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What Does E&R Fund Do For You?

By Dan Southern, Chair ASCLS E&R Fund

The ASCLS Education and Research (E&R) Fund is a 501 (c), (3) fund managed by 8 trustees appointed by the ASCLS President and approved by the ASCLS Board of Directors. Contributions to the fund are tax deductible. Dan Southern (NC) is the E&R chair for 2011–12. Ginger Weeden, ASCLS Board liaison and

Elissa Passiment, ASCLS Executive Vice President advise the E&R Board of Trustees. The other seven trustees are Angela Foley (LA), Sally Pestana (HI), Susie Zanto (MT), Rebecca Rogers (TN), Dwight Bowlin (AR), George Fritsma (AL) and Marcia Lee (OH). These ten people meet face to face at the national meeting and by conference call three times during the year. They are also in contact with each other by email as needed.

Mission Statement

The ASCLS Education and Research Fund is the preeminent foundation supporting awards, scholarships, and research grants that benefit the clinical laboratory profession and improve health care services provided to society by clinical laboratory professionals.

Tax deductions

When members renew their membership each year, they have the opportunity to contribute to the tax-deductible E&R Fund. Members can also donate to the fund any time during the year and take advantage of the tax deduction.

Scholarships

If you are a student member (undergraduate or graduate) E&R supports four scholarships and two research grant-in-aids. Three undergraduate scholarships of \$1500 each are given annually to deserving applicants. When students apply, the application goes to Joe Briden, Executive Secretary for Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity (AMTF) who partners with E&R to receive application and choose scholarship winners. All student applications are considered for the E&R-sponsored scholarships and also those sponsored by AMTF. This is much more convenient for Students to apply once and be considered for many scholarships that are awarded at the annual meeting. If you are a graduate student and student member, E&R offers a \$3000 scholarship for you. Application for the graduate scholarship is made through AMTF who administers all E&R scholarships. Scholarship Applications are available on the ASCLS website. Search for scholarships.

Graduate Research Awards

If your graduate program requires a research component and you are a student member, the E&R fund offers two \$3000 graduate research awards to support your research project. Application for both awards (Cardinal Healthcare Award and the I. Dean Spradling Award) is made directly to E&R.

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One application makes the student eligible to receive both awards. Application forms are available on the ASCLS website. Search for Education and Research Fund and open Graduate Research Awards application.

Research Grant-in-Aids

If you are ASCLS member interested in doing research, E&R offers three grant-in aids of \$5000 each. Application is made electronically to Elissa Passiment at ASCLS headquarters. Application forms are available on the ASCLS website. Search for Education and Research Fund and open restricted and unrestricted grant applications.

Awards

If you are a member and you publish in the CLS Journal, your article is automatically eligible for the Joseph J. Kleiner Memorial Award. Five E&R trustees serve on the Kleiner Selection Committee. They nominate articles from the four journal issues and the Educational Scientific Assembly supplement each year and choose the winner who receives a plaque and \$1000. The Kleiner family funds this award through E&R.

Any ASCLS professional members can be nominated for the Gloria "Mike" Gilbert award (\$300 and a plaque) sponsored by the Georgia Society as a memorial to Gloria who died in office as the Region III Director in 1982. Hassan Aziz and Ed Peterson are the most recent winners of this award given by the E&R Fund. An E&R selection committee judges the nominations and chooses the winners. The highest award that ASCLS gives is the Mendleson Award. E&R funds the plaques for winners chosen by the ASCLS Board of Directors. Nominations should be channeled through your Region Director. Go to the ASCLS website, search for Education and Research Fund and click on the Gilbert Award nomination form.

In Summary

ASCLS E&R Fund is all about you, the member. A group of 8 trustees and advisors work very hard all year to provide our members with the opportunity to apply for scholarships to help you graduate, graduate research awards to help you finish you MS or Ph.D., grant-in-aids to help members complete their research and recognition awards for those who publish or are leaders in ASCLS. Each member has the opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution when they renew their membership or any time during the year. Industry partners can help by contributing to the E&R fund with the same tax advantage. Please help us help our members.

