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Message from the President

Sharon Strauss
ASCLS-PA President

National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week will be April 21 to 27, 2019. As a profession, we always work behind the scenes as critical members of the healthcare team. This is the one week of the year that we can toot our own horn as to the vital role we play in providing information to physicians to help them to diagnose and treat diseases.

What kinds of things are you planning where you work to celebrate our contributions during this week? If your laboratory is like the ones I have worked in, this is usually a week of lots of food to celebrate and games for the staff. Those things are

very important and are a big morale boost for the staff, but they don't allow us to educate the public about our role in healthcare and how much our work contributes to their health and wellness.

I recall quite a few years ago early in my career, we arranged for tours of the laboratory for the public and for other employees in the hospital. They were advertised in the newspaper and with signs throughout the hospital, and we usually had very good attendance. Unfortunately, these public tours came to an end because of safety and HIPAA concerns. That activity was probably the one that did the most to educate the public about what we do in the laboratory. There were a lot of good questions from



the public attendees that we could answer. Another activity of course is a proclamation from the governor, but even that has limited publicity.

As we approach National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week this year, try to come up with some ideas that are external to the laboratory and focus on educating the public. I am putting out a call to send us your ideas. Let's get ideas for next year from one another. You can send me your ideas, pictures, a little story about the event, how it worked, and anything else that we could publish in this newsletter. Those of us who have been arranging activities for

NMLPW for many years could use some new ideas.

This is the third year that ASCLS will be holding a "Virtual 5K" for NMLPW. For those of you who are not runners, a 5K is 3.1 miles. The first two years, it was so popular that they ran out of registration materials. Registration is again going strong. This event is sponsored by the ASCLS Developing Professionals Forum and the Ascending Professionals Forum. Proceeds are used to support travel scholarships for the Annual Meeting. Not a runner? You can walk it. Get a few friends together from work and sign up. You can do it any time during Lab Week. Information can be found on our website,

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www.ascls-pa.org, under the “What’s New?” link. Materials are going fast. In your race packet, you will receive a number, T-shirt, and finisher medal. If you do the 5K, submit information about your run/walk along with pictures that we could publish in this newsletter.

And remember, this is just one week. We are the face of the laboratory 365 days a year, and other professionals in the hospital get their opinions about our profession from our daily interactions with them. Be as patient

as you can in educating them about laboratory issues when they call with questions. To us, their questions might sound stupid, but there is no stupid question if your focus is not Clinical Laboratory Science. Let’s show off our knowledge and skill to promote our profession within our own institutions.



Philadelphia Science Festival and ASCLS-PA!

Jean Buchenhorst

ASCLS-PA Promotion of the Profession Chair

ASCLS-PA will participate in two Philadelphia Science Festival events this year! ASCLS-PA will participate in Science after School on Monday, April 29 at the Philadelphia City Institute from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The Philadelphia Science Festival Administrators are offering non-profit organizations an In-Kind Activity program in lieu of paying a registration for the Philadelphia Science Festival Carnival. This is a great opportunity for our organization to get the word out about Medical Laboratory Science. If you would like to volunteer, the Philadelphia City Institute is across from Rittenhouse Square in Center City Philadelphia. The address is 1905 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-5730 (19th & Locust on W. Rittenhouse Square).

The 2019 Philadelphia Science Festival Carnival as described by their website, www.fi.edu/psf/science-carnival, is an event that “culminates in a super-charged, super-fun celebration of science! This FREE event is unlike any other—with dynamic demonstrations, engaging experiments, geeky games, and electrifying entertainment for the entire family. Returning to the newly-renovated Benjamin Franklin Parkway, this finale event promises to be the ultimate daylong science extravaganza!” The Science Festival Carnival is Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, surrounding 222 North 20th Street (The Franklin Institute). ASCLS-PA is looking for volunteers to staff our booth; the day will be divided into three two-hour time slots (from 10:00 am–12:00 pm, 12:00–2:00 pm and 2:00–4:00 pm). Booth activities include pipetting colored water, streaking agar plates, reagent strip testing (using apple juice) and creating

a cell from Play Doh. If you have any suggestions for activities or would like to volunteer, please contact Jean Buchenhorst at Jean.Buchenhorst@pennmedicine.upenn.edu. Science after School and the Phila Science Festival Carnival events are held rain or shine—let’s hope for good weather! I’ve participated in the booth for the past three years and it’s always been a lot of fun, with plenty of visitors stopping by to learn “What is a Medical Laboratory Scientist?”.

