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## Message from the President

**Jean Buchenhorst**  
ASCLS-PA President

Greetings fellow ASCLS-PA members!

The Philadelphia Science Fair was a great opportunity for community involvement! The ASCLS-PA for the first time rented a booth at Philadelphia Science Fair Saturday April 30th. Stephanie Noblit proposed the idea and did all the legwork to get the ASCLS-PA registered for the booth; thank you Stephanie! It was the fifth year for the Philadelphia Science Fair and the first time for the event at Penn's Landing. It turned out to be a lovely day at the end of a week of rainy weather so the event was well attended. It was an extremely busy day that allowed volunteers to give exposure to the clinical laboratory science field and what it entails. Five short activities were available—cell sculpture (thank you Travis!), UA reagent strips (thank you Marianne!), pipetting liquids (blue and yellow makes green), blood differential coloring sheets (the least

popular activity) and streaking plates. This couldn't have been done without volunteers to staff the booth—thank you Travis Bicher, Michelle Nguyen, Jessica O'Donnell, Claire Verrico, Andy Huynh, Edward Vo and Stephanie Noblit! There were just enough volunteers to make the event possible—if there were a few more volunteers that would have made the day more enjoyable. Please make a mental note of the Philadelphia Science Festival for next year! Please note the focus on the kids' faces in the pictures—great future scientists (thanks for the pictures Claire)!

There is an enthusiasm brought by new ideas, meeting new people and catching up with friends. I have just returned from the ASCLS-PA Educators' Scientific Assembly meeting in Reading with a few new ideas and

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## ASCLS-PA Hosts Another Successful Student Review Session

Joshua Cannon  
ASCLS-PA Student Representative

June is an exciting time of the year for medical laboratory science students. For many, it symbolizes accomplishment and a new beginning. It is a time filled with clinical rotations, graduation ceremonies and job applications. However, it can be an unnerving time as well, as most graduating students are choosing a date to sit for the ASCP Board of Certification examination. Many years ago, the ASCLS-PA set out to help calm and prepare these students by offering an annual MLS/MLT Review Session.

The 2016 MLS/MLT Review Session was held on June 4 at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Nearly 60 students, professionals and educators attended the session, which included a review of chemistry & urinalysis, hematology & coagulation, immunology, microbiology, immunohematology and test taking tips.

Mary Ann McLane, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM reminded us how important it is to grasp the pathophysiology of a disease or condition to be able to better learn and predict chemistry and urinalysis laboratory results. Raelene Maser, PhD, MT(ASCP) perfectly outlined big-picture concepts to

focus on while studying hematology and coagulation, and easy ways to remember particular facts. Melody Botterbusch, MT(ASCP) emphasized how critical it is to order the correct immunological laboratory test at the proper time for an accurate diagnosis. Valerie Jalicke, MS, MLS(ASCP)CM wisely used the power of case studies to review bacteriology, virology, parasitology and mycology. Jennifer Slodysko, MS, MLS(ASCP)CM did the seemingly impossible, by giving a general, but detailed, review of immunohematology in under an hour and a half. Last, but certainly not least, Ryan Stetz, MS, MLS(ASCP)CM gave a helpful presentation on ways to prepare for the exam and what to expect, and left the audience with heartfelt words of encouragement.

On behalf of the ASCLS-PA, I would like to thank all the presenters for lending their time and knowledge to the next generation of medical laboratory professionals. I would also like to thank the students and professionals who attended the review session. I wish you luck on your exams and success in your future careers!

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new connections from the networking opportunities. Ed Beitz and Marie Wood did a great job running the meeting, going over student enrollment at state programs and student employment as well as presenting highlights from the Clinical Laboratory Educator's Conference (CLEC) including the session titled "Invasion of the Brain Snatchers" and an exercise to show how mental multitasking is a myth. There was also a guest presenter, Dr. Arthur Crist, a MT by training then going on for a doctorate, who discussed the changes occurring in clinical microbiology laboratories (You've come a long way, baby).

