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Message from the President: ASCLS Family

Barbara Snyderman
ASCLS-PA President

We are all in the throes of winter—gone are the holidays, celebrations and visits with family. I hope you all enjoyed the season and have embraced the new year with optimism.

One of my messages published in ASCLS Today while I was President focused on resolutions. For many of you, they were made and you are keeping with your goals. Others have made them and they were forgotten shortly after the stroke of midnight on January 1. If like me, you have just vowed to do your best at everything again this year, hoping to be a better person than last year.

You may hear members talk about "ASCLS family" as one of the greatest benefits of joining and participating in the society. True, we all have our biological families and people we consider family, but our "professional" families are also important to us. ASCLS membership gives you the opportunity to create that professional family whose members truly understand when you talk about blood, sputum or other body fluids over lunch.

One of the greatest members and parts of our ASCLS-PA family is ASCLS Past President Patsy Bering. Recently, Patsy celebrated her 90th birthday. She is a very active young 90 and just purchased a brand new car! She has, however, outlived her biological family and was an only child. Her ASCLS-PA family came together and threw her a birthday lunch, complete with balloons, cake and cards.

I had reached out to members of our society asking for cards to be sent to Patsy and many of you in Pennsylvania and across the nation sent them. Patsy was surprised and honored that many of the cards came from our younger members, who have never met her. That is the true meaning of ASCLS family.

It is not only times of joy like the one above that the ASCLS family comes together. There are other times of happiness, like when one of our members gives birth or graduates, that we reach out to those as if they were part of our birth families. Of course when we lose one of our own family members our ASCLS members reach out to comfort us.

Looking for a new job? Many of us have provided references to our fellow members and they have been successful in obtaining a position due to the connections and professional connections we have with each other. I have provided several references over the years, and I just heard from the last member I gave a reference that she got a promotion.

Families also give advice, whether requested or unsolicited! ASCLS members are ready, willing and able to assist—just like your biological families, to advise on career or educational moves.

Moving in a different direction? Out of state? Across the country? Our ASCLS family members are available to help with a job search or to be friends in an unfamiliar area. I had that experience each time I relocated for work: ASCLS members were instant family for me in my new homes.

We can also assist financially. Before you all jump out of your skins, let me explain. ASCLS leadership and many other members are aware of the tremendous scholarships available through ASCLS. Our local society also has undergraduate and graduate scholarship money available. The ASCLS-PA Continuing Education Assistanceship is available to any member wishing to attend a local or national seminar. Please see our website if interested.

So, as you have read, ASCLS "family" is a very valuable benefit of membership.



Awards

Mary M. Gourley
ASCLS-PA Awards Chair

Nominations are now being accepted for the following awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting in 2018.

Dolbey Award – Member of the Year

Estolle Grosse Award

Corporate Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

Each nomination must be accompanied by a short essay by the nominator explaining the reason as to why the nominee is deserving of the award. There is a separate nomination form for the Dolbey Award which must be submitted along with the essay.

The president and the Board of Directors are responsible for nominations for the Key to the Future Award.

The president is responsible for submitting names for the Omicron Sigma Award to both ASCLS and to the state Awards Chair by the deadlines.

Deadline for receipt of nomination forms is **FEBRUARY 1, 2018**. Please submit completed nomination form electronically to Mary Gourley at m.gourley@verizon.net by the deadline. Incomplete forms will not be considered.

Nomination forms may be found on the website; please refer to the ASCLS-PA Handbook. Or you may contact President Barbara Snyderman, Scott Aikey, or Mary Gourley for nomination forms. All nominations are welcome and anyone can nominate.

Let's have a banner year for awards 2018.



Use Your Voice!

Stephanie Noblit
Region II Government Affairs Committee Representative

Looking for a way to represent our profession outside of the lab? Want to learn and experience something new in the process? Then attend the ASCLS Legislative Symposium!

The Legislative Symposium is a two-day event held in Washington, DC and its purpose is to get medical laboratory science professionals on Capitol Hill to lobby for our profession. The first day is spent in a daylong workshop where you are taught what the issues are and how to lobby. On the second day, you get to head to Capitol Hill to put those lobbying skills to the test during appointments with your senators and representatives.