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 Bylaws Updates

Mary M. Gourley
ASCLS-PA Bylaws Chair

At the ASCLS House of Delegates held in August 2018, the membership adopted Bylaws changes to the membership categories of ASCLS. As a result, each state must amend their respective bylaws to reflect these changes. The ASCLS-PA Board of Directors has approved amendments to Article V – Membership, Article VIII – Annual Business Meeting, Article IX – Officers, Article X – Board of Directors, and Article XI – Representation to the House of Delegates of ASCLS. These changes have been approved by the Bylaws Committee of ASCLS and were printed in the previous issue of the newsletter. The

amendments will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on May 5, 2019.

The membership classes are **Professional** (P1 and P2 have been combined), **Community** (formerly Collaborative), **Emeritus**, **Developing Professional** (formerly Student), **Ascending Professional** (formerly FYP), and **Honorary**.

Please refer to the last issue of the newsletter for more information on the changes.



ASCLS-PA 2019 Annual Meeting

Nassouh Mourabet
ASCLS-PA 2019 Annual Meeting General Chair

ASCLS-PA would like to welcome you to the 84th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania affiliate of American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and the Pennsylvania State Society of American Medical Technologists. We are excited to once again hold our meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg. This meeting is packed with 20 hours of PACE approved continuing education credits planned over the one-day meeting. The program is designed to meet the needs of laboratorians seeking to participate in the BOC Certification Maintenance Program. Vendor exhibits will also be part of the meeting. Plan to spend some time at the vendor tables and learn about the products and services they have to offer. Several dedicated exhibit times are back again this year.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet with passionate professionals and industry leaders. 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. This year's program is filled with sessions from leaders in the field of Medical Laboratory Science. Catherine Otto, Nadine Fydryszewski, and Mary Ann McLane will present on a range of topics, including new hematology parameters, the Doctorate in Clinical Laboratory Science, and urine oddities.

The complete program can now be found on our site ascls-pa.org along with the registration form.

We are also incredibly excited to offer online registration for the first time! A link to online registration can be found on our website.

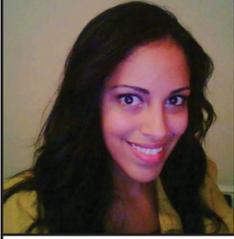
We hope to see you there!

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

ARUP Laboratories
BioFire Diagnostics
Drucker Diagnostics
Hologic
Medline Industries
Sebia USA

Beckman Coulter
Cepheid
Geisinger
Instrumentation Laboratory
Ortho Clinical Diagnostics
Singulex, Inc.

Becton Dickinson
Diagnostica Stago
GenMark Diagnostics
Luminex Corporation
Penn State Health
BioMérieux



A Crowd of Laboratory Scientists Walk into a Bowling Alley

Gabriela Peterson

ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley President-Elect

Saturday, February 2, 2019, brought about another successful bowling event hosted by the ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Chapter at PEP Bowl in South Philadelphia. The chapter, led by this year's president, Khadidja Derrouche, once again organized a Winter Bowling Social to engage local members and connect with potential members in a casual, social setting.

The ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Chapter's main pursuits include increasing awareness of the medical laboratory science profession, providing continuing education opportunities for laboratory scientists, enabling scholarship opportunities for professional members, developing educational material geared toward public health and disease prevention and encouraging dialog and camaraderie among the medical laboratory community. Chapter members routinely petition at the local and national levels on behalf of medical laboratory professionals for increased funding, education, workforce and legislative provision for the medical laboratory profession. The dedicated board members organize a number of continuing education lectures throughout the year pertinent to the ever-developing laboratory landscape. Additionally, members connect with laboratory professionals across the country through national annual meetings, conferences and legislative symposiums sponsored by ASCLS national. This year the Delaware Valley chapter endeavored to bring local chapter members, medical laboratory professionals and their family and friends together



to foster a renewed sense of community through a Winter Bowling Social.

For the third year in a row the chapter partnered with PEP Bowl, a nonprofit organization established by Programs Employing People that aims to build community and bring education, career training and job placement to people with disabilities. The small South Philly BYOB bowling alley has been a perfect location for the chapter's past Winter Socials. This year, a crowd of enthused laboratorians, their friends and family arrived at the six-lane facility with snacks and drinks in hand ready

to showcase varying levels of bowling prowess. The two-hour event proved a fun-filled afternoon for the attendees, allowing chapter members to reconnect and providing an environment for MLS students from local medical laboratory schools to learn about membership opportunities within ASCLS.

With consistent patronage from the medical laboratory community, the Winter Bowling Social is likely to remain a mainstay of the ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Chapter's yearly events. Board members hope to build on the success of each event to garner interest in the medical laboratory profession, foster fellowship among laboratory professionals, promote the benefits of chapter membership, endorse partnership with local charitable organizations and establish a fundraising platform for chapter operations and future events.



Motions from Latest Board Meeting

Travis Bicher
ASCLS-PA Secretary

Board Meeting Motions

**Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
January 29, 2019**

MOTION 1: Moved by Snyderman, seconded by Cannon, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION 2: Moved by Snyderman, seconded by Meyer, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Secretary’s Report of the October 20th, 2018, Board as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION 3: Moved by Cannon, seconded by Peterson, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors refer the bylaws amendments approved by the ASCLS Bylaws Committee to the ASCLS-PA membership for action at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION 4: Moved by Snyderman, seconded by Derrouche, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors reinvest the dividends from the Wells Fargo Lord Abbott Investment Trust Class C back into the same fund rather than the Money Market account as was being done. Motion carried.

MOTION 5: Moved by Bicher, seconded by Buchenhorst, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the Treasurer’s Report of the Operating Fund for the period 9/1/18 – 12/31/18 as amended and file for audit. Motion carried.

MOTION 5: Moved by Cannon, seconded by Bicher, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the Treasurer’s Report of the Scholarship & Award Funds for the period 9/1/18 – 12/31/18 as amended and file for audit. Motion carried.

MOTION 6: Moved by Snyderman, seconded by Derrouche, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve moving the website domain from Go Daddy to Weebly and upgrading the hosting package from their Pro plan to the Business plan. Motion carried.

MOTION 7: Moved by Cannon, seconded by Snyderman, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Travis Bicher, ASCLS-PA Secretary.

ASCLS-PA Welcomes New Members

ASCLS-PA would like to welcome all of the new members who have joined ASCLS this winter. If you work with one of these new members, please welcome them to the society and encourage them to become active. Start your activity by attending the annual business meeting May 5th, prior to the CE event.

Brianna Mccaffrey	Tallahassee
Felicia Grego	Mcadoo
Catherine Elizabeth Jevit	Horsham
Francine Taku Meutcheho	Pottstown
Daniel Dampthey	Kumasi
Katerine Tsakiris	Southampton
Jonathan David Wellford	Wernersville

Kathleen Hoyne	Cresson
Patrice Nzangue	Montclair
Lynn A. Hatrick	Frederick
Anh Thi Vo	Alexandria
Rubaiya Anika	Flushing
Karlene Brintzenhoff	Kutztown
Heather Herrington	Pittsburgh



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MLS/MLT Student Review Session

Date: June 1st, 2019

Location: University of the Sciences
Pharmacology/Toxicology Center (Room 140)