It's now the time to renew your membership! There are many ways to get return investment for your ASCLS membership—including meetings/conferences, networking and activities like the Philadelphia Science Fair. There are opportunities for Leadership development—there are many committees that allow the ASCLS-PA to offer meetings and activities. Advocacy is another benefit of membership; the ASCLS-PA for the past few years has sponsored members to travel to Legislative Days in Washington, DC, to train to talk with staffers of our US Senators and Representatives about issues affecting the laboratories. Continuing education is another benefit; the ASCLS-PA Delaware Valley Chapter will host a CE event at Pennsylvania Hospital on June 15th, topic Transfusion Medicine: FDA New Rules and New

Guidance. Other CE events have been offered intermittently throughout the academic year by the Delaware Valley Chapter, and the ASCLS-PA Spring meeting is another great source of CE. The Annual Meeting of the ASCLS will be in Philadelphia this year; yet another event where multiple CE hours can be earned while networking. The early registration deadline is Wednesday, June 16. Publications, such as this newsletter and the Clinical Laboratory News and promotion of the profession by the ASCLS are benefits as well.

Again, now is the time to renew your membership! Thank you!



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## Another ASCLS-PA Annual Conference is in the Books!

Scott Aikey  
ASCLS-PA Annual Meeting Chair

If you missed it, you missed a lot!

ASCLS-PA held its annual continuing education meeting in May, 2016 at the Red Lion hotel in Harrisburg, PA. There were 26 sessions offered across the two days of the meeting as well as dedicated exhibit time with our industry partners.

Day one of the meeting had various Chemistry, Blood Banking and General Sessions; Day two had additional Microbiology, Hematology/Coagulation and General Sessions presented. Each day also started with a plenary session. On Tuesday, ASCLS President Barbara Snyderman kicked off the meeting with her talk, "A Look Back at Laboratories of the Past Century - WAY back!" On Wednesday, Elissa Passiment presented "The Public's Perception of Our Quality: Are We Succeeding?" You did not want to miss these two Plenary Sessions.

The Society is already making plans for the 2017 Annual Spring Meeting which will be held in the Philadelphia region and we hope that you all can make it!



Barbara Snyderman, ASCLS President presents a Plenary Session at the ASCLS-PA Annual Spring Meeting.



Jean Buchenhorst, ASCLS-PA President and Travis Bicher, newly elected ASCLS-PA Secretary host the Membership Table and T-shirts sales.



ASCLS-PA members Mary Gourley (left) and Sharon Strauss (right) staff the Registration table.

## UNESCO Crowns Philadelphia the US' First World Heritage City

Along with the Liberty Bell and an extraordinary signature sandwich, Philadelphians now have a third thing worth bragging about, after UNESCO officially granted their city World Heritage status 11/6/15. Philadelphia is now the first and only city in the United States to have been given that honor.

Cities vying for a spot on the World Heritage List have to meet at least one of ten rigorous selection criteria, which range

from the architectural ("to be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates a significant stage(s) in human history") to the abstract ("to represent a masterpiece of human creative genius"). Philly qualified for its history.

There are currently 250 World Heritage Cities, which boast a combined population of over 130 million. Italy and Spain lead with over 20 cities represented each, with France, Mexico and Germany following behind with 11.



# ASCLS Offers a New Membership Category– Institutional Membership

Mike Osborne  
ASCLS-PA Membership Chair

ASCLS is rolling out new membership packages created for employers within the scientific community (groups of 10+ members) and educational institutions.

This new membership category offers employers a great opportunity to provide valuable membership benefits to their staff at large. There are a variety of categories available for laboratories or educational programs of varying sizes.

Examples of membership benefits include free registration(s) to a national ASCLS meeting – either the Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo, the Legislative Symposium or the Clinical Laboratory Educators’ Conference (CLEC), a reduced Student and/or Professional 1 membership rate(s) and electronic access to the award winning Clinical Laboratory Science journal and the ASCLS Today newsletter. Additionally, access to many ASCLS continuing education offerings and programs will be offered for free and other courses will be available with deep discounts.

### Laboratory Managers Package Rates and Info

10-20 employees \$750\*\* (this rate does not qualify for a free registration)

21-30 employees \$1400\*\* (one free registration to an ASCLS national meeting - early bird rate)

31-40 employees \$2000\*\* (two free registrations to an ASCLS national meeting- early bird rate)

41-60 employees \$2800\*\* (three free registrations to an ASCLS national meeting- early bird rate)

61-80 employees \$3900\*\* (four free registrations to an

ASCLS national meeting- early bird rate)

81-100 employees \$4800\*\* (five free registrations to an ASCLS national meeting- early bird rate)

If you have 100 employees, please contact us at [ascls@ascls.org](mailto:ascls@ascls.org) to discuss your options.

