

THE FILTER

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Newsletter of the Nebraska Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

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Filter Deadlines

You may submit articles to The Filter. Tell us what is going on in your laboratory. Send your information to snoble@alltel.net or call 402-423-3050.

Next deadlines:
February 21, 2005
July 15, 2005

NSCLS Board Meeting Minutes October 22, 2004

Attending: Roxanne Alter, President; Mellissa Helligso, President-elect; Robbie Peetz, President-elect-elect; Karen Keller, Treasurer; Amy Stanley, Senior Board Member; Joyce Colombe, Junior Board Member

Absent: Martin Steinbeck, Secretary

Others Present: Shirley Noble, Kathy Leinenkugel, Janet Schmidt

President's Report:

- The spring meeting was a success. If needed, we have addresses of all members and non-members who attended the spring meeting for future contact.
- ASCLS membership is up, to around 13,000. The lapsed membership numbers are down. There have been many renewals. Overall, ASCLS membership is steady.
- A discussion was held regarding the president-elect and president-elect-elect positions. Should a student/new graduate be in these positions for mentoring purposes?
- An effort should be made to contact the students who went to the national meeting. Encourage them to become active on a committee/mentor to them.
- Continuing education is now being required of new graduates. 36 hours must be earned every three years, with some hours required in all disciplines. If earned hours were PACE approved, how much paperwork would be required? This is something that needs to be looked into.
- Lab Week 2005 is the same week as the NSCLS 2005 spring meeting .
- ASCLS meeting next summer will be in Orlando, Florida.

Treasurer's Report:

- Itemized bills must be submitted for all expenses. Credit card bills with amount only will not be accepted.
- Consider setting rules for meeting reimbursement. Are there regional rules we could use as a guideline?
- A discussion was held about advancing a reasonable amount of money to students for national meeting expenses, since they may not have the funds to pay for expenses up front. The treasurer is willing to do this.
- Consideration should be given to requiring students attending a national meeting to submit a report on sessions attended. These students should be encouraged to become active in NSCLS on a committee.
- A budget proposal was submitted. After minor changes, Amy made a motion to approve the budget of \$15820. Mellissa seconded the motion.
- Total NSCLS assets as of September 30, 2004 are \$60,308.27
- See the 1st quarter 2004-2005 treasurer's report in the Filter.

Membership Committee:

- There is currently no one on this committee. This could be handled by more than one person. Please contact any of the officers if interested. Karen Keller, past membership chairperson is willing to mentor interested parties.

Filter:

- Reminder to all: This newsletter is for all members, so please feel free to submit articles. Topics could include case studies, what's going on at your institution, anything. Contact person is Shirley Noble.
- The winter Filter will be mailed in February. Information on Awards will be in the winter issue.

Scholarship/Loan Committee:

- There is currently no one on this committee. Some names of possible committee members were discussed.
- There are three applicants for the Frieda Altmann loan. This loan program is not well advertised. Current students may not know it exists.

Old Business:

- Kathy Leinenkugel presented the report of the 2004 NSCLS Spring Meeting. A profit of \$15001.81 was made. The profits were distributed among the three sponsoring agencies, NSCLS, ASCP and CLMA. There was a discussion of the meeting.
- Janet Schmidt presented the Student Forum report. Students raised money with a UNL football tickets raffle. There was a student social event at Vala's Pumpkin Patch. Students are currently selling Village Inn pie certificates.

New Business:

- Kathy reported on plans for the 2005 NSCLS Spring Meeting. She has several open positions on the planning committee. Please contact her if interested.

Submitted by:
 Karen Keller, MT(ASCP)SH
 NSCLS Treasurer

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DATES TO REMEMBER

2005 ASCLS Annual Meeting

Orlando, Florida
 July 26-30, 2005

2005 CLEC

Williamsburg, Virginia
 February 24-26, 2005

National Medical Laboratory Week

April 24-30, 2005

Government Affairs

Check out the link on the ASCLS web site <http://www.ascls.org/currentevents/index.asp> to find out more about current issues impacting the profession. Topics may include governmental (legislative, regulatory, compliance) issues, action alerts, current activities, or thought provoking issues. Visit the site often as it will be frequently updated. If you would like to receive email updates from the NSCLS/Region VI Government Affairs liaison, contact Kathy Leinenkugel at kvleinen@cox.net. Also consider attending the annual ASCLS Legislative Symposium scheduled for March 21-22, 2005 in Washington D.C. This is a great event to attend if you want to learn more about governmental issues. You will also get the chance to go up "on the hill" and meet with Nebraska's congressional representatives. For more information, contact Kathy or Robbe Peetz turby10cj@yahoo.com.

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Scientific Assembly

ASCLS has made some changes to the Scientific Assembly structure, including the addition of a new ASCLS Generalist/Public Health Section. At this time, Kathy Leinenkugel is the interim chair for the Gen/PH section and disseminates information to any members interested in these subjects or fields of practice. Contact Kathy (kvleinen@cox.net) if you would like to add your email to her contact list, or check out the ASCLS web site for more information: <http://www.ascls.org/leadership/sa/>.

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Student Forum

The students this year are doing fundraisers to attend the state NSCLS meeting and the national ASCLS meeting. Last year we sent over 30 students from across the state to the spring meeting and five students to the national meeting in L.A. Already this year, they have sold raffle tickets to a Husker football game and in the spring will be selling shirts.

Currently, the students are selling

Village Inn Pie Certificates **A certificate for one pie is \$10**

They can be redeemed at any Village Inn and do not expire.

If you are interested in helping these future MT's and MLT's,

Please send a check to NSCLS Student Forum

Attention: Janet Schmidt

1207 Rawhide Rd

Papillion, NE 68046

By January 1, 2005

The certificates will be mail to you directly.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at janetlschmidt@yahoo.com

Thanks for your support,
Janet L. Schmidt, MT (ASCP)
NSCLS Student Advisor

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