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ASCLS-NE President's Page

Submitted By Linsey Donner, MPH, CPH, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}

ASCLS-NE has been up to many exciting things since the last Filter publication. For starters, we have developed an ASCLS-NE Members List Serve. This mailing list (email) is an open discussion list for ASCLS-NE members. It has been developed for you to discuss any topics that

are of interest to you as a laboratory professional and those topics you would like input from other laboratory professionals. It can be used as a question and answer forum for the laboratories across the state of Nebraska to communicate. The ASCLS-NE Members List Serve is a benefit created for you so be sure to utilize this excellent resource and the other ASCLS-NE members across Nebraska for their expertise and knowledge.

I also want to make note of this year's spring meeting in LaVista, Nebraska held April 3rd – 5th, 2013. It will be a joint meeting of ASCLS Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. Laboratorians from across these four states will be in attendance and speaking. Be sure to mark your calendars and register to attend for great networking opportunities and some continuing education. You can find more information on-line at <http://www.greatplainslabmeeting.org/>.

In addition we held an ASCLS-NE Leadership Board Meeting on January 26, 2013. Many items were discussed including the final stages of our Leadership Handbook, the Quad State Spring Meeting, the development of a travel and reimbursement policy, membership recruitment and retention and fundraising ideas.

And finally, I just want to reiterate that ASCLS-NE is a society dedicated to its members and laboratory professionals throughout Nebraska. We are advocates for the laboratory and those who work within the laboratory. Without active members involved in leadership this would not be possible. Each contribution no matter how big or small the active members donate is greatly needed and much appreciated. If you are interested in becoming involved within ASCLS-NE, have any questions, comments, or suggestions feel free to contact me anytime at president@ascls-ne.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

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ASCLS–NE Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Joyce Colombe

The ASCLS–NE Board met at 1:00 pm on January 26, 2013. Members present: President–Linsey Donner, President–Elect – Chelsea Dockins Reischl, Secretary – Joyce Colombe, Treasurer–Marnie Imhoff, Junior Board Member and New Professionals Committee Advisor – Kevin McGuire, First Year Professional Chairs and Membership Development – Ashley Urbach and Ashley Collins, Membership Development Chair – Tiffany Colvin, Membership Development – Darlene Waters, PAC/GAC Chair and Travel Policy and Reimbursement SOP Chair – Roxanne Alter, and (via phone) PACE – Shana Jensen

Reports were submitted before the meeting. President Linsey Donner called the meeting to order.

1. **President Report:**

- a. Proposed future activities – BOD/Leadership meetings at the Quad meeting on Friday at 7 AM. Let Linsey know items for the agenda.
- b. **Plan to get together with your committee members in the next month or two to work on projects and ideas. Chairs of Committees also schedule a meeting with your individual committees during Quad State Spring Meeting because people will be in town together.**
- c. Quad meeting needs moderators and IT. Let Alicia know if you are available.
- d. Linsey had sent an email for Leadership academy. Kevin McGuire and Ashley Collins are interested.
- e. Is there a list of previous awards winners? Kevin and Ashley C. will work on compiling past award winners list. Filter Award is on the website.
- f. Lab Week – do we want to do anything for members? Post card with benefits for being a member. Membership committee will work on this. Lab managers would be a good place to start.
- g. Concerns: at this time cannot access membership rosters

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Marnie submitted the report. We will go over our budget if we do not do any fundraising. \$5413 left with bills for Legislative Days and Spring Meeting expenses. Quad Meeting may not bring in as much money.

3. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the teleconference meeting from 12/10/12 were emailed earlier. Marnie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Senior Board Meeting:**

- a. Alicia Sherry sent her report regarding the Quad Meeting. PACE requirements for Lucky Bucket were discussed. Shana said if it related to Microbiology and not the brewery, could be PACE approved.
- b. Chelsea will look into Costco and Kevin will check Sam's for cost of supplies.
- c. Let Alicia know any speaker suggestions

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5. **Awards:**

- a. Kevin will send Award information to all ASCLS-NE members and lab managers. Awards will be presented on Wednesday.
- b. Student scholarships will be presented Friday morning at the ASCLS-NE business meeting.