### Educators Package Rates and Info

For Hospital Based Programs: Take advantage of this offer and extend the rates to your clinical instructors and your academic affiliates' liaison.

For University/College Based Programs: Thank your clinical affiliates with this access to free CE for the professionals who teach your students.

Rates: \$20 per student and \$78 per faculty/clinical preceptor; inclusive of state dues.

Free registrations awarded:

Programs with 5-20 students will receive 1 free registration to an ASCLS national meeting (early bird rate).

Programs with 21-40 students will receive 2 free registrations to an ASCLS national meeting (early bird rate).

Programs with 41 or more students will receive 3 free registrations to an ASCLS national meeting (early bird rate).

To get more information or to sign up, please follow the URL link below:

<http://www.ascls.org/component/content/article/2-uncategorised/218-membership-packages>

## ASCLS National Meeting in Philadelphia 2016 August 1 – August 4, 2016

**It's not too late, but time is running out!**

**Register today to the preeminent national laboratory conference which will be held in our own backyard in Philadelphia, PA!**

**The meeting will boast hundreds of hours of available continuing education as well as the largest clinical laboratory exposition in the world.**

**Go to [www.ascls.org](http://www.ascls.org) to register to attend the meeting today.**

# The Zika Virus – Just the Facts

Submitted by Maria T. Joel

Zika is a mosquito borne flavovirus closely related to the Yellow Fever virus, the Dengue virus, Chikungunya virus and the West Nile virus. It is transmitted by the Aedes species mosquito, specifically *Ae. africanus*, *Ae. luteocephalus* and *Ae. hensilli*. It was first discovered in the rhesus monkey, in 1947, in the Zika forest of Uganda. The first human cases were reported in 1952. Outbreaks have been reported in tropical Africa, Southeast Asia and the Pacific islands. The exact number of Zika cases that have occurred in the past is unknown. Since the symptoms mimic many other diseases, these cases have not been recognized nor reported.

In 2007, an outbreak was reported in Yap Island, Federated States of Micronesia.

In 2013 – 2014, an outbreak was reported in The French Polynesia.

In 2013, New Caledonia reported imported cases from French Polynesia and in 2014, Caledonia reported its first outbreak.

In March of 2015, the 1st serum specimens were obtained from 24 patients in Camacari and tested positive for Zika virus by reverse transcription PCR.

“By May, 2015, The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the 1st confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil.”

“On February 1st, 2016, The World Health Organization (WHO), declared Zika a Public health emergency of international concern.”

Since then, Zika has been reported in other countries and territories and continues to spread to other areas.

The Aedes species mosquito is an aggressive daytime biter, feeding both indoors and outdoors near dwellings. They breed in domestic containers where water can pool. The main reservoir of the virus are both non-human and human primates. Anthroponotic transmission (human to vector to human) commonly occurs during an outbreak.

At this time, animals other than primates, including pets in the United States and abroad, do not appear to be involved in the spread of the Zika virus. Thus far, there have been no reports of any animal contracting the virus or becoming sick with the virus. There is no evidence of transmission of the Zika virus from the animal to humans upon contact.

The Zika virus can be spread by man to his/her sexual partner through sexual contact, and can also be passed from the mother to her fetus during pregnancy or at delivery.

The symptoms of the Zika virus are very mild, and most



*Aedes aegypti*

people remain asymptomatic. Fatalities are rare and hospitalization is almost never required. The incubation period is not fully known. Symptoms may appear a few days to one week after being bitten by the mosquito. They may include fever, maculopapular rash, conjunctivitis, joint pain, muscle pain and a headache. The Zika virus remains in the bloodstream of an infected person for one week, or longer in some people. Once infected, the person develops an immunity against future infections. The infection in a woman who is not pregnant will not impact on future pregnancies once the virus has cleared her bloodstream. Because she has had the infection, she will no longer be susceptible to it if exposed.