ASCLS National Meeting

Submitted By Kevin McGuire, First Year Professional Chair

The ASCLS National Meeting was a great experience. I met some truly outstanding people and learned so much about ASCLS through the student forum meetings and daily sessions. The student forum meetings helped explain exactly what ASCLS is and the importance of educating others about the laboratory. ASCLS gives laboratory professionals the opportunity to have a voice to promote the profession. I enjoyed listening to Student Forum Directors across the nation about ideas for fundraisers. The most successful fundraiser for most states was selling bumper stickers with a unique laboratory phrase. I will suggest the idea to the Nebraska students to see if they are interested in this fundraiser. All of the scientific sessions I attended were very interesting. My favorite session was entitled "101 ways you consume animal feces" by Dr. Mike Miller from Microbiology Technical Services, LLC. He delivered an entertaining presentation about the importance of washing vegetables and cooking meat thoroughly. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to attend the national meeting and look forward to attending meetings in the future.

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Submitted By Chelsea Dockins-Reischl, Senior Board Member

Well, this was my second National Meeting Experience and I have to say, I enjoy it more each time!

This year's meeting was held July 26th–30th in Atlanta, GA. Not only do I really enjoy getting to spend time with my friends from the Nebraska chapter of ASCLS, but I get the opportunity to spend time with my ASCLS friends from all over the U.S. that I've made over the years. Attending the National Meeting also gave me the chance to go to many educational break-outs to learn about new topics and technologies that have impacted or are going to impact our profession.

I was also fortunate enough to be graduating from the ASCLS Leadership Academy (thanks to the support of the ASCLS-NE Board). The ASCLS Leadership Academy is designed to prepare ASCLS members for current and future leadership roles in the organization.

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I look forward to using the knowledge and resources I gained to enhance our local society and promote our profession. More information can be found at http://www.ascls.org/?page=Lead_Acad&hhSearchTerms=leadership+and+academy.

If you have not been to a National Meeting yet, I highly recommend that you attend one at some point. It is a great networking opportunity, the Clinical Lab Expo is something you will never believe – it's mind-blowing, and the chance to attend multiple education seminars and earn Continuing Education provide for a week you will thoroughly enjoy!

A Day (and a half) in the Life of a National Meeting Attendee

Submitted By Shana Jensen, Past President

Tues 1635: Arrive at Atlanta 2 hours later than expected, oh how I love air travel. Found our hotel and now off to see if we can catch any sessions yet today.

Tues 1735: Just credentialed the Nebraska crew so we can vote in elections on Friday and the House of Delegates Saturday.

Tues 1815: BOC/NAACLS Update–There is frustration surrounding ASCP's role in the BOC overshadowing ASCLS. Our leaders are working to ensure we are equally represented. Doctorate programs for MLS are growing and becoming successful in some areas.

Tues 2100: Dinner and drinks @ STATS sports bar. Networking w/ ASCLS-IA, also a couple brave souls from WI and MI who ventured out with us. Good discussion about collaborative meeting planning and how Nebraska and Iowa do it so effectively. (We love our Iowa comrades).

Wed 0715: Quick run, literally, over to the Omni to register has me winded but ready for a great day of meetings.

A Day (and a half) in the Life of a National Meeting Attendee continued from page 3

Wed 0947: Right Diagnosis, Right Laboratory Tests, Right on Time: Exploring the Challenges and Role of the Medical Laboratory Professionals in the New Healthcare Environment – Refreshing to hear 2 doctors discuss how important MLS's are to healthcare and how we can provide a needed service to our patients. They painted MLS's as the experts of laboratory medicine and see a future for us sharing our expertise with patients to enhance their care.

Wed 1100: Vendor area is HUGE. It is overwhelming to see the technology and innovation available to MLS. We and our patients are fortunate to have these companies working to advance laboratory medicine. Vendors demonstrated all of the most fantastic new technologies; their support is very much appreciated! Picked up some PACE credits and some knowledge I wasn't expecting by visiting and answering questions at vendor booths on the vendor questionnaire.