Because the Legislative Symposium is so important, ASCLS-PA has decided to pay the early bird registration fee to attend the symposium for the first 6 people agreeing to attend. You must have an active ASCLS membership to qualify for funding. This year the Legisla-

tive Symposium is March 19-20, 2018. Registration for the event opens in January. Accommodations are available at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town in beautiful Alexandria, VA. The hotel is within walking distance of many wonderful restaurants and shops, and is only a few Metro stops away from the heart of DC. Discounted room rates are available for meeting attendees. Please consider attending and help us educate our Pennsylvania Congressmen. If you are interested please send an email to snoblitmls@gmail.com by February 1, 2018. This is a great opportunity, so don't miss out!

We have a responsibility to educate congress about our profession. The decisions they make on the Hill impact us every day in the lab and these decisions affect our patients as well. Come join us on the Hill this year and help make a difference!

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ASCLS-PA 2018 Annual Meeting

Nassouh Mourabet

ASCLS-PA 2018 Annual Meeting General Co-Chair

Looking for a way to meet other professionals, attend CE sessions, and have fun all at the same time? Then come to the 83rd Annual Meeting of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Society of American Medical Technologists. **The meeting will be held May 6-7, 2018 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg, PA.**

There will be 20 sessions offered across the one day meeting, as well as dedicated exhibit time with our industry partners. And don't forget the breakfast, lunch and snacks along the way to keep you fueled throughout the day!

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. Come and network with your colleagues and industry partners.

This 2018 program has 20 hours of PACE approved continuing education credits planned. Four meeting rooms will be used throughout the day. There will be a variety of Microbiology, Chemistry, Hematology and Blood Banking sessions offered to fulfill your Board of Certification recertification requirements.

Vendor exhibits will also be part of the meeting. Just like last year, we have scheduled dedicated exhibit time for you to be able to interact with the vendors. Dedicated times are: 7:30-8:30 am, 10:45-11:15 am and 2:15-2:45 pm. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Travis Bicher at travis.bicher@uphs.upenn.edu

The program will be finalized and mailed by the middle of March and can also be found on the ASCLS-PA website. This printed program will include all the session descriptions as well as the registration form. ASCLS-PA and PASSAMT are pleased to offer special registration rates to members. Daily rates are as follows: Regular member rate - \$95; Non-member rate - \$140; Student member rate - \$45; and Student non-member \$75. **Continental Breakfast and Buffet Lunch are included in your daily registration.** Registration begins at 7:30 am both days. Registration for the meeting can be paid by check or credit card.

For updated information about the annual meeting, please check our web site, www.ascls-pa.org. If you would like to serve as a moderator at the meeting, please contact Nassouh Mourabet at nassouhmourabet@gmail.com.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting where you can enjoy outstanding continuing education and take advantage of networking opportunities with colleagues in Pennsylvania and neighboring states.

ASCLS-PA members and those interested in joining are invited to the **Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018** at 4:00 PM at the hotel. We have a lot of opportunities for you to become involved in your profession. Our society is committed to helping you make the connections you need and to participate in legislative and continuing education opportunities. Come and engage in our future, make a difference!

2018 Annual Meeting Planning Committee

General Co-Chairs:

Scott Aikey and Nassouh Mourabet

Program Co-Chairs:

Mary Beth Miele, Jean Buchenhorst, and Joshua Cannon

Registration Co-Chairs:

Sharon Strauss and Khadidja Derrouche

Exhibit Co-Chairs:

Barbara Snyderman, Bill Hunt, and Travis Bicher



Motions from Latest Board Meeting

Travis Bicher
ASCLS-PA Secretary

MOTION 1: Moved by Strauss, seconded by Bicher, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Board Meeting agenda dated October 7th, 2017, as amended. Motion carried.