Complications occur when pregnant women are infected. Their children may be born with one or more of the following conditions: microencephaly, absent or poorly developed brain structures, eye defects, hearing defects and impaired growth. These children should be evaluated for possible congenital and neurological abnormalities as well.

There is a controversy, brought about in a recent media report, as to whether or not the Zika virus is truly responsible for microencephaly in these children. They believe exposure, for decades, to a pesticide used to eradicate the disease carrying mosquitos in Brazil and other countries may be implicated. This pesticide was approved by the World Health Organization and has not been linked to microencephaly. In addition, Zika virus has been found in the brains of infected children with microencephaly. An increase in the incidence of Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS) with an increase in the number of Zika infections has been observed. GBS seems to be triggered by the Zika virus in

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a small proportion of infections. Guillain Barre' Syndrome is a condition of the nervous system in which the body's own immune system damages nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and in some cases, paralysis. The CDC is working with the scientific community in Brazil to determine the possibility of a link between Zika and GBS.

Diagnosis is made by reverse transcription PCR or serologic assays. Serum is tested for the virus, virus nucleic acid or virus specific immunoglobulin M and neutralizing antibodies. Serum and/or CSF can be submitted to the CDC for evaluation. Symptoms, travel, length of stay, etc., all play an important role in the diagnosis. The disease is reportable to the State, who, in turn, must report the cases to the CDC through Arbonet, the national surveillance system for arboviral disease.

Currently, there is no vaccine available to prevent and no medicine available to treat the

Zika virus infections. Treatment involves treating the symptoms.

- Get plenty of rest.
- Stay hydrated.
- Take acetaminophen (Tylenol) or paracetamol to reduce fever and pain.
- Avoid aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NAIDS) until Dengue fever is ruled out to reduce the risk of bleeding.
- If taking medication for another condition, consult your healthcare provider prior to self medicating. Ultimately, the goal is to avoid being bitten by the Aedes mosquito.
- Avoid traveling to areas where the Zika virus infection is active, especially if pregnant.
- Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants.
- Remain in areas with air conditioning and in areas that have screens on their windows and doors.
- Use an EPA registered insect repellent.
- Remove and avoid mosquito breeding sites.
- If your partner has traveled to an area where the Zika virus infection is active, use condoms the right way, every time until the threat of transmission has passed. The current recommendation is two months. Consult your healthcare provider to discuss your partner's travel history and precautions he/she may have taken.
- Follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the trip to reduce chances of sexual transmission on your return home.
- Prior to traveling, pay a visit to the "CDC Traveler's Health Site" for the most updated travel information.

The CDC/EOC was activated on 1-22-2016 and moved to a level 1 activation - the highest level, on 2-8-2016. The EOC (Emergency Operations Center) is the command center for monitoring and coordinating the response to Zika. They utilize the expertise of CDC scientists to do the following:

- Develop laboratory tests to diagnose the Zika virus.
- Conduct studies to determine the link between Zika and Guillain Barre Syndrome.
  - Monitor and report Zika cases to determine how and where it is spreading.
  - Provide guidance to travelers and to Americans living in areas with current outbreaks.
  - Provide ground support in areas with current outbreaks.
  - Collaborate with local, national and international partners to analyze, validate and exchange information about the outbreak.

With all that is known regarding the Zika virus, there is still more we do not know.

- We do not know the odds of an infected fetus developing birth defects.
- We do not know at what point in the pregnancy the infection may cause harm to the fetus.
- We do not know the odds of an infected fetus having birth defects
- We do not know if sexual transmission of the virus poses a different risk of birth defects than mosquito borne transmission.

It is difficult to know how the virus will spread over time. Only time will tell.

Note: The information used for this article was taken from the "cdc.gov" website. The material was last updated on March, 2016.