Wed 1220: Bringing Leadership Academy to You – Leadership academy @ our state level. We can put together a program to grow our own leaders. Being a leader helps you get more from your career. Develop skills to transfer to work and life. Leadership academy CDs are full of resources for our state to take on the challenge of growing our own leaders. I must say our own Chelsea Dockins-Reischl rocked her portion of this presentation!

1445 Wed: Productivity: How to Assess Performance and Manage Benchmarks – This consultant is proving why he is a consultant... full of information and trying to give us as much knowledge as he can in 1 hour. Interesting to know how many variables laboratory consultants build into their calculations. We never have a "typical day" in the lab, many things influence our TAT. He just described the "edge of adventure", working below target staffing ranges. The bottom line(\$\$) is good but we're one step away from a mistake. Benchmarks can point out risks as well as opportunities.

1500 Wed: Identifying and Implementing Non-Labor Cost Savings in Your Laboratory – Most obvious way to save money is to cut FTEs. Non-labor savings can make up that money w/out losing staff. Look at service contracts for possibility of early payment discounts, be willing to change providers. Take into account change over prices. Good topic but you have to be a decision maker in your lab to be able to implement most of these ideas.

1750 Wed: Issues Update – Announcement of nominees for national committees. Only two of seven are opposed positions so we will need to ponder those candidates for Friday's election. The incoming president, Cathy Otto, discusses certification of laboratory professionals.

2025 Wed: President's reception and silent auction is a fun time to kick back, socialize and bid on some terrific silent auction items to benefit the Education and Research fund. Good food, good company and a visit or two to the bar make for a fun evening in Atlanta.

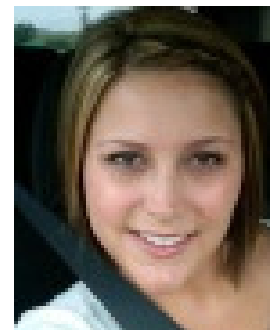
We had two more days of education, experiences and fun in Atlanta. We appreciate your support that makes it possible for our society to send representatives to these important meetings. ASCLS-NE sent six members to the national meeting in Atlanta this year, Shana Jensen, Brad Hays, Chelsea Dockins-Reischl (leadership academy participant), Roxanne Alter, Nicole Meier, and Kevin McGuire (student member). If you would like to hear more about our adventure or have any questions please ask any attendee or email me at shana_jensen@hotmail.com

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ASCLS-NE Spring Meeting 2012

Submitted By Chelsea Dockins-Reischl, Senior Board Member

Preparations are under way for the 2012 ASCLS-NE Spring Meeting! The meeting will be held April 18th-20th at the Embassy Suites La Vista Hotel and Conference Center in La Vista, NE. It will be a great three days of interesting topics, learning about new technology on the market, and networking!



If you have suggestions for speakers and/or topics that you would be interested in, please email cdockinsmgm@aol.com. There are room blocks set up at the Embassy Suites (402.331.7400) and Marriott Courtyard (866.634.7155), be sure to ask for the Nebraska Society for Clinical Laboratory Science rate. More details can be found on <http://www.ascls-ne.org/>.

The Board and Planning Committee look forward to seeing you there!

National Awards Winners

Submitted By Dan Southern, Chair E&R Fund

The ASCLS Board of Trustees for the Education and Research (E&R) Fund is pleased to send you the attached list of all of the national award winners at the 2011 ASCLS Annual Meeting and Exhibits in Atlanta, Georgia on July 28

Award	Winner		
ASCLS E&R Memorial Undergraduate	Ashley Urbach	Denton	NE
Ruth French	Bin Li	Omaha	NE
AMTF	Kathleen Adey	Omaha	NE
AMTF	Einstein Juma	Omaha	NE
AMTF	Jamie Pittam	Sidney	NE
LAG	Chelsea Dockins	Omaha	NE
Keys to the Future (NE)	Brad Hays		
Keys to the Future (NE)	Andrea Schank		

Congratulations to all the Award Winners! You truly represent your profession and provide the face of Medical Laboratory Science!

Congratulations to All!

