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Message from the President

Jean Buchenhorst
ASCLS-PA President

There is an enthusiasm brought by new ideas, meeting new people and catching up with friends. I have just returned from the Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference (CLEC) in Boston with a few new ideas and good feelings from the networking opportunities. I was able to attend a few really good sessions dealing with program reaccreditation, enhancing lab communication and technology and learning. Being able to talk with other program directors and compare program structure, curriculum and other ideas is so helpful. The weather was so nice for Boston in February. With temperatures in the 60s, it was hard not to take a break and walk down to the Charles River, public gardens and the Cheers bar!

The ASCLS-PA Spring Meeting program is here! The meeting will be Monday, May 8 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting. As program chair, I would like to encourage members to attend—I think we have a stellar program! The Spring Meeting Program Committee worked well together to get speakers for four breakout sessions during the day. Gabriela Peterson arranged the blood bank speakers, Joshua Cannon the hematology speakers, Marianne Downes the chemistry speakers, and Katie Franz and Sharon Strauss the microbiology program. Regina Halbiger, Travis Bicher, Ed Beitz, Marybeth Miele and myself helped arrange speakers to fill in the program. The speakers are from many of the local hospitals—The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Thomas Jefferson University, WellSpan, Penn State

Hershey, the Philadelphia Bureau of Laboratory Services and Reading Hospital. Thank you to all our speakers for taking time to put together talks for the meeting! Scott Aikey took care of the hotel arrangements and the text of the program. Michelle Nguyen has been busy contacting vendors. There will be more vendors than last year (at least double the number) with two dedicated times to visit the vendor booths. The one day meeting is a great opportunity to earn continuing education credits and employers may have professional development funds to cover the registration costs.

ASCLS Legislative Days are March 20 and 21. I believe Pennsylvania will again have at least three members going to Washington, DC this year. PA is lucky to have Stephanie Noblit to organize our appointments with senator and congressional staffers. Sam Pasco, one of the current students at Pennsylvania Hospital, won a travel grant to Leg Days and will also represent PA. Congratulations Sam! Talking to congressional staffers in the Capitol is a great experience; it brings home how citizens can be involved in their democracy. I would encourage all members to attend Leg Days at some point.

Medical Laboratory Professionals week will be April 24-28th this year. I hope your lab is starting a plan for a festive week—the ASCLS website <http://www.ascls.org/participate/lab-week/mlpw> is a good place to go to get ideas for community and laboratory involvement. As far as community involvement, the ASCLS-PA will have a booth at the Philadelphia Science Fair on Saturday, April

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Make Plans to attend the ASCLS-PA Spring Meeting – Your Best Value for CE!

Scott Aikey
ASCLS-PA Annual Meeting Chair

Want to find out how to take your job seriously and make the workplace fun? Then come to the 82nd 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 7-8, 2017 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting, 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 2017 program has 20 hours of PACE approved continuing education credits planned. Four meeting rooms will be used. 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. New this year, we have scheduled dedicated exhibit time for you to be able to interact with the vendors. Dedicated times are: 7:30-8:30am, 10:45-11:15am, and 12:15-1:15pm and 2:15-2:45pm. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Michelle Nguyen at mnguyen2@gmail.com.

The program can be found on the ASCLS-PA website. This printed program includes 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. 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 Jean Buchenhorst at Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu.

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 on to the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:00 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!

2017 Annual Meeting Planning Committee

- General Chair: Scott Aikey
- Program Chair: Jean Buchenhorst
- Program Committee: Joshua Cannon, Marianne Downes, Katie Franz, Gabriela Peterson, Sharon Strauss
- Vendor Chair: Michelle Nguyen
- Registration Chair: Sharon Strauss
- PACE Coordinator: Katie Franz

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29th. It's a popular event with many attendees over the six hour festival time. Please contact me if you would be interested in volunteering. There are many ways to find out about what is happening within the ASCLS: websites for state and national, Facebook, member communities and you can contact me directly via email: Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu Happy Medical Laboratory Professionals week!

