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## President's Message

Submitted By Chelsea Dockins Reischl

I hope you all had a great (and fun) Medical Laboratory Professionals Week! You play a vital role in every aspect of health care. Thank you for all that you do! Lab Week is a time to honor the more than 300,000 medical laboratory professionals around the country who perform and interpret more than 10 billion

laboratory tests in the US every year. ([www.ascp.org/labweek](http://www.ascp.org/labweek)) Because of the "hidden" nature of our profession, I urge you to promote your profession and speak more to others of your impact in their lives and the healthcare profession.

I want to thank you for being a member of ASCLS-NE. As a professional, it is vital to maintain some sort of involvement in your career outside of your day-to-day activities. Throughout the years, the profession has derived benefits from the commitment of other clinical laboratory professionals who supported ASCLS. With the ASCLS mission of Voice, Vision, and Value, it is important to be passionate about our profession. We cannot accomplish needed reforms alone, but the likelihood is much better if we join together -- there is strength in numbers. The clinical laboratory profession challenges us to take charge and control our destiny.

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 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 at [president@ascls-ne.org](mailto:president@ascls-ne.org).

## ASCLS-NE Kick-Off to Leadership Day

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was an exciting day for our society as we held our first ever Kick-Off to Leadership Day! This was an informational social event for laboratory professionals who were interested in becoming active within ASCLS-NE and their profession. We had a BBQ lunch and spent time visiting and discussing positions and opportunities within the society. We look forward to hosting another informational day this Fall and hope to see you there!

If you'd like to learn more about becoming active in the society, please contact **Linsey Donner** at [leadership@ascls-ne.org](mailto:leadership@ascls-ne.org)

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## Spring Meeting Recap

Submitted by Kevin McGuire

The Nebraska Laboratory Spring Meeting took place April 9–11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Lincoln, NE. ASCLS–NE partnered with CLMA Great Plains Chapter, ASCP, and PAMET–USA Nebraska Chapter in providing this education opportunity to laboratory professionals.

A great crowd attended this event that offered 49 hours of P.A.C.E. credit. The exhibit hall featured 30 vendors that displayed their laboratory products and services. The University of Nebraska Medical Center Clinical Laboratory Science Alumni sponsored the social event that was held at Brewsky's in downtown Lincoln.

A huge thank you goes to all who helped plan this meeting including Roxanne Alter, Linsey Donner, Shana Jensen, Marnie Imhoff, Nicole Meier, Lynnett Paneitz, and Chelsea Reischl. The meeting next year will take place at the La Vista Conference Center. If interested in helping with the meeting next year, please contact Kevin McGuire at [president-elect@ascls-ne.org](mailto:president-elect@ascls-ne.org)



## ASCLS–NE General Business/Board Meeting Minutes–April 10, 2014

Submitted by Donna Kruger

**Members Present:** President–Chelsea Reischl, President Elect and Senior Board Member–Kevin McGuire, Treasurer–Marnie Imhoff, Secretary–Donna Kruger, Leadership Development Chair–Linsey Donner, Junior board Member and GAC/PAC Chair–Roxanne Alter, PACE Chair–Shannon Jensen, Awards Chair–Lynnett Paneitz, Joyce Colombe and Kathy Trudell

### 1. Board Meeting

President Chelsea Reischl called the meeting to order.

A. Introduction of Board Members completed.

B. Board Leadership Reports

1. President: No concerns or requests for action from Chelsea.

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## 2. Treasurer

- 2014–2015 Budget presented.
- No Concerns.
- Requests for Action: Marnie moved that the ASCLS BOD approve the proposed FY2014–15 budget.
- Chelsea moved to open for discussion. Linsey seconded.
- Discussion
  - Noted that budget amount didn't carry over to "Balance" column on copy–ignore for now.
  - Dollar amount spent for awards this year not known for sure yet.
  - Legislative Symposium cost this year was less than budgeted amount.
  - Discussion about matching funds for students which has been taken away.
- Linsey motioned that the ASCLS BOD approve the proposed FY2014–15 budget. Donna seconded. All were in favor so motion passed.

## 3. Secretary

- No concerns or requests for action.
- The minutes of the meeting from February 8, 2014 were emailed earlier. Chelsea motioned to accept the minutes as written and Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

## 4. Senior Board Member/President Elect

- No concerns or requests for action.

## 5. Junior Board Member

- Concern: Need to financially evaluate what we want for the Quad State Meeting next year. For example, how should the work and the profits be divided? Already \$16,000 has been pledged to the LaVista Convention Center per contract.
  - Discussion about concerns with partnering with Iowa for meeting next year, including how Iowa will feel when their hotel and travel expenses are limited (as ASCLS–NE has limited theirs). Further discussion about concerns involved with letting other organizations determine meeting costs/expenses.
- Request for Action: Vote on what a contract with partners for Quad State Meeting next year will look like.
  - Discussion followed with Chelsea pointing out that the same contract that she used in 2012 for the Spring Meeting was used this year for the contract with CLMA.
  - Discussion about developing a Spring Meeting Chair from Nebraska with a committee. A discussion with all involved for the Quad State Meeting next year should take place with ASCLS–NE (by the Spring Meeting Chair) being forthcoming about our financial limitations, the division of the work involved for the meeting and division of profits.
- Request for Action: Recruit for Spring Meeting Committee by sending out a call for volunteers. Roxanne volunteered to act as the Spring Meeting Chair for next year.