Clinical Laboratory Science and You



Submitted By Marnie Imhoff

Sometimes when you set out to write about one subject it morphs into something completely different. That is what happened to me; I simply wanted to write an article about where, in Nebraska, clinical laboratory science students were being educated in Nebraska. I realized as I started writing the article that I could not simply list where students were training without talking about the shortage of laboratory professionals. That would be a huge disservice to our profession.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010–11 Edition, estimates the demand for laboratory professionals to grow 14% between 2008 and 2018 which translates to about 11,000 openings a year. U.S. News and World Report named clinical lab technicians and technologists as one of the top 50 careers in 2011 calling laboratory workers “the unsung heroes of the healthcare industry.” Despite the press about the growing demand for clinical laboratory professionals, there are clinical laboratory science education programs that are closing their doors or struggling to stay open every year due lack of funding or dwindling applicant numbers. The shrinking number of programs across the country further deepens the laboratory workforce shortage, both ASCLS and ASCP estimate that fewer than 5,000 individuals are graduating each year from accredited programs – this is a far cry from the number needed to fill the estimated 11,000 opening each year.

Currently there are 229 Clinical Laboratory NAACLS accredited programs in the United States according to the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) website, with several Clinical Laboratory Scientist and Clinical Laboratory Technician programs at risk of closure within the next year. Nebraska is fortunate to be home to five clinical laboratory science education programs; three of which educate Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technicians and two that educate Medical/Clinical Laboratory Scientists (see chart for programs). Even with five clinical laboratory education programs many health care facilities in Nebraska still struggle to recruit and retain qualified clinical laboratory personnel. The numbers can be frightening – 11,000 jobs in the next seven years with only 5,000 graduates a year.

Many of you may be asking what we are doing as a profession. The national societies are working hard on this issue but the societies cannot be our sole voice. The first step any of us can do is get involved! Many of us chose the laboratory profession because it was behind the scenes, but if we, as a profession, are to survive we need to step out of the laboratory and give a voice and a face to our profession. The effort to recruit individuals to the profession needs to not only be on a national level but also needs to be on a local, state and regional level.

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What can you do as an individual?

- Voice your concerns to your lab manager/director and upper management.
- Voice your concerns to your town mayor, state representatives, and congress persons. Both ASCLS and ASCP have form letters that you can use when communicating with your local, state and national representatives.
- Volunteer to represent the laboratory on committees at your health care facility.
- Join and volunteer your time with national laboratory societies.
- Volunteer to talk about the profession at local schools (K-12 and college).
- Mentor current/future laboratory science students.

There are several websites that have recruitment material available for free.

- <http://www.ascls.org/promoteprofession>
- <http://www.labsarevital.com>
- <http://ascp.org/Laboratory-Professionals>
- <http://www.medlabcareers.msu.edu/toolkit%20web/career.html>
- <http://www.asm.org/index.php/education/classroom-activities.html>

These are just a few ideas and websites to get you started. Each of us needs to be an advocate for our profession to ensure that there are qualified clinical laboratory professionals in the future!

Clinical Laboratory Science Education Programs in Nebraska			
	Location	No. of students	Clinical Training Sites
Medical Laboratory Technician			
Central Community College	Hastings, NE	14 students (graduate spring 2012)	Nebraska: Beatrice, David City, Columbus, Grand Island, Geneva, Franklin, Alma, Hastings, Henderson, St. Paul, Kearney, Minden, Aurora, Holdrege, West Point, Nebraska City, Lexington, Ord, Red Cloud, York, Imperial Kansas: Concordia, Marysville, Norton
Southeast Community College	Lincoln, NE	12 students (graduate spring 2012) 21 students (graduate spring 2013)	Lincoln, Beatrice, Crete, Columbus, Omaha, Seward, Nebraska City, York
Mid-Plains Community College	North Platte, NE	6 students (graduate spring 2012) 14 students (graduate spring 2013)	Nebraska: North Platte, Hastings, Ogallala, Grant, Imperial, Benkelman, McCook, Cambridge, Lexington, Cozad, Broken Bow, Valentine, Sidney. Colorado: Sterling, Fort Morgan, Holyoke, Wray, Lamar
Clinical Laboratory Scientist			
University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha, NE	20 students (graduate spring 2012)	Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff
Nebraska Methodist Hospital	Omaha, NE	8 students (graduate spring 2012)	Omaha

Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Political Action Committee (PAC) Annual Meeting Summary

Submitted By Roxanne Alter, Chair, GAC/PAC

One of the strategic goals of our committee is to improve communication to the broader ASCLS membership and to provide a more consistent fact to our members. Therefore as your representative my first and foremost goal is to keep you informed.