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE-PA

Hosting the 2017 MLS/MLT Review Session on the following topics:

Chemistry & Urinalysis, Hematology & Coagulation, Immunology,
Microbiology, Immunohematology and Test Taking Tips.

Preparing MLS/MLT students and professionals
for their ASCP certification.

Date:

Saturday June 3rd, 2017

Time:

8:30 AM- 5:00 PM

Check-In 8:00- 8:30AM*

Venue:

University of the Sciences (Philadelphia, PA)
Pharmacology/Toxicology Center (PTC), Room 140

Rates:

Student ASCLS member: **\$30**

Student ASCLS non-member: **\$40**

Non-student ASCLS member: **\$55**

Non-student ASCLS non-member: **\$65**

Late Fee (after 5/21/2017): **\$10**

Registration rate includes lunch and handouts*

For a **registration form** and more information please email
Khadija Derrouche at kxd084@jefferson.edu
or visit www.ascls-pa.org.



Winter Gathering “Bowls Over” Local Chapter Members Gabriela Peterson ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Board Member

The ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Chapter is a local branch of the ASCLS-PA state organization. Its primary function is to raise advocacy of quality laboratory testing in the medical laboratory science field through its members. The organization promotes quality in the field of laboratory science by providing continuing education and scholarship opportunities for professional members, supporting licensure requirements for laboratory professionals in Pennsylvania, dispensing educational materials for the promotion of public health and disease prevention and encouraging young learners to embrace career opportunities in laboratory sciences.

To further these endeavors, the Delaware Valley Chapter’s leadership board meets regularly and plans various educational and social events throughout the year. Educational conferences that provide relevant information on important MLS current events and technological advances are routinely made available to laboratory professionals. Along with providing an excellent source of CE credits, these interesting conferences are a wonderful way for laboratorians to remain educated on multiple disciplines in their field. In order to engage local members and establish a foundation for future fundraising opportunities, the local chapter led by President Andy Huynh recently coordinated a winter gathering.

On Saturday, January 14th 2017, the ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Chapter held a successful Winter Gathering to

promote the ideas and core values of this professional organization. The hope was to bring unity and renewed commitment among current chapter members and to promote interest for potential ASCLS membership. The event was held at PEP Bowl in South Philadelphia, a nonprofit bowling facility that seeks to employ and provide funds for services to individuals with disabilities. President Huynh and the event organizers thought it was important to partner with PEP Bowl and its excellent commitment to community members with disabilities.

The event attracted fourteen participants, a mix of local chapter members and interested supporters. Event goers had a great time taking up two lanes, chowing down on snacks and enjoying the benefits of this South Philly BYOB. The two-hour blocked off time went by faster than expected and attendees were left with a strong desire to attend next year’s gathering. The small, six-lane bowling alley was an excellent location for building camaraderie and establishing connection among local ASCLS members. The hope of the Delaware Valley Chapter is to build on the success of this year’s winter gathering and use that momentum to promote a larger event next year with a focus on fundraising. PEP Bowl’s philanthropic mission statement makes it an ideal partner for ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley events, and our desire is to continue to partner with this and other such organizations in the future to affect positive changes in both the field of clinical laboratory sciences and the local community.

SAVE THE DATE

ASCLS-PA Annual Continuing Education Meeting and Exhibits

ASCLS-PA Board of Directors Meeting: [Sunday, May 7, 2017](#)

Continuing Education Meeting and Exhibits: [Monday, May 8, 2017](#)

Location: Doubletree Hotel
640 Fountain Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

On Monday, May 8th there will be breakout rooms for sessions all day in Microbiology, Chemistry, Hematology, and Blood Banking as well as other miscellaneous sessions.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

Come attend the latest education sessions in Clinical Laboratory Science and interact with the area’s vendors who will be exhibiting their latest equipment.