6. **Student Forum:**

- a. Jasmine Clarke sent her report. Students are working on designs for the T-shirts fundraiser. They want to have them available for spring meeting. Designs need to be submitted by Jan. 31.
- b. Student forum could use a Secretary and Treasurer to keep records.

7. **Scholarships and Loans:**

- a. Andrea Schank sent her report. All the information is on the website. Scholarship information went out to all the student forum members.
- b. **Next Filter deadline is 2/15. Linsey encouraged everyone to write an article for the Filter.**

8. **Membership Chair:**

- a. Tiffany Colvin reported that the focus has been on lapsed members. A survey was sent to 480 lapsed members, responses pending analysis.
- b. Student members are not renewing and cannot renew online. One idea was to have a booth at the state meeting to renew for first-year professionals.
- c. Try to reach out to student members at their freshman or sophomore year.
- d. All advisors will be at UNMC and ASCLS-NE can be discussed.
- e. Roxanne suggested recognizing long term members such as 50 year members. Darlene and Roxanne will be creating certificates to recognize long-standing members at the Spring Meeting.

9. **GAC/PAC:**

- a. Roxanne Alter spent time trying to see Representatives and State Senators to talk about lab and reimbursement. Licensure will be a goal of Roxanne's in the future. Getting to know the State Senators for NE is difficult because of term limits.
- b. Roxanne reported that we cannot pool money when fundraising and split it according to National rules.
- c. Silent auction, share the pot, raffle are ideas to raise money.

10. **LDC Committee:** Tracey Vrba submitted the report.

- a. **She did not get very many responses for help with reviewing the Sections for the Handbook. Please look over your leadership position and let Tracey know any comments. If you did not get an email, email Tracey to get information.**
- b. Goal to have handbook reviewed by 3/1/13 and vote at Spring meeting.
- c. Please submit any nominations for President-Elect, Secretary, or Junior Board Member to Tracey ASAP.
- d. If anyone would like to assist with writing any of the remaining positions to be written or with formatting/editing the final drafts for the handbook, please let Tracey know.

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11. **Bylaws:**
 - a. Anita Smith submitted Proposed Bylaw changes to be in line with National regarding the New Professional delegate. Chelsea made a motion for the board to approve the wording, Kevin seconded the motion. **The Board approved the Proposed Bylaw changes as written.**
 - b. **The proposed Bylaws will need to be published in the Filter and then membership will have to vote on the changes.**
12. **Sharing the Vision conference** is in April. Linsey had sent an email earlier.
13. **Shirley Noble Award:** The committee would like to rename the Filter Award, the Shirley Noble Filter Award or the Noble Filter Award. Some members would like a separate Shirley Noble Award that included mentorship instead of renaming the Filter Award. At this time, the Shirley Noble Award is tabled until next year.
14. **Electronic document storage:** Ashley Collins is trying Google drive.
15. **Rho Sigma Dinner** at National Meeting: Chelsea did not find restaurants close to the conference center. May need to take cabs to the dinner. Need to pick a place for a large group or have 3 items to pick from off the menu.
16. **Fundraising Committee:** Marnie reported on the meeting.
 - a. Window clings, canvas tote bags, and tumblers will be sold at spring meeting. Information can be put on the website. Need to decide on a slogan and logo. Look at something representative of the lab profession.
 - b. Sport raffles, bowling tourney, pampered chef, and card boxes were talked about.
 - c. Fundraising money submission form to track all fundraising funds for better accounting.
 - d. Serving at Century Link as a volunteer could raise funds
17. **Travel and Reimbursement Policy:** Roxanne gave the report. Need to set a budget for travel. The ASCLS Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, Attendance Expectations for Legislative Symposium, and Attendance Expectations for National Meeting were submitted.
18. **Leadership Development Day:** Kevin McGuire, Marnie Imhoff, Ashley Collins, and Alicia Sherry will be attending

P.A.C.E Credit Available

Submitted by Shana Jensen

ASCLS will be sponsoring PACE credit for "Sharing the Vision" April 19-20, 2013. The conference will serve to facilitate communication among faculty preceptors, leaders and supporters of student-run clinics for underserved populations. The event will be on UNMC campus consisting of "all teach--all learn" sessions as well as traditional educational formats, i.e. presentations and posters. We are hoping to include best practices, problem solving, and communicating research findings. Information can be found at http://www.unmc.edu/cce/sharing_conf.htm or by contacting Ricki Otten uotten@unmc.edu.