The most exciting news and update is that during our Spring Meeting –April 13–15, members donated baskets and fun items for a GAC/PAC silent auction fundraiser. We also asked for a donation in return for a PAC pin to wear. Many proudly displayed the pin on the meeting name tag at the state meeting and the national meeting. Other donations were also given to the PAC fund at the National Meeting booth. Our grand total put us at #3 for PAC fundraising and we as a state received the 3rd place plaque at the ASCLS National Meeting. We hope to continue this as a tradition for our state meeting. Please consider donating a basket or an item at the Spring ASCLS–NE meeting. If you are crafty you could start on it now! Go Nebraska!

Annual Meeting GAC Recap

The Government Affairs Committee met at the ASCLS Annual Meeting on July 26, 2011 in Atlanta. Don Lavanty our Legislative Consultant addressed the committee about the Laboratory Co–Insurance. Congressional leaders completed many weeks of debate on raising the debt ceiling so that the U.S. Government could meet its financial obligations. Hand–in–hand with the debt ceiling discussions were serious discussion about major reductions in spending by the U.S. government. The proposed reduction in spending could be \$2.4 trillion over 10 years (with additional cuts to follow). A part of the budget discussions, a laboratory co–insurance (co–pay) requirement for Medicare beneficiaries has once again been proposed. ASCLS has long banded together with other laboratory industry colleagues in opposing the implementation of laboratory co–insurance requirement for Medicare beneficiaries. Our reasons are:

1. Adds more healthcare costs to Medicare beneficiaries who are on fixed incomes.
2. Does not impact utilization of laboratory tests.
3. Adds significantly to billing process of clinical laboratories, which are required to bill for and collect the 20% co–insurance amount. The cost of billing and collecting far exceeds the value of the co–payment.
4. Could result in delayed testing or reduced access to laboratory testing.

ASCLS GAC discussed this issue at length. The Congress believes that imposing a lab co–insurance would save Medicare \$8.5–\$15.0 billion over 10 years. We believe that because of the mood in Washington, if Congress does not impose a co–payment for laboratory services, they will look at alternatives such as significant cuts in the CPI(Consumer Price index) update or deep cuts to the Clinical laboratory Fee Schedule. Our position at this point is – With a co–insurance, we may be able to collect a large share of the 20% beneficiary responsibility. With a reduction in the fee schedule or the CPI9for example, by 4%) it is a loss of revenue that we have no opportunity to get back. Based on an informal member survey, many laboratories already deal with co–insurance and deductibles for private insurance plans and are able to collect much of this revenue.

Annual Meeting GAC Recap continued from page 8

Although this might seem like an “about-face” for ASCLS in terms of this issue, we believe the economic environment is such that the implementation of laboratory co-insurance would be preferable to other draconian cuts that could be imposed upon us. We will know more sometime before Thanksgiving when the Senate/House commission of 12 comes back with a proposed budget to cut \$2+trillion from the federal budget.

Elissa Passiment the Executive Vice President spoke on the Physician Signature. In a proposed rule published in the June 30, 2011, *Federal Register*, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed to retract a recently established policy requiring physician signatures on laboratory requisitions. ASCLS provided comments to further educate the agency regarding concerns with respect to the signature requirement and policy alternatives for future consideration. There is no reason to believe that this proposed requirement will not be retracted.

The last issue which has come up in the last month is about the patient having the right to see their laboratory results and how the laboratory personnel will handle this requirement. While we all believe the patient has the right to see this information, the patient will have to be able to have their questions fielded. Many places have a system which is called MyChart and the patient can look up on-line to see the results of their testing. We believe that as part of our scope of practice as a Medical laboratory scientist we can and should explain how laboratory test are done and what they “could mean”. However we do not usually have the patient history with these results so the physician is really the best person to explain this information. Many who went to the Keynote Talk at the National ASCLS meeting heard first hand from physicians that they really do not understand many tests such as Coagulation testing. They suggested that if we could it explain it better to the patient they would be more compliant. We see where this goes but let us all realize our breath of knowledge and share it.