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# Walking in Washington and Pushing Reps: What You Missed at Leg Day

Travis Bicher  
ASCLS-PA Member and Legislative Day Attendee

On March 15th this year, 127 members of the ASCLS left the confines of their laboratories to make their contribution to the world of politics and have their voices heard in Washington as part of the annual Legislative Symposium. This two-day conference started off with a learning day at the Hilton in Alexandria, VA, which featured educational presentations on the structure and environment of Congress, a breakdown of “governmentese”, the acronym-heavy terminology of legislation and agencies, and the issues themselves as well as Congressional visit roleplaying and a talk from California Representative Tony Cárdenas, who urged us to tell our legislators that while we may not be the “sexy” side of healthcare, the work we do can be life or death for their constituents and their own families, and they shouldn’t use laboratories as a way to score savings and win points with the American people. We were kept well-fed throughout, and, to my pleasant surprise, were provided Continuing Education credits for attending. On the second day, we marched on Capitol Hill.

The ASCLS-PA had four members in attendance this year, and we had appointments with staffers for Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey and Representatives Lou Barletta and Joe Pitts, all of whom held positions relevant to our objectives. The issues discussed during these meetings ranged from the simple, namely beginning to address workforce shortages due to retirements by requesting a report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress on the growing demand for clinical laboratory professionals, to the more complex issues of laboratory developed test (LDT) regulation and the recalculation of the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to the more forward looking of providing funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to work toward lab result harmonization, doing for other tests what INR does for PT.

Unfortunately, the more complex issues are the ones that are most pressing for the profession. LDTs, which are defined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as in vitro tests designed, manufactured, and used within a single laboratory, have become a point of concern for the public in terms of accuracy and patient safety, and as such the FDA in 2014 released draft guidance that indicated that some LDTs would be subject to premarket review, similarly to commercially sold tests. This would be a benefit to large company labs



*Accidental photobomb on my part in front of the Supreme Court.*

who are familiar with the process, but small ones simply don’t have the manpower, and there are serious doubts about the ability of the FDA, which normally approves 8-15 manufactured tests per year, to review the estimated 60,000 LDTs they’d have to look at. While the various professional organizations agree that oversight is necessary, especially for the high-risk LDTs, they don’t have a consensus on the particulars of regulation yet, so we requested that Congress urge the FDA to delay any implementation and make public their most current proposed guidance for examination.

Regarding the CLFS, the recalculation, required by the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, has the intent of determining true market-based pricing for lab tests so that new Medicare reimbursements can be set. The project is currently behind schedule, having collected no data on lab test volumes or payment rates as of yet, but has an effective date for the new schedule of January 1st, 2017, which appears to be unattainable. Their definition of applicable labs for the data collection is also problematic, with the statute referring to labs that receive a majority of their Medicare revenue from the CLFS and the Physician Fee Schedule, but the rule goes by the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of the parent organization, which isn’t necessarily a laboratory, such that the Medicare

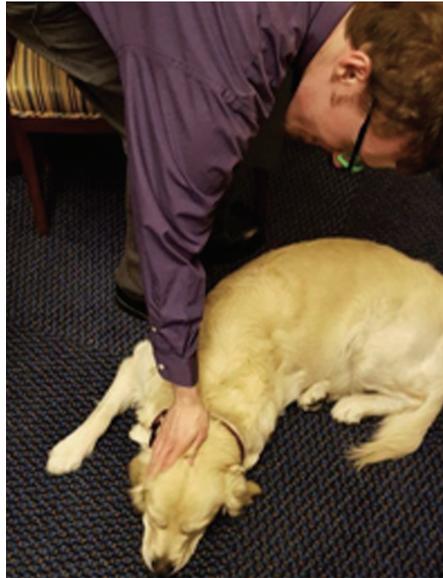


*The ASCLS-PA delegation in front of the Capitol Building. From left to right, Stephanie Noblit, Jean Buchenhorst, Michelle Nguyen, and Travis Bicher.*

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revenue for the entire entity is examined. This dilutes out the apparent revenue to the lab, effectively excluding almost all hospital and physician office laboratories, which together comprise nearly 50% of all medical labs in the nation, and half the independent labs from the data collection. This leaves only the large reference labs, which, due to their economies of scale, have lower payment rates, severely skewing downward what the allowed Medicare reimbursements would be. We proposed that Congress call on the CMS to push back their timetable and revise their laboratory definition by using the CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment) number, which is how clinical labs are normally identified by the CMS, instead of the TIN, which would fix the exclusion problem and make reimbursement rates closer to true market value.