Anyone having presentations or ideas for future PACE events is welcome to contact shana_jensen@hotmail.com to discuss opportunities for ASCLS-NE to serve our members with continuing education credits.



Professional Acknowledgement for Continuing Education
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
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Tysons Corner, VA 22102

December 2012 Proposed Bylaws Change

Submitted by Anita Smith

ASCLS-NE Proposed Bylaws change

Present Provision	Proposed Change	Rationale
<p>Article IX: Official Representation, Section B National Delegates</p> <p>The Society shall send representatives to the House of Delegates at the ASCLS convention as specified by the ASCLS Bylaws and Operating Procedures.</p>	<p>Article IX: Official Representation, Section B National Delegates</p> <p>The Society shall send representatives to the House of Delegates at the ASCLS convention as specified by the ASCLS Bylaws and ASCLS-NE Standard Operating Procedure.</p>	<p>Be It Noted: This addition should assist our organization to be in alignment with ASCLS Bylaws.</p>

ASCLS-NE Proposed Standard Operating Procedure change

Present Provision	Proposed Change	Rationale
<p>Article IX: Official Representation, Section B National Delegates</p> <p>The appointed number of delegates and alternates shall be elected by the members present at the annual ASCLS-NE meeting from those indicating their intention to attend the ASCLS convention. The President may appoint delegates to any unfilled positions.</p> <p>The Society shall have one Student delegate to the ASCLS House of Delegates.</p>	<p>Article IX: Official Representation, Section B National Delegates</p> <p>Delegates to the ASCLS House of Delegates shall consist of at least four (4) members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The four delegates shall consist of one (1) Student, one (1) New Professional, plus one (1) delegate per each 50 professional and emeritus members or major fraction thereof. 2. A New Professional is a member with 5 years or less experience in the field of laboratory science. 	<p>Be it noted: This addition should assist our organization to be in alignment with ASCLS Bylaws</p>

Ready, Set...Nominate!!

Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 ASCLS- NE Awards! Winners will be announced at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday April 3, 2013 during the 2013 Great Plains Regional Laboratory EXPO Quad State Meeting. Descriptions of the awards and nomination forms can be found on our Website at <http://ascls-ne.org/awards.html>



All applications must be received by Friday March 15, 2013 to be considered.

Please send completed applications to the Awards Chairperson:

Kevin McGuire

13498 Frederick St

Omaha, Nebraska 68144

awards@ascls-ne.org

Student Forum Update

Submitted by Jasmine Clarke

With the spring season just around the corner the ASCLS-NE Student Forum's t-shirt fundraiser is underway! We have created a classic t-shirt with a design that encompasses the entire clinical laboratory and creatively acknowledges the department and career that we are all a part of. They will be available for purchase towards the end of February until the middle of March. The t-shirts should be available for pick-up by the first week of April, just in time for lab week! To support our organization through this fundraiser, contact any of the Nebraska Student Forum members or send an email to studentforum@ascls-ne.org.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Submitted by Chelsea Reischl

Date		Location
February 14-16, 2013	Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference	Kansas City, MO
March 15, 2013	Deadline for ASCLS-NE Annual Spring Meeting Awards Nominations*	
March 16-17, 2013	Legislative Symposium	Washington D.C.
April 3-5, 2013	ASCLS Quad State Annual Spring Meeting (NE, IA, MO, KS)	Embassy LaVista Suites and Conference Center; LaVista, NE
April 22-28, 2013	National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week	
May 30, 2013	Travel Application Deadline for Travel to ASCLS National Meeting*	
May 31, 2013	Scholarship Application Deadline*	
July 30-August 3, 2013	81st ASCLS Annual Meeting	Houston, TX

*See website (<http://www.ascls-ne.org/>)



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UNMC Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology Graduates

Save the date!