## 6. First Year Professional

- No report submitted.

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## 7. Student Forum President

- No report submitted

## C. Other Leadership Reports

## 1. Filter Editor

- No concerns.
- Requests for Action: Chelsea communicated Andrea's request that any pictures taken by individuals at the State meeting be sent to Chelsea for possible submission in the next Filter edition.

## 2. Scholarship/Loans

- No report submitted.

## 3. Membership committee

- No report submitted.

## 4. LDC Committee

- Concerns: Recruitment of new, active leadership within ASCLS-NE. See report submitted by Linsey for details. Also, leadership needs to be using ASCLS-NE.org emails and checking at least once a week.
- Requests for Action:
  - Assistance still needed for the writing of any of the remaining positions in the Leadership Handbook. Let Linsey know if you would like to help with this.
  - Need Spring Meeting Planning Committee to free up Board members for other duties. This committee should start working on timeline/duties.
  - Discussion of assigning of mentors from ASCLS-NE membership based on new leadership interest.
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> ASCLS-NE Kick-Off to Leadership Informational Session discussed. Email will be sent after the Spring 2014 meeting for people interested.
  - Two items tabled for August Meeting: on-line voting system and leadership position template housing.
  - See submitted report for additional information.

## 5. GAC/PAC

- Concerns:
  - Cost of attending Legislative Symposium and not staying long enough to meet with all of our representatives. Later flights for attendees suggested. It was noted on the submitted report that Brad Hayes and Ashley Collins attended only three of the five scheduled meetings with our representatives due to conflicts with airline departures. Discussion followed regarding the obligations of attendees for this event.  
Shannon proposed the possibility of alternating which representatives we meet with instead of trying to fit so many meeting into a short time. See submitted report for additional information.

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- Travel policy and obligations of attendees needs to be understood by those going to Legislative Symposium. Discussion regarding Brad Hayes and Ashley Collins deviating from travel policy and obligations of attendees. A motion was made by Chelsea for the BOD to vote for/against travel reimbursement for these attendees. Roxanne seconded. A vote was taken and reimbursement for Ashley was passed (deviation from travel policy due to requirement of armed forces). Reimbursement for Brad was denied. Marnie will notify Brad of this vote by the BOD.
  - No requests for action.
- 6. Bylaws
  - No report was submitted.
- 7. PACE
  - No concerns or requests for action.
  - It was noted that the Spring Meeting 2014 had 50 available PACE credits.
- D. Creation of committee to develop Spring Meeting Handbook/Guidebook
  - Chelsea will be working on this.
- E. National Meeting
  - July 29<sup>th</sup>–August 1<sup>st</sup> in Chicago. Those interested in attending contact Chelsea.
  - Are there students interested in attending? Noted that there are no travel grants available this year. Money that was raised by students is money that is available for costs of this meeting.

Chelsea moved to end the meeting at 6:32 pm. Marnie seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned.

## ASCLS–NE Board Meeting Minutes–February 8, 2014

Submitted by Donna Kruger

**Members present:** President–Chelsea Reischl, President Elect and Senior Board Member–Kevin McGuire, Treasurer–Marnie Imhoff, Secretary–Donna Kruger, New Professional Committee Advisor–Ashley Collins, Leadership Development Chair–Linsey Donner, Awards Chair– Lynnett Paneitz, Junior Board Member and GAC/PAC Chair–Roxanne Alter, Julie Richards

1. Board Meeting–President Chelsea Reischl called the meeting to order.

**a. Board Leadership Reports:**

**i. President**

- Concerns–Need to focus on membership recruitment and retention.
- No requests for action.

**ii. Treasurer**

- Marnie submitted the report–we are doing well.
- We are starting to get money in from vendors.
- Pampered Chef Fundraiser=\$203.
- Another website payment still to pay this year. All other big stuff is paid.

*ASCLS-NE Board Meeting Minutes-February 8 continued from page 5***iii. Secretary**

- No concerns or requests for action.
- The minutes of the meeting from August 24, 2013 were emailed earlier. Kevin motioned to accept the minutes as written and Marnie seconded. Motion passed.

**iv. Senior Board Member/President Elect**

- No concerns.
- Requests for Action: Board approved Shirley Noble Award on April 5, 2013 but the award itself was not decided. Kevin stated that we need to vote on what to give to the award recipient. Idea(s) proposed: plaque with Shirley's picture on it. Lynnett will talk to Shirley's husband about getting a picture and input from him. Julie asked how awardee is decided. Kevin read the description which is on the ASCLS website.
- Spring Meeting planning is underway. Meeting will be held April 9-11, 2014 at Holiday Inn Downtown, Lincoln, NE.
- Volunteers needed for registration booth as well as moderators for the Spring Meeting.