For more information, check the ASCLS-PA website at www.ascls-pa.org or contact Scott Aikey at aikey@email.chop.edu



Motions from Latest Board Meeting

Travis Bicher
ASCLS-PA Secretary

MOTION 1: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Cannon, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Board Meeting minutes dated 10/8/16 as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION 2: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Bicher, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors refer the proposed Bylaws amendments to Article X, which change the name of the “First Year Professional Director” to the “New Professional and New Member Director”, to the 2017 Annual Business Meeting for action. Motion carried.

MOTION 3: Moved by Aikey, seconded by Derrouche, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors give final approval to the proposed SOPs amendments to Article X.C.3, which remove the word “elected” from the phrase

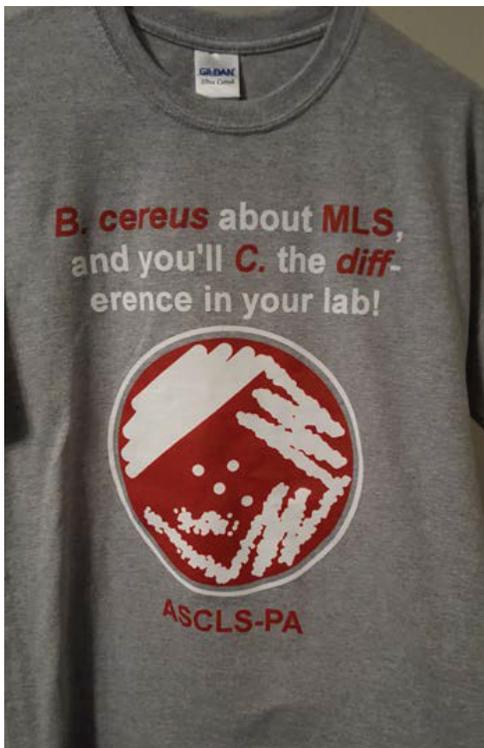
“elected members of the Board of Directors” and add at the end of the section “In the event of a vacancy in the position of Student Director, the president shall appoint a student member to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the position of New Professional and New Member Director, the president shall appoint a new professional or new member to fill the unexpired term.” Motion carried.

MOTION 4: Moved by Bicher, seconded by Cannon, that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

ASCLS National Meeting

in San Diego, CA

July 30, – August 3, 2017



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Contact Travis.Bicher@uphs.upenn.edu for details.

A Call for Nominations for ASCLS-PA Elected Positions

At the ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting, to be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017, delegates will vote on several positions which are up for election.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following positions to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting:

President-Elect (3-year commitment)

Board Member (3-year commitment)

If you are interested in running for one of the above positions or would like more information, please contact Jean Buchenhorst at Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu

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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/ASCLSPennsylvania>
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ASCLS-PA Welcomes New Members

ASCLS-PA would like to welcome all the new members who have joined our organization between December 1, 2016 and February 28, 2017. 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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| Naif Almojarthi | Glen Cove | NY |
| Carol Bond | Lancaster | PA |
| DonaRae Boucek | Lewes | DE |
| Catherine Chalanczuk | Pensacola | FL |
| Gleta Cremers | Phoenixville | PA |
| Amy Erickson | North East | PA |
| Laraya Johnson | Watsontown | PA |
| Emily Kamieniecki | Lafayette Hill | PA |
| Heather Keller | Erie | CO |
| Jeanna Kramer | Bristol | CT |
| Karen Montoya Contreras | Reading | PA |
| Nassouh Mourabet | Richboro | PA |
| Charmaine VikkiePeralta | Morgantown | WV |
| Rekha Saxena | Edison | NJ |
| Melissa Shaffer | Johnstown | PA |
| Kathleen Sullivan | Erie | PA |
| Diane Valentin | Ridley Park | PA |
| Arabella Wan | Hummelstown | PA |
| Christine Wheary | Lock Haven | PA |

A Call for Volunteers for the Philadelphia Science Festival

ASCLS-PA will host a table at the Philadelphia Science Festival on Sunday, April 29. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jean Buchenhorst at Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu.