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

MOTION 3: Moved by Bicher, seconded by Strauss, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the Treasurer's Report of the Operating Fund for the financial period 9/1/16 -8/31/17 dated October 7th, 2017, as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

MOTION 4: Moved by Strauss, seconded by Cannon, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the Treasurer's Report of the Scholarship Funds for the financial period

9/1/16 -8/31/17 dated October 7th, 2017, as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

MOTION 5: Moved by Strauss, seconded by Derrouche, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors move the \$569.18 left in the general use funds into the Legislative Day Fund. Motion carried.

MOTION 6: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Cannon, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors allocate \$1,500 toward the Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship and \$2,000 toward the Dolbey Graduate Scholarship for the 2017-2018 year. Motion carried.

MOTION 7: Moved by Bicher, seconded by Buchenhorst, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors cover the cost of early bird registration for up to 6 members to attend the Legislative Symposium. Motion carried.

MOTION 8: Moved by Bicher, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



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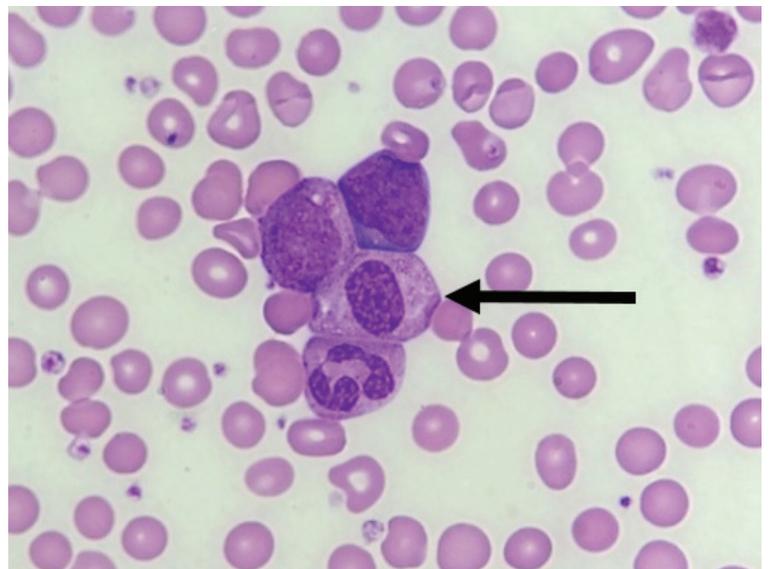
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ASCLS-PA Welcomes New Members

Marianne Downes

ASCLS-PA Membership Committee Chair

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

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| Emily Fitzgerald | Basking Ridge | NJ |
| Jahmarley Samuels | Philadelphia | PA |
| JaQuesha Harris | Vicksburg | MS |
| Nabila Menadli | Philadelphia | PA |
| Madison Brooks | Toledo | OH |

Need a Scholarship?

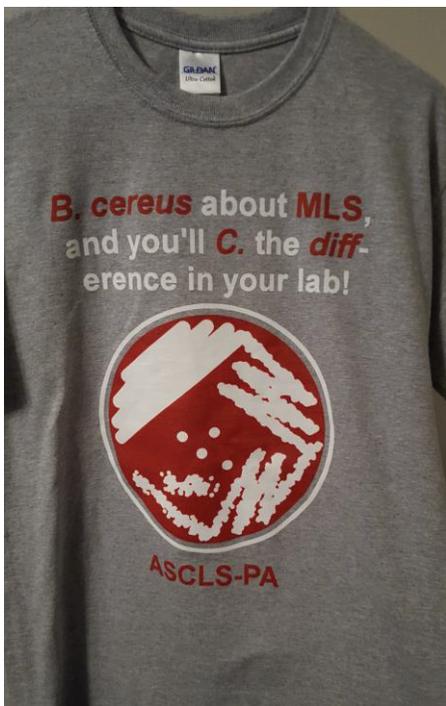
Did you know that ASCLS-PA offers a graduate and an undergraduate Scholarship every year, but most years no one applies for them?

- Edward P. Dolbey Graduate Scholarship
- ASCLS-PA Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

The deadline for both scholarships is February 28, 2018.

Check out the ASCLS-PA website for more details and for the application

<http://www.ascls-pa.org/scholarships.html>



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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
barbarasnyderman@gmail.com

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