Agenda:

Review of Chemistry and Urinalysis, Hematology and Coagulation, Immunology, Microbiology, Blood Banking, and Test Taking Tips

Registration: 8:00–8:30 AM

Review: 8:30 AM–5:00 PM

Fees:

Student ASCLS Member **\$30**

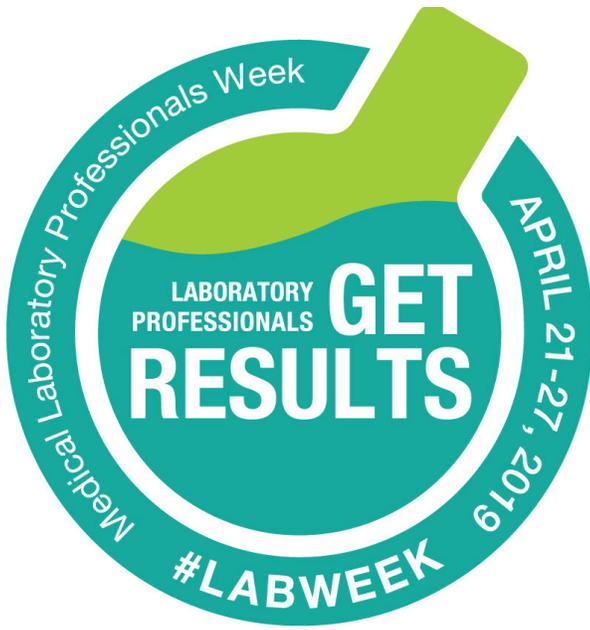
Student ASCLS Non-member **\$40**

Non-student ASCLS Member **\$50**

Non-student ASCLS Non-Member **\$60**

Registration fee includes lunch and review handout

For a **registration form** and any questions, please email Jonathan Meyer at jonme44@gmail.com or visit www.ascls-pa.org



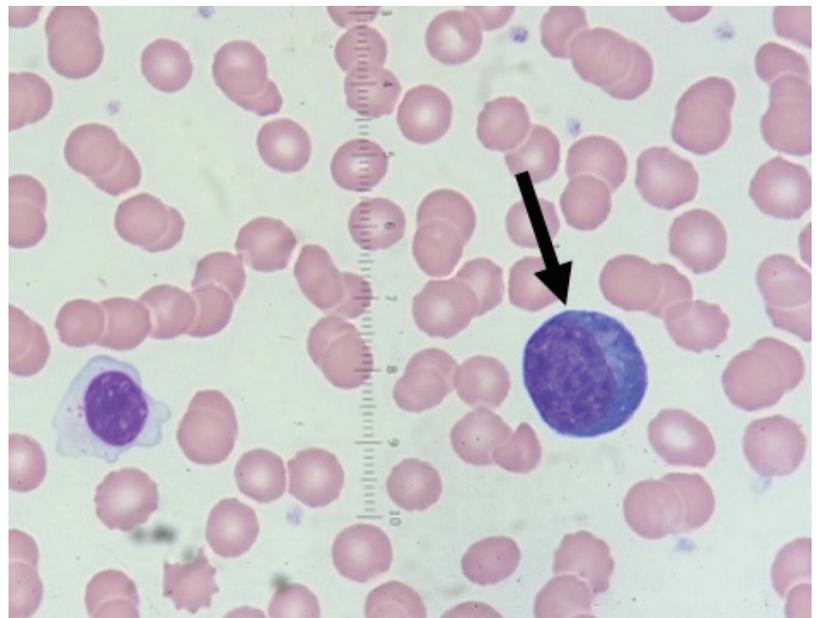
Happy Medical Laboratory Professionals Week!

April 21–27, 2019

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, April 21- 27, 2019, is an annual celebration of medical laboratory professionals and pathologists who play a vital role in health care and patient advocacy!

Name that Finding!

Try to identify the cell 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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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)

MLS/MLT Review Session

June 1, 2019 (University of the Sciences)

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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