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## Message from the President

**Jean Buchenhorst**  
ASCLS-PA President

Greetings fellow ASCLS-PA members!

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' Meeting (CLEC) in Minneapolis with a few new ideas and good feelings from the networking opportunities. I was able to attend a few really great sessions dealing with program reaccreditation, cognitive theory, curriculum decisions and ASCLS leadership and involvement. Being able to talk with other program directors and compare program structure, curriculum and other ideas is so helpful. This year I was really trying to encourage ASCLS-PA activities and involvement. At the session titled "Hot Topics: ASCLS Professionalism" Dr. Spannaus-Martin presented the ASCLS-MN (Minnesota) "recreation" of the Legislative Symposium. The state chapter condenses the information from Leg Days so that practitioners and students can learn about the issues and contact their legislator's home offices to express their concerns. The ASCLS-MN Legislative Symposium is April 12 and it is recorded using WebEx. People can then attend remotely or view the recorded session; the link is on the ASCLS-MN website. Another interesting session was titled "Invasion of the Brain Snatchers" and had an interesting exercise to show how mental multitasking is a myth. The meeting was so intense, I hardly left the hotel except to walk the Skywalk (a series of connectors at the second floor level designed so people can move around downtown without going out in the cold), travel to the River Trail park along the Mississippi and after the meeting take a short visit to the Walker Museum.

ASCLS Legislative Days are March 14 and 15. Three members will be representing PA in Washington, DC this year, Stephanie Noblit, Travis Bicher and myself. We are lucky to have Stephanie to organize our appointments with Bob Casey and Pat Toomey's staffers. We'll also be visiting three representative offices. The issues we will be presenting are: the personnel shortage, access to quality laboratory services, recalculation of the fee schedule by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and value of lab services/professionals in containing health care costs. The first day of the meeting is preparing to go to the capitol and present these issues to the congressional staffers. On Tuesday we'll head to the Capitol Building and meet with the representatives or their staffers I thought it was a great experience last year, although a bit nerve wracking even with the training trying to present your case on the issues. The meeting is short and you want to try and get the most important points across to initiate action. I'm hoping with the first time experience last year I'll feel more comfortable presenting the issues this year.

In April there is the 2016 Annual Spring Meeting in Harrisburg, PA to look forward to attending. Becky Falsone and Mary Beth Miele have done a great job putting together the program! The state board meeting will be Monday night. You will see in the nominations article in this newsletter, there are four board positions open for next year, please contact me if you would be interested in filling one of these positions. Barbara Snyderman, the ASCLS President, will be the keynote speaker on Tuesday. Tuesday

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## It's not too late to attend the ASCLS-PA Spring Meeting in Harrisburg

**Scott Aikey**

ASCLS-PA Annual Meeting Chair

If you haven't yet made the commitment to attend the ASCLS-PA Annual Spring Meeting in Harrisburg on April 12-13, 2016, it's not too late but time is running out.

Go to [www.ascls-pa.org](http://www.ascls-pa.org) and print out the registration form and register today.

The meeting will be held April 12-13, 2016 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg, PA (formerly the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East.) There will be 26 sessions offered across the two days at this 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.

The 2016 program has 26 hours of PACE approved continuing education credits planned over the two day meeting. Three meeting rooms will be used each day. On Tuesday, day one, Chemistry, Blood Banking and General Sessions will be offered. On Wednesday, day two, Microbiology, Hematology/Coagulation and additional General Sessions will be presented. Each day will also start with a plenary session. On Tuesday, ASCLS President Barbara Snyderman will kick off the meeting with her talk, "A Look Back at Laboratories of the Past Century - WAY back!" On Wednesday, Elissa Passiment will present "The Public's Perception of Our Quality: Are We Succeeding?" You do not want to miss these two Plenary Sessions.

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, 10:45-11:45am, and 12:15-1:45pm each day.

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will feature chemistry, blood bank and hematology topics. Wednesday Elissa Passiment, the ASCLS Executive Vice President will be the keynote speaker. On Wednesday Microbiology, Coagulation, Hematology and Laboratory General topics will be offered. Both days will include exhibit time with vendors and on Tuesday evening an Awards banquet will be held.

