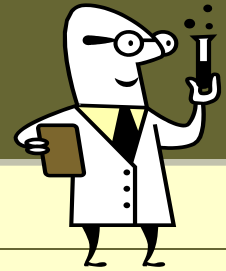


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Welcome to ASCLS-NE

It has been a wonderful year for our society! So much has happened, and so much is yet to come. Look for exciting updates from your ASCLS-NE Leadership in this newsletter.

In case you haven't noticed, a few things have changed regarding our society. First of all, members voted at the Spring 2010 meeting to change our name to ASCLS-NE (American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Nebraska). The name change went through the appropriate legal venues and is now official!

Along with the name change is a change to our Website. You can now find our Website at www.ascls-ne.org. Check it out-there are several interesting links! The Website comes with 1200 emails with

Leadership Development

Submitted by Tracey Vrba

The 2011-2012 ASCLS-NE Leadership has been elected and appointed. Our leaders will officially begin their new term in office at the end of the ASCLS national meeting, Saturday, July 30, 2011!! This year, similar to years past, we have leaders spread across the state of Nebraska (from Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont, Grand Island, to North Platte) and even one leader residing in Iowa!!

If you have had interest in becoming an ASCLS-NE leader, but, have been reluctant due to your 'distant location,' be reluctant NO MORE! Most of our communication and business is conducted through the modern technologies of email and (free) conference calls. Leaders

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2GB storage each. You can request an email address as yourname@ascls.org.

We have had a great year and are looking forward to finishing the year with a bang. Thank you for being a part of ASCLS-NE!



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meet in person three or four times a year. The location is determined by the group and there is usually an option to call in if you are too distant to make the trip. The only meeting without a conference call option is the Annual Business Meeting that is held during the ASCLS–NE Spring Meeting in April.

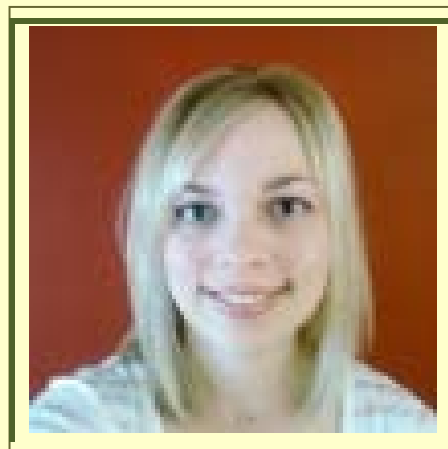
If you have been interested, but worried that you may not have the proper experience or knowledge of ASCLS, worry NO MORE!! We have leaders that are current students, first year professionals, professionals that have been involved for several years, and everything in between. We are in the process of developing an ASCLS–NE Leadership Handbook. As a new leader, you will not only have the guiding knowledge of those leaders that have held leadership positions for years, but also a written guide soon to be available on the ASCLS–NE website to help you through your first months and year(s) as an ASCLS–NE leader!

If you are interested, but, are not sure how you can help, contact me!!

(tracey_vrba@hotmail.com) Let me know your interests and we will find your perfect leadership fit! I will be happy to fill you in on the positions we have available or introduce you to a mentor that can show you the ropes and use your assistance in carrying out their leadership duties.

Your ASCLS–NE Leadership is growing and improving! Please consider being part of the team!!

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Tracey Vrba–ASCLS–NE Leadership Development Chair.

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2011–2012 ASCLS–NE Leadership

Check out www.ascls-ne.org for photos and contact information!!!

Office	Officer	Location/Employer
President	Brad Hays	
President–Elect	Linsey Donner	Omaha, NE Clinical Laboratory Science Program University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE
Past President	Shana Jensen	
Secretary	Joyce Colombe	Medical Laboratory Technology Program Southeast Community College Lincoln, NE
Treasurer	Linsey Donner	Omaha, NE Clinical Laboratory Science Program University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE
Senior Board Member	Chelsea Reischl	Research Sales Representative Fisher Scientific West Des Moines, IA
Junior Board Member	Alicia Sherry	
FILTER Editor	Andrea Schank	Elkhorn, NE Alegent Health Lakeside Laboratory, Omaha, NE
Web Master	Martin Steinbeck	
Membership Development Chair	Nicole Meier	

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Position	Leader	Location/Employer
Leadership Development Chair	Tracey Vrba	Fremont, NE Methodist Women's Hospital, Omaha, NE
PACE	Karen Keller	
Bylaws Chair	Anita Smith	
PAC/GAC	Roxanne Alter	
New Professionals Committee Advisor	Luke Schroeder	
New Professional Chair	Chelsey Jansen	
First Year Professional Chair	Kevin McGuire	
Student Forum President	TBA	
Scholarship & Loans	Andrea Schank	Elkhorn, NE Alegent Health Lakeside Laboratory, Omaha, NE
Historian	Shirley Noble	Medical Laboratory Technology Program Southeast Community College Lincoln, NE