*Now more than ever, laboratory professionals must take an active role to see that congressional reforms of American health care support cost-effective, high-quality clinical laboratory services. You can help by supporting ASCLS/PAC. Each dollar you give improves the chances that informed and capable people will be elected to Congress to enact responsible reforms in America's health service delivery system.
Please donate to ASCLS PAC today!*



Top 10 Reasons to Become an ASCLS–NE Leader!! (In No Particular Ranking Order)

Submitted By Tracey Vrba, Leadership Development Chair

1. Community Recognition

ASCLS–NE has a Leadership Recognition Program that sends notification to your local or hometown newspaper regarding your service to and accomplishments with ASCLS–NE. The program is strictly on a volunteer basis. Information is only submitted to named newspapers per individual leader request and instruction.

2. Employer Recognition

The Leadership Recognition Program also includes notification to your current employer regarding your involvement, service, and accomplishments with ASCLS–NE. Once again, the program is per individual leader request and instruction. Employers will be impressed by your involvement and dedication to your profession. ASCLS–NE leadership also looks impressive on a resume!

3. Credits towards your Certification

For each year of service on a committee or board related to the profession at the national, regional, state, or local level, you may receive 2 Certification Maintenance Program Points towards your certification renewal through the ASCP Board of Certification.

4. Promotion of your Profession!

ASCLS–NE is in the process of developing NEW leadership positions. If approved by the ASCLS–NE Board, the new positions will promote the medical laboratory profession to the general public and recruit students to the profession. We will need more than one leader to accomplish the tentative goals. If this is an area you have interest in, please contact me ASAP (tracey_vrba@hotmail.com)! We would be happy to have new leaders helping us develop the duties and schedule for these positions. Watch for information regarding this project in future Filters and emails!

5. Development of your leadership skills

Involvement as a leader will naturally develop your skills as a leader to in return apply to your profession and life. There are also programs available, such as the ASCLS Leadership Academy, to help you develop your leadership skills even further.

6. Opportunity to travel to the Annual ASCLS National Meeting

Each year ASCLS–NE sends leaders to the ASCLS National Meeting. Financial assistance is provided. There is a travel application and stipulations (such as attending leadership meetings during the conference to gain information and ideas for our state society and reporting back to ASCLS–NE following the meeting). Leaders return from the national meeting renewed and enthusiastic about the profession and the society.

7. Impact on governmental policy on health care issues specific to the profession

In March of each year, ASCLS–NE sends leaders to Washington DC for the annual ASCLS Legislative Days. The first of two days ASCLS leaders gather to discuss and become educated about the latest issues impacting our profession. On the second day, leaders meet with their respective Senators and Representatives to discuss the issues presented. In past years, these meetings have produced positive changes on the specific issues, policies, and bills presented!

Top 10 Reasons continued from page 10

8. Education

If you have an interest or a passion in helping provide continuing education to laboratory professionals, ASCLS-NE is the place to be. It's no secret that ASCLS-NE holds an annual meeting for continuing education each spring. ASCLS-NE leaders are interested in providing more educational opportunities across our great state! Obtaining this goal will require the assistance of more ASCLS-NE leaders. As an ASCLS-NE leader you could be up front in the planning of these educational sessions, impact the learning of others, and as our PACE coordinator Karen Keller says, "Learning how to do things they never taught you in school."

9. Impact at an even higher level

Leaders of regional and national ASCLS boards and committees are selected from current and previous state leadership. As a leader of ASCLS-NE, you have the opportunity to advance to one of these higher positions in order to impact the profession on a regional or national level.

10. Networking!

As a leader of ASCLS-NE you will meet several leaders across our state, region, and nation. The connections you make may help you find answers to laboratory questions, find better solutions or instrumentation, discover new employment opportunities, obtain new employment, find new employees, and feel a sense of camaraderie with fellow laboratory professionals.