Medical Laboratory Professionals week will be April 24-30th this year. I hope your lab is starting a plan for a festive week—the ASCLS website [www.ascls.org](http://www.ascls.org) is a good place to go to get ideas for community and laboratory involvement. As far as community involvement the ASCLS-PA is planning on renting a booth at Philadelphia Science Fair Saturday April 30th. The hope is to give more exposure to the field and what it entails with displays for kids to see and short activities. 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 and you can contact me directly via email: [Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu)

Happy Medical Laboratory Professionals week!

## A Call for Nominations for ASCLS-PA Elected Positions

At the ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting, to be held on Monday, April 11, 2016, delegates will be voting 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 •President-Elect •Treasurer •Board Member

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

## ASCLS-PA to participate in the Philadelphia Science Carnival

ASCLS-PA is taking part in the Philadelphia Science Carnival on April 30th, at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, PA! If you are interested in helping in the booth please email Stephanie Noblit at [snoblitmls@gmail.com](mailto:snoblitmls@gmail.com)

More information can be found at the Carnival's website: <http://www.philasciencefestival.org/carnival>



# Motions from the most Recent ASCLS-PA Board Meeting and House of Delegates

**William Hunt**

ASCLS-PA Secretary

*Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA*

*February 6, 2016*

**MOTION #1:** Moved by Aikey, seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed

**Motion #2:** Moved by Aikey, seconded by Strauss that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Secretary's report dated 10/17/15 as presented. Motion Passed.

**Motion #3:** Moved by Hunt, seconded by Strauss that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the ASCLS PA Treasurer's Report covering 9/1/15 – 1/31/16 and file for audit.

**Motion #4:** Moved by Cannon, seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors accept the ASCLS-PA Treasurer's Scholarship Report covering 9-1-15 to 1-31-16 and file for audit. Motion Passed

**Motion #5:** Moved by Aikey, seconded by Cannon that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the changes to the handbook as recommended by the task force and direct the webmaster to post on the website. Motion Passed

**Motion #6:** Moved by Hunt, seconded by Cannon that the ASCLS-PA BOD fund \$1000 from Professional and Public Relations for T-Shirts to sell at various events.

**Motion #8:** Moved by Strauss, seconded by Aikey that the ASCLS-PA BOD allocate \$300 from O&A to fund a booth at the Philadelphia Science Fair on April 30, 2016.

**Motion #8:** Moved by Strauss, seconded by Hunt for the Board of Directors to adjourn.



## Report of the Education Scientific Assembly

**Edwin Beitz, & Marie Wood**

Edwin (Ed) Beitz and Marie Wood are serving as co-chairs for the ASCLS-PA Education Scientific Assembly (ESA). Ed is the MLS program director and systems education coordinator for Wellspan Health, York, PA. Marie serves as program director and chair as well as faculty for the MLS program at the PA College of Health Sciences, Lancaster, PA.

The annual meeting for the ESA will be held on Friday, June 3, 2016 from 10 am to 1 pm in the library at Reading Area Community College. With our goal to revitalize interest and participation in the Education Scientific Assembly, technology will be explored to allow for remote attendance and/or recording the meeting. In addition to standard business, program reports and general discussion, three presentations will be provided with the opportunity for PACE credit. Ed and Marie will each

recap an educational topic from the Clinical Laboratory Educator's Conference held from February 25 -27, 2016 in Minneapolis, MN. Arthur Crist, PhD from Wellspan Health will present current molecular techniques used in laboratory science.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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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, 2015 and March 23, 2016. If you work with one of these new members, please welcome them to the Society and encourage them to become active!

Jenna	Krasley	Warrington	PA
Priya	Dhagat	Philadelphia	PA
Leslie	Wiest	Ephrata	PA
Nikki	Haney	Leola	PA
Dylan	Phillips	Montoursville	PA
Danielle	Drames	Sicklerville	NJ
Courtney	Farrell	Leesport	PA
Monika	Goss	Portage	PA
Gwen	Howell	Hershey	PA
Thomas	Hyde	Effort	PA
Shylah	Novak	Patton	PA
Ashley	O'Harah	Reynoldsville	PA
Deborah	Pallas-Riley	Altoona	PA
Vipul	Shah	Philadelphia	PA
Chelsey	Smith	Everett	PA
Naomi	Sturey	Cochranton	PA

## Coming Events

ASCLS-PA Spring Meeting and Expo / Board Meeting: April 11-13, 2016 (Harrisburg)

ASCLS-PA Student Review Session: June 4, 2016 (Philadelphia)

ASCLS National Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo: August 1-4, 2016 (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](mailto:Jean.Buchenhorst@uphs.upenn.edu)