Save the Date!
2012 Spring Meeting
April 18-20, 2012, in Lincoln,
Nebraska
Submit Your Awards Nominations
and Scholarship Applications by
visiting www.ascls-ne.org

If your actions inspire
others to dream more,
learn more, do more
and become more, you
are a leader.
 John Quincy Adams

ASCLS–NE 2011 Scholarship & Award Winners

ASCLS–NE honored some talented Laboratory Professionals at the Annual Spring Meeting. The following individuals were recognized with Scholarships and Awards:

Award of Excellence: Salli Cosgrove, MT(ASCP), Alegent Health Lakeside Hospital Lab, Omaha

Technical Support Award of Excellence: Alicia Wilke, Alegent Health Lakeside Hospital Lab, Omaha

Filter Award: Roxanne Alter, M.S., MT(ASCP)

Key to the Future Award: Andrea Schank, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Alegent Health Lakeside Hospital Lab, Omaha

Exhibitor Appreciation Award: Streck

Years of Service: Martin Steinbeck

Scholarship Recipients: Kevin McGuire (CLS), Megan Jarvis (MLT)

Student Poster Winner: Amanda Roth

For a list of Award criteria and nomination forms, please visit the ASCLS–NE Website at www.ascls-ne.org and click on the “Awards” link. Winners will be announced at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Spring Meeting in 2012.



*Martin Steinbeck with Alicia Sherry
and Brad Hays*



Streck



Roxanne Alter



Megan Jarvis and Kevin McGuire with Shana Jensen



Alicia Wilke, Andrea Schank, and Salli Cosgrove

Treasurer's Report-Fourth Quarter

Submitted by Linsey Donner

Yearly Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, 1 July 2010 –1 June 2011
Submitted by Linsey Donner, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}

Money Market balance - 1 July 2010		\$21,130.32
Cash Receipts		
Money Market Interest Income	\$28.45	
NSCLS Student Forum (National Meeting)	\$1,000.00	
ASCLS membership	\$1,125.00	
NSCLS Spring Meeting 2010	<u>\$6,586.49</u>	
Total Money Market cash receipts	\$8,739.94	
Disbursements		
Transfers to checking account	<u>\$12,625.00</u>	
Total Money Market disbursements	\$12,625.00	
Money Market account balance 30 June 2011		\$17,245.26
Checking account balance - 1 July 2010		\$184.78
Cash Receipts		
Transfers from Money Market	\$12,625.00	
ASCLS Membership	\$756.00	
Bank service charge reversal	<u>\$30.00</u>	
Total checking account cash receipts	\$13,411.00	
Disbursements		
ASCLS meeting	\$5,920.38	
Region VI Assessment	\$1,300.00	
Bank Service Charge	\$82.00	
Spring Meeting Seed Money	\$500.00	
Spring Meeting Misc.	\$35.59	
Legislative Days	\$2,768.50	
State Charter Dues	\$20.00	
Scholarships	\$500.00	
Awards	\$564.16	
ASCLS PACE Providership 2010	\$325.00	
Treasurer and President Bonding	\$92.00	
Website	\$46.93	
Name Change Fees	<u>\$494.21</u>	
TOTAL checking account disbursements	\$12,648.77	
Checking account balance 30 June 2011		\$947.01

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NSCLS SUMMARY OF ASSETS:

Money Market balance 30 June 2011	\$17,245.26
Checking account balance 30 June 2011	\$947.01
Scholarship CD balance 30 June 2011	\$15,025.99
Legislative CD balance 30 June 2011	\$5,274.42
Savings CD balance 30 June 2011	\$11,573.01
NSCLS TOTAL ASSETS - 30 June 2011	\$50,065.69

Yearly Treasurer's Report

Breakdown of Revenues and Expenditures, 1 July 2010 –1 June 2011
Submitted by Linsey Donner, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}

	Amount	% of Total
Revenues		
Money Market Account Interest	\$28.45	0.32%
Scholarship CD Interest	\$133.85	1.53%
Savings CD Interest	\$105.67	1.20%
Legislative CD Interest	\$38.52	0.44%
Subtotal of Interest	\$306.49	3.49%
Spring Meeting Profit	\$6,586.49	75.07%
NSCLS Membership Dues	\$1,881.00	21.44%
Bank Service Charge Reversal	\$30.00	0.34%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$8,773.98	100.00%
Expenditure Appropriations		
National Meeting	\$5,870.38	46.41%
National Meeting Silent Auction Gift	\$50.00	0.40%
Subtotal of National Meeting	\$5,920.38	46.81%
Spring Meeting Seed Money	\$500.00	3.95%
Treasurer/President Bond Fee	\$92.00	0.73%
Awards	\$564.16	4.46%
Legislative Affairs Meeting	\$2,768.50	21.89%
Spring Meeting Expenses	\$35.59	0.28%
PACE, Continuing Education Fee	\$325.00	2.57%
Bank Service Charge	\$82.00	0.65%
Region VI Assessment	\$1,300.00	10.28%
State Charter Dues	\$20.00	0.16%
Student Scholarships	\$500.00	3.95%
Website	\$46.93	0.37%
Name Change Fees	\$494.21	3.91%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$12,648.77	100.00%
Net Loss	(\$3,874.79)	