Updated ASCLS-PA Bylaws

Mary M. Gourley

ASCLS-PA Bylaws Chair

To be in compliance with the ASCLS Bylaws, the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors have approved proposed amendments to the ASCLS-PA Bylaws and refer them to the membership for action. The proposed amendments follow; the deleted wording is struck through and the new wording is underlined in red. ASCLS-PA members are encouraged to attend the Annual Business Meeting in May to vote on these amendments.

ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

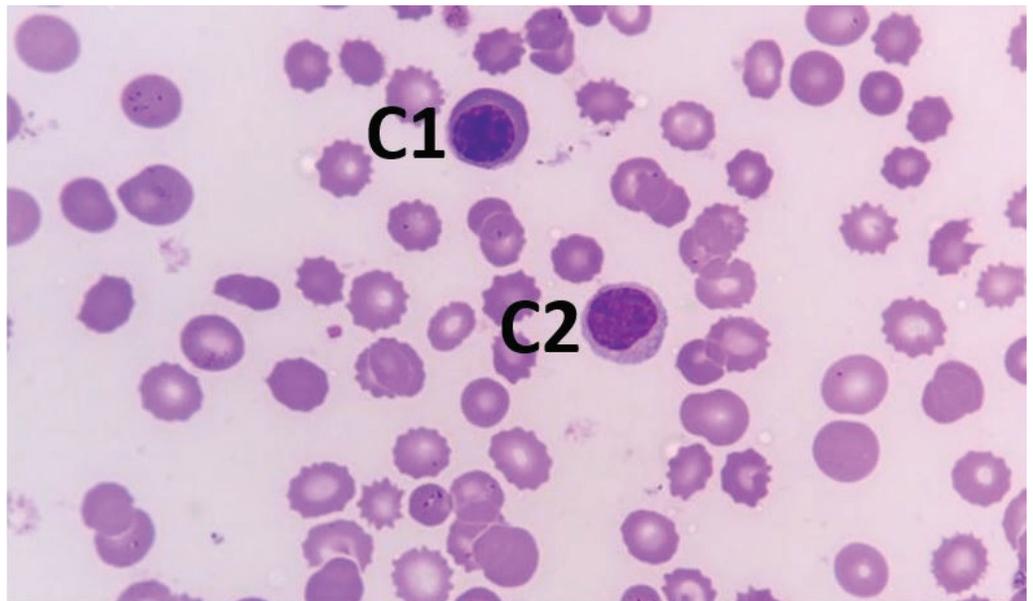
Section C.1 The number of voting directors shall be ten (10) – the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and three (3) Directors-at-Large elected at the Annual Business Meeting in a manner prescribed by the Board of Directors of this Society. There shall be one (1) voting Student Director and one (1) voting ~~First Year Professional~~ New Professional and New Member Director, each appointed by the President of this Society.

Section C.2 Each Director shall serve a term of three (3) years or until a successor is elected with the exception of the Student and ~~First Year Professional~~ New Professional and New Member Directors, who shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The Student Director, if eligible, shall move into the position of ~~First Year Professional~~ New Professional and New Member.

Section C.3 A board member may be eligible for re-election, except the Student and ~~First Year Professional~~ New Professional and New Member Directors, but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The appropriate number of directors shall be elected by majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section C.4 A vacancy occurring among the ~~elected~~ members of the Board of Directors ~~or in the position of immediate past president~~ shall be filled in a manner defined in the Standard Operating Procedures of this Society.

**Name
that
Cell!**



Try to identify C1 and C2. The answers will be posted to the ASCLS-PA Facebook page approximately one week after the newsletters have been mailed.



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Coming Events

ASCLS-PA Annual Continuing Education Meeting and Exhibits
May 8, 2017 (Plymouth Meeting, PA)

ASCLS National Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo
July 30–August 3, 2017 (San Diego, CA)

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

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