For these benefits and more, please contact me at tracey_vrba@hotmail.com AND watch for information regarding open positions for the 2012-2013 ASCLS-NE year in the NEXT Filter!!

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Interim Treasurer's Report–First Quarter

Submitted by Linsey Donner, Treasurer

Interim Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
1 July 2011 – 30 September 2011

Money Market balance - 1 July 2011	\$17,245.26
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Cash Receipts

Money Market Interest Income	\$4.00
ASCLS membership	\$260.00
Spring Meeting 2010	<u>\$8,736.70</u>
Total Money Market cash receipts	\$9,000.70

Disbursements

Transfers to checking account	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Total Money Market disbursements	\$5,500.00

Money Market account balance 30 September 2011	<u>\$20,745.96</u>
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Checking account balance - 1 July 2011	\$947.01
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Cash Receipts

Transfers from Money Market	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Total checking account cash receipts	\$5,500.00

Disbursements

ASCLS National Meeting Attendance	\$6,228.13
Website Maintenance	\$8.99
ASCLS-NE Board Meeting	\$25.64
Treasurer and President Bonding	<u>\$92.00</u>
TOTAL checking account disbursements	\$6,354.76

Checking account balance 30 September 2011	<u>\$92.25</u>
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ASCLS-NE SUMMARY OF ASSETS:

Money Market balance 30 September 2011	<u>\$20,745.96</u>
Checking account balance 30 September 2011	\$92.25
Scholarship CD balance 30 September 2011	\$15,067.45
Legislative CD balance 30 September 2011	\$5,281.73
Savings CD balance 30 September 2011	<u>\$11,587.63</u>
ASCLS-NE TOTAL ASSETS - 30 September 2011	<u>\$52,775.02</u>

Fall Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Joyce Colombe, Secretary

September 18, 2011 1:00 pm

Attendees:

Linsey Donner– President–Elect, Treasurer

Roxanne Alter– PAC/GAC

Brad Hays– President

Marnie Imhoff

Chelsea Dockins – Senior Board Member

Kevin McGuire – First Year Professional Chair

Luke Schroeder– New Professionals Committee Advisor

Zacadia Carstens – Student Forum President

Andrea Schank – FILTER Editor, Scholarship & Loans

Nicole Meier – Membership Development Chair

Shana Jensen – Past President

Tracey Vrba – Leadership Development Chair

Joyce Colombe – Secretary

Agenda Items:

- **National Meeting (2011 Attendees: Brad, Kevin, Roxanne, Nicole, Shana, Chelsea):**
 - Brad went to new President's seminar and learned a lot that will help him for this year and he will pass on to Linsey when her Presidential term begins; made connections
 - Kevin attended many student forum meetings and learned how the student forum works and how to promote the society to get students to join; also learned of some new fundraising ideas
 - CLMA and ASCLS are talking about merging; both societies would not take on the debt(s) of the other society. The CASA taskforce is working to ensure the members are involved and the merger will be done right.
 - 2012 National Meeting will be in Los Angeles, CA
 - This year's meeting attendees (Chelsea, Roxanne, Nicole, Shana, Brad, and Kevin) will write up one paragraph about the meeting and their experience, what they learned, etc. and submit to Andrea for the next Filter (deadline for submissions is 10.15.11)
- **Filter (Andrea Schank):**
 - It is important to send information and articles to Andrea to keep our membership up to date and educated
 - If you are committees, taskforces, forums, etc. please send information to Andrea
 - Roxanne will submit article that Rick Panning wrote and was published in *ASCLS Today* to Andrea for the next Filer
 - Next Submission Deadline: 10.15.11
- **President's Report (Brad Hays):**
 - Brad had been communicating with Tim Randolph about Region VI events and will file NE report for Region VI after this meeting
 - November 12th and 13th is Region VI meeting in Kansas City. Linsey and Brad are going for sure. Any and all are welcome to attend.
 - Good to go to Region meeting because you see how the region works and what our responsibility as a state is within the region