July 19-20, 2013

UNMC Campus, Omaha

**75th Anniversary Celebration of the
UNMC Clinical Laboratory Science Program**

as part of the
UNMC School of Allied Health Professions All Alumni Reunion:
Allies Assemble!

Activities to include: social events, alumni awards, tours, reuniting with your classmates, and more!

Visit www.unmc.edu/alumni or www.facebook.com/unmcCLS alumni for more information.
Want to help plan? Contact Alumni Relations at alumni@unmc.edu.

Yearly Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, 1 July 2012 - 31 Dec 2012
Submitted by Marnie Imhoff, MBA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Money Market Balance 31 Dec 2012	\$ 16,269.74	
Cash Receipts		
Money Market Interest Income	\$ 8.35	
ASCLS Membership	\$ 1,350.00	
Total Money Market Cash Receipts	\$ 1,358.35	
Disbursements		
Transfers to checking account	\$ 82.00	
Total Money Market Disbursements	\$ 82.00	
Money Market Account Balance 31 October 2012		\$ 17,546.09

Checking Account Balance - 1 July 2012	\$ 773.51	
Cash Receipts		
Spring Meeting 2012	\$12,189.89	
Transfers from Money Market	\$ 82.00	
Total Checking Account Cash Receipts	\$12,271.89	
Disbursements		
ASCLS National Meeting Attendance July 2012	\$ 5,225.56	
Website Maintenance	\$ 41.94	
Postage Stamps	\$ 9.00	
ASCLS-NE Board Meeting	\$ 81.70	
Legal Counsel	\$ 50.00	
PACE Fee	\$ 325.00	
Region VI Assessment	\$ 1,300.00	
Quad State Spring Meeting Seed Money	\$ 500.00	
Treasurer and President Bonding	\$ 99.00	
Total Checking Account Disbursements	\$ 7,632.20	
Checking Account Balance 31 October 2012		\$5,413.20

ASCLS-NE SUMMARY OF ASSETS:

Money Market Balance 31 October 2012	\$ 17,546.09
Checking Account Balance 31 October 2012	\$5,413.20
Scholarship CD Balance 31 October 2012	\$ 15,067.97
Legislative CD Balance 31 October 2012	\$ 5,316.70
Savings CD Balance 31 October 2012	\$ 11,631.12
ASCLS-NE TOTAL ASSETS 31 October 2012	\$ 54,975.08

READY, SET, JOIN US AT THE....

2013 SPRING LAB MEETING



Join the state societies of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, & Nebraska) for the Regional Laboratory Expo on April 3, 4, & 5 in La Vista (Omaha), Nebraska!

Over 40 hours of P.A.C.E. approved credit will be offered in

- Hematology
- Chemistry
- Infectious Disease
- Leadership
- Microbiology
- Phlebotomy & more!



LEARN!

NETWORK!

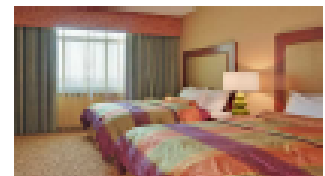


Along with great educational sessions, the Regional Laboratory Expo offers many networking events such as a **Vendor Reception**, **Dedicated Exhibit Hours** and our social event at **Lucky Bucket Brewery** on Thursday evening to meet new laboratory professionals from across the region and exchange ideas.

BOOK!

Special group room rate of **\$135/room** per night based on single or double occupancy.

To reserve your room, contact the **Embassy Suites toll-free reservation number (1-866-698-6648)** or by contacting the Hotel directly prior to March 6, 2013; ask for the **ASCLS Meeting Block**. Reservations must be received on or before March 6, 2013 to receive the discounted rate.



REGISTER!

Many registration options including Full Conference, Single Day, and Institutional Passes are available.

Get registered today by visiting our meeting website at www.greatplainslabmeeting.org