As a first-timer to Leg Day, attending the symposium and speaking to legislative staffers was quite the experience. I had waited until the last minute to try to book a hotel room and couldn't get one at the reduced rate. Fortunately, with a little networking I found a roommate in the ASCLS New Professionals and New Members Forum, and I ended up going out with them to a local Italian restaurant for food, drinks, and company, meeting members from as far off as Alaska. Navigating the Washington Metro was mildly terrifying, a feeling caused by the combination of the sheer mass of people traveling into the city and the curved, paneled, diffusely-lit high ceiling, which invoked images of bomb



*Reilly, Representative Lou Barletta's cream golden retriever, named the cutest dog on Capitol Hill in 2015. He had to be escorted out of the office after he refused to stop licking my pants.*

shelters. I hadn't made plans to tour the city while I was there, but I did see a good bit of the area while walking between the Congressional office buildings, namely the Supreme Court, the Libraries of Congress, and the Capitol Building itself. There were lines of petitioners passing through security at every building, but the process soon became routine, and the offices themselves were filled with snacks and candy from all over the state. The staffers were largely friendly and attentive to what we had to say, some less so, and one held a people-loving dog.

Thanks to our collective efforts, a letter drafted by the House Committee on Ways and Means and signed by 27 Representatives was sent to the CMS urging them to delay implementation of the new fee schedule and work with laboratories in making the process more reasonable. This year ASCLS-PA paid for the registrations of only half the people it had budgeted for, and having more members present would allow us to speak to more legislators and have our message heard. Even if you can't make it to Leg Day, contact your local legislator; make a phone call, write a letter or email, or visit a local office and ask them what they're doing for medical laboratory professionals, and if they're in the House, request that they add their signature to the CMS letter. For more information on the issues and what you can do to help, click on the Government Affairs tab on the ASCLS website.



## ASCLS-PA Recognizes Award Winners!

Mary M. Gourley  
ASCLS-PA Awards Chair

The following awards were given at the ASCLS-PA Annual Meeting this past May, 2016 at the ASCLS-PA Annual Meeting in Harrisburg, PA. Congratulations to all of the award winners!

**ESTOLLE GROSS:** Stephanie Noblit

**CORPORATE:** University of Pennsylvania Health System

**KEENER MEMORIAL:** Scott Aikey; Rebecca Falsone, Regina Halbiger, Andy Huynh, Sharon Strauss

**KEYS TO THE FUTURE:** Travis Bicher, Joshua Cannon, Michelle Nguyen

**20-YEAR MEMBERSHIP:** Susanne Dannert, Jennifer Goodwin, Mary Beth Miele

**SUSTAINED MEMBERSHIP:**

**65-yr** – Estolle Gross

**60-yr** – Isabel Podolak

**50-yr** – Jane Harting, Dorothy Mabary

**40-yr** – Felicia Del Buono, Jeanne Noga, Mary Obetz

**35-yr** – Kathryn Bradley-Gray, William Hunt

**30yr** – Hilary Barley, Alice Stauffer

**Dolbey Undergraduate Scholarship:** Michelle Nguyen

Also recognized were the Omicron Sigma nominees from Pennsylvania:

**National Level:** Scott Aikey, William Hunt, Stephanie Noblit

**Regional Level:** Jean Buchenhorst, Sharon Strauss

**State:** Travis Bicher, Joshua Cannon, Rebecca Falsone, Katie Franz, Mary Gourley, Mary Beth Miele, Michael Osborne



# Motions from the Most Recent ASCLS-PA Board Meeting and Annual Business Meeting

**William Hunt**  
ASCLS-PA Secretary

Board Meeting  
Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, PA  
April 11, 2016

## ASCLS-PA Board Meeting

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

**Motion #2:** Moved by Strauss, seconded by Aikey that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the Secretary's report dated 2/6/16. Motion Passed.

**Motion #3:** Moved by Hunt, seconded by Strauss that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors establish a minimum number of points to be achieved to be eligible for the Dolbey Member of the Year award. (Be it noted that a minimum of 100 points be achieved to be eligible). Motion Passed.

**Motion #4:** Moved by Aikey, seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors approve the report template and add it to the ASCLS-PA handbook.

**Motion #5:** Moved by Aikey, for the Board of Directors to adjourn.

## Annual Business Meeting

**Motion #1:** Moved by Bicher, seconded by Strauss to accept the Annual Business Meeting agenda as amended. Motion passed.