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- **Time Commitment for Leadership:**
 - We need to be up front with new leadership about time and communication commitments; check email at least once/week and respond in a timely manner
 - If there is a leader we feel is not fulfilling commitment, let President know and they will follow up with person who is lacking.
- **Promotion of the Profession (Linsey, Tracey, Marnie):**
 - Marnie, Tracey, and Linsey have decided to form a committee to go over ideas and design positions and duties
 - Anyone interested contact Tracey or Marnie
 - Current student fundraisers:
 - American Red Cross: Students in Norfolk and Omaha are putting together a blood donation fundraiser. Will take place over four week time span, if at least 30 people go and donate, the ARC will donate to ASCLS-NE. After donating, you will receive confirmation number that you provide to Zacadia who will handle the rest. Zacadia will keep the board informed, will write up something for the next Filter, and when a flier is put together will send it out (send to Martin to get on website).
 - Football Ticket Raffle: Michigan State vs. Nebraska game and \$30 to Misty's. Zacadia will send flier to Marnie to put up on Facebook page and in the CLS office.
- **Spring Meeting (Chelsea Dockins):**
 - April 18, 19, 20 at Embassy LaVista Suites in Omaha, NE
 - PACE=Karen Keller, Nicole will also help out. Roxanne will be mentored so she can do PACE/help in the future.
 - Speakers=Chelsea Dockins, CLMA, the rest of the board - if anyone has ideas please send to Chelsea or please recruit on your own
 - Registration=CLMA
 - Social=Roxanne, send ideas to Roxanne and Chelsea
 - Treasurer=Linsey and Marnie, Linsey will not be able to be at the meeting so Marnie will take over at that point
 - Awards=Alicia Eisenmenger Sherry?
 - Scholarships=Andrea, forms are online and will be submitted to Andrea
 - Vendors=Beth Sargent and Chelsea
 - Printing=Nicole
 - Any donations of laptops and projectors for the time frame of the meeting would be greatly appreciated.
- **Membership (Nicole):**
 - 120 members as of 9.18.11 morning
 - Brad will send email to membership about paying state dues if you haven't (due to glitch in system on www.ascls.org)
 - Nicole and Roxanne are planning a free PACE session to be held out West sometime soon

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- **GAC/PAC (Roxanne):**
 - See Roxanne's report
 - Will sell PAC pins and do silent auction for PAC again at this year's Spring Meeting
- **Treasurer's Report (Linsey):**
 - See budget
 - Made \$7,600 at 2011 Spring Meeting
 - Have not purchased external hard drive; looking into online file sharing i.e. Ignite which is \$4/month/user
 - Will all use Hotmail email accounts:
 - ascls-nepresident@hotmail.com
 - ascls-netreasurer@hotmail.com
 - ascls-nembership@hotmail.com
 - ascls-nespringmeeting@hotmail.com
- **UNMC CLS Alumni Society (Marnie):**
 - Wine social Thursday, October 27th at either the UNMC Alumni House or Karen Stiles' house in Gretna, NE; time to be announced soon
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Minutes recorded by Chelsea Dockins

Attention Students!

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Nebraska is pleased to announce that applications are being received for **ASCLS-NE SCHOLARSHIPS**. Scholarship winners will be announced at the 2012 Spring Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- The applicant must be a member of ASCLS (or have applied for membership) by November 1, 2011.
- The applicant must be enrolled in the final year of a NAACLS accredited program in Nebraska.
- The applicant must demonstrate scholastic achievement by presenting a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Prepare a letter of application that documents your fulfillment of the eligibility requirements. Acceptable documentation includes:
 - ASCLS membership may be documented by providing your membership number with the date joined or by including a copy of your membership card or by including a copy of your canceled check to ASCLS.
 - Give the name of your program and your expected graduation date.
 - Ask your Program Director to provide us with documentation of your scholastic achievement.
 - Ask a faculty member or program official to provide us with a letter of reference evaluating the applicant's professional characteristics such as leadership skills, community service, work experience, etc.
2. Prepare a one-page essay describing a Clinical Laboratory Scientist that you admire. Please do not identify this individual, but be specific about the qualities that you appreciate in this person.
3. Please include an e-mail address.
4. Please submit applications via e-mail to: andrea.schank@alegent.org

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 31, 2012.