Linsey Donner-ASCLS-NE Treasurer

2011 Spring Business Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Joyce Colombe

ASCLS–NE Spring Business Meeting

April 15, 2011

1. President Shana Jensen called the meeting to order. Secretary Joyce Colombe did roll call. President Shana Jensen, President–Elect Brad Hays, Secretary Joyce Colombe, Treasurer Linsey Donner, Senior Board Member Chelsea Reischl, Junior Board Member Alicia Eisenmenger Sherry, Student Forum President were present. Past–president Nicole Meier absent for roll call but arrived later.

2. Secretary's report: The minutes of the winter board meeting were reviewed. Linsey motioned to approve the minutes as written. Brad seconded the motion. Motion carried. Secretary Joyce Colombe will email approved minutes to Martin Steinbeck to be put on the web site.

3. President's report: Shana will send out information for National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week. Shana reported on the Region VI meeting. There is a new web site for ASCLS. State rosters are available and there is no password required. However, there have been difficulties accessing the roster. There is a focus group discussing CLMA partnering or merging with ASCLS. The best interest of ASCLS will be taken into consideration.

4. Treasurer's report: Linsey distributed copies of the 2010–2011 budget and the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 Budget Proposal. Linsey reminded everyone that we need to watch the money. She would like to have a balanced budget. For 2010–2011, we went \$4005 over. Linsey did an analysis of the 2008–2009 and 2009–2010 budgets. The real increase is 1.40%. She suggested fund raising. It is good to spend money if we get more active members. Travel costs are increasing. Most of the money is in CD's. Government bonds would pay 3% or more. These are available for non–profit groups. ASCLS–NE is non–profit but not tax exempt. Linsey reminded everyone of the travel application. The students do not have funds to help pay their way to the national meeting. However, the state society has \$2000 budgeted. Linsey reported that we have a debit card now. Automatic payments will be set up. It will be for the treasurer's use only.

5. Record retention: It was suggested that a laptop be available for the President to store electronic documents. An external hard drive may be cheaper. We as a society need to do a better job of keeping records. Some records have been lost through the years.

6. Nominations: Elected –

President–elect: Linsey Donner

Secretary: Joyce Colombe

Junior Board Member: Alicia Eisenmenger Sherry

First Year Professional: Kevin McGuire

New Professional: Chelsey Jansen

There were no nominations from the floor. Karen Keller made a motion to accept the nominations. Chelsea seconded. All were in favor of the nominations.

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Chelsea Reischl will continue as Senior Board Member.

Appointed positions –

Scholarship Chair: Andrea Schank

Filter editor: Andrea Schank

Membership Chair: Nicole Meier

7. Old Business:

a. Website: Martin Steinbeck reported that there is \$5 setup fee and \$83/year fee for the web site.

The new address will be ascls-ne.org

b. Legislative Days: Brad Hays and Chelsea Reischl reported that they discussed resending the CMS physician signature requirement, promoting the profession, personnel shortages, and the updated fee schedule.

c. Leadership Handbook: Tracy Vrba has been working on developing a handbook that includes terms, duties, resources, templates, traveling policy, and web site policy. She will have a rough draft by the end of the year. Tracy is working on leadership recognition letter to employers stating that you are a leader for ASCLS-NE. This information can also go in the newspaper. She is checking on continuing education for being an active member with 2 hours for every year in good standing with employer (0.5 CEU or contact hours). Chelsea reported that the leadership academy is making a CD for people who cannot attend the leadership training.

8. New Business:

a. 2011 National Meeting: Shana said if you are interested in going, let her know. Also, fill out the travel application the beginning of May. Chelsea Reischl, Brad Hays, Roxanne Alter are interested in attending. Shana is checking if she can go. It was suggested to book airline tickets now because prices are increasing.

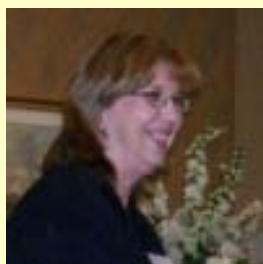
b. Promotion of the Profession: Linsey Donner, Marnie Imhoff, and Tracy Vrba have been working on recruitment and fund-raising ideas. They would like to get people across the state involved. It was suggested that ASCLS-NE Spring Meeting be in Kearney or Lincoln. Webinars were suggested as a way to get people involved. CLMA has been working with the state society for the meeting. They have used constant contact for paying. ASCLS is offering 15 months membership for the price of 12 months membership. A reminder was given that board members must be members of ASCLS.

c. Scholarship Awards: MLT Scholarship – Megen Jarvis

MLS Scholarship: Kevin McGuire

Shirley Noble was recognized for her 35 year member award.

The meeting was adjourned.



Joyce Colombe ASCLS-NE Secretary