**Motion #2:** Moved by Snyderman, seconded by Cannon that the ASCLS-PA Business Meeting approve the minutes of the 2015 ASCLS-PA House of Delegates dated May 4, 2015 as corrected. Motion passed.

**Motion #3:** Moved by Hunt, seconded by Strauss that the ASCLS-PA Business Meeting accept the ASCLS-PA Treasurer report dated 9/1/15 -3/31/16 as presented and file for audit. Motion passed.

**Motion #4:** Moved by Bicher, seconded by Bietz that the ASCLS-PA Business Meeting accept the ASCLS-PA Treasurer scholarship report dated 9/1/15 -3/31/16 as presented and file for audit. Motion passed.

**Motion #5:** Moved by Snyderman, Seconded by Bicher that the PA

Annual Business meeting attendees accept the audit report dated April 10, 2016. Motion passed.

**Motion #6:** Moved by Snyderman, Seconded Hunt moved to close the nominations for President Elect be closed. Motion passed.

**Motion #7:** Moved by Snyderman, Seconded Hunt moved to close the nominations for Secretary be closed. Motion passed.

**Motion #8:** Moved by Snyderman, Seconded Hunt moved to close the nominations for Board of Director be closed. Motion passed.

**Motion #9:** Moved by Aikey, Seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting elect by acclamation the following members:

President Elect: Ann Spjut

Treasurer: Travis Bicher

BOD: Marianne Downes (3 year BOD term)

Motion passed.

**Motion #10:** Moved by Aikey, seconded by Hunt that the ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting approve the funding of the Student Forum Representative to attend the ASCLS Philadelphia meeting to include travel, 50% of hotel and registration. Motion Passed.

**Motion #11:** Moved by Snyderman, seconded by Aikey that the ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting approve the following list of ASCLS-PA delegates to the 2016 ASCLS House of Delegates.

At large Delegates: Travis Bicher, William Hunt, Stephanie Noblit

Alternate Delegate: Mary Gourley

Be it noted the delegates will be funded \$500 each. Motion passed.

**Motion #12:** Moved by Hunt, seconded by Strauss that the ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting move \$6700 from Contingency funds to balance and adopt the proposed 2016-2017 budget as presented. Motion Passed.

**Motion #13:** Moved by Bicher, that the ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting adjourn sine die at 9:00 pm. Motion passed.

## Coming Events

ASCLS National Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo: August 1-4, 2016 (Philadelphia)

ASCLS-PA Board Meeting: October 8, 2016 (King of Prussia)

ASCLS-PA Board Meeting: February 4, 2017 (Philadelphia)

ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting and Conference: May, 2016

ASCLS-PA Planning Meeting: June 10, 2017 (King of Prussia)

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)



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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 March 24, 2016 and June 12, 2016. If you work with one of these new members, please welcome them to the Society and encourage them to become active!

Randi	Bloes	Middletown	PA
Vlad	Derun	Feasterville	PA
Joshua	Edwards	Philadelphia	PA
Nicole	Ewing	Philadelphia	PA
Brandon	Goff	New Castle	DE
Dana	Hoffman	Fort Washington	PA
Workineh	Kassa	Philadelphia	PA
Jennifer	Kyner	Chambersburg	PA
Osiris	Martinez-Urquilla	Reading	PA
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Michelle	Reed	Birdsboro	PA
Sheryl	Rose	Shippensburg	PA
Amy	Shuckhart	Mechanicsburg	PA
Tiffany	Smith	Denver	PA

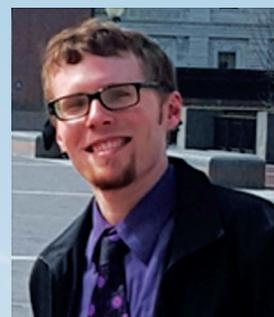
## ASCLS-PA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the May, 2016 ASCLS-PA Annual Business Meeting, the ASCLS members elected new members to the ASCLS-PA Board of Directors.

Congratulations to the following members who were elected!



*President Elect: Ann Spjut*



*Secretary: Travis Bicher*

*Board of Directors: Marianne Downes (not pictured)*