: Seated—Mrs. A. Reynold Crane of Philadelphia, Mrs. Kathryn Olson of Pittsburgh, new president; Miss Nellie Bering of Washington, D.C., national president-elect; Miss Helen Breen of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary, and

Sister Agnese of Pittsburgh, board member who gave the invocation; standing—Dr. M. M. Brooke of Atlanta, Ga., who was in charge of the workshop; Ellen Epright, president of the local society and toastmaster; Dr. A. Reynolds Crane of Philadelphia, luncheon speaker; Miss Elizabeth Roberts of Altoona, state president and general chairman; Andrew Notartomas of Scranton, board member who presented the awards; Harry W. Langer of Pittsburgh, treasurer, and Miss Elizabeth Free, president-elect.



**COMMITTEE FOR SEMINAR MEETING**—Committee members in charge of arrangements for the seminar meeting and 25th anniversary observance of the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Technologists and Laboratory Technicians at the Penn-Alto Hotel April 22 and 23 are (left to right): Elizabeth Roberts, general

chairman; Mary Lou Skupien, luncheon chairman; Sister M. Wendolyn, panel moderator and chairman for arrangements for Catholic sisters in attendance; Patricia Logue, exhibits chairman; Barbara Banholtzer, entertainment chairman, and Gail Yeager, reservations chairman. Miss Ellen Epright, publicity director, was absent when the photo was taken.



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## Coming Events

ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting

May 6, 2018 (Harrisburg, PA)

ASCLS-PA Annual Continuing Education Meeting and Exhibits

May 7, 2018 (Harrisburg, PA)

ASCLS National Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo

July 30–August 2, 2018 (Chicago, IL)

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

To get involved, email Barbara Snyderman at

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