**v. Junior Board Member**

- No report submitted.
- Concerns- Speaker chair is responsibility as well. Roxanne voiced concern that this is a huge responsibility for this person. Should have someone in mind for next year for this position so they could shadow Roxanne this year for the meeting. CLMA method of doing speakers is great. Have a meeting and divide up finding speakers. Harder this year to find speakers due to fact meeting is in Lincoln. Pace forms need to be followed up on by each person getting a speaker. Chelsea offered to help if delegation is needed.
- Chelsea proposed an addendum to Leadership handbook regarding Spring Meeting to help future people. Better guidelines that outline procedures, duties of each person, etc. more specifically. Roxanne expressed need to have a recap meeting after the Spring Meeting.
- Roxanne needs someone to get gifts for the speakers and write thank you notes. Is there a need for a Corresponding secretary? Contact Nicole Meier? She may have templates. Roxanne suggested gas cards.

**vi. First Year Professional**

- No concerns or requests for action.

**vii. Student Forum President**

- No concerns or requests for action

**b. Other Leadership Reports****i. Filter Editor/Scholarship & Loans**

- No concerns.
- Requests for action-Andrea will be stepping down as Filter editor after the Spring Meeting.
- Need someone to take pictures at the Spring Meeting award ceremony on Friday of meeting. Ashley will find a student that will do this after she knows who is going to be there.

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- No concerns or requests for action.
- The 2014 ASCLS-NE Awards nominations are due by Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**iii. Membership Committee**

- Chelsea has not heard from Darlene. No report submitted.

**iv. LDC Committee**

- Concerns: Linsey expressed concerns about not having new active leadership within ASCLS-NE. See submitted report for details.
- As an activity toward recruiting she emailed people (long-standing members) from membership list. About 4 out of 15 emailed expressed interest.
- Proposed the idea of a teleconference to serve as an information session for those interested in learning about ASCLS-NE and leadership opportunities. This could be done on a weekend which Linsey will arrange and work on.
- Discussion about a recruitment event for recent past students.
- Linsey stressed that we need to add to our leadership so that we can focus on other things besides just the Spring Meeting. Need to think about our Spring Meeting as our fundraiser.
- Requests for action: Linsey will try to create some kind of ballot system for voting on board positions.
- Leadership Academy interest email did not get any responses.
- Templates housed for each Leadership position where? Will be sent to each position.
- FYI: Leadership handbook technically not finished-if you are interested in assisting let Linsey know.

**v. GAC/PAC**

- PAC-Trying to get Senate candidates at meeting as speakers. Ben Sass, Shane Osborn, Bart McClay will be speaking Thursday at lunch.
- Ashley, Brad and Roxanne are going to Legislative Symposium (March 17 & 18). Julie is also going and representing CLMA.
- Discussion regarding patients or their representatives now being able to see their medical test results directly from the laboratory. See #3 under "Current Activities" of submitted report for additional information.
- Concerns: Cost of accounting firm for ASCLS PAC above monies raised in contributions. See #1 and #2 under "Concerns" of submitted report for additional information.
- No requests for action.

**vi. Website Committee**

- No concerns or requests for action.

**vii. Bylaws**

- No concerns or requests for action.

**viii. PACE**

- No concerns or requests for action.

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- Update on Pampered Chef fundraiser-Not as a robust of a response as expected. There were issues with on-line orders not going through. Would like to do again. Maybe do a catalog show next year at the suggestion of the consultant which would avoid the online ordering.
- Concerns: Lack of response to Pampered Chef fundraiser raises concern about initiating any further fundraisers. Financial commitment vs. profit.
- No requests for action.

## d. Volunteers, speakers, and moderators needed for Spring Meeting

## e. Filter Deadline-Feb. 15-Please submit your articles to Andrea.

**Questions:**

- Asked by Roxanne: "When was travel policy approved"? Were email votes tallied?
- Chelsea motioned to approve this policy. Linsey seconded. Policy was approved.

Chelsea motioned to adjourn at 2:30 pm.

## ASCLS-NE Leadership 2014-2015

Submitted by Linsey Donner MPH, CPH, MLS (ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, Leadership Development Chair

Announcing the 2014-2015 Board of Directors for ASCLS-NE. Thank you to everyone who voted! The leadership will take office August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

We have additional non-voting leadership positions appointed by the Society President each year. In this area we currently have open positions and are accepting nominations.

The current leadership would like the opportunity to mentor you into a position you would enjoy and benefit professionally. ASCLS needs laboratory professionals to volunteer their expertise no matter how small or large the contribution. Please contact me at [leadership@ascls-ne.org](mailto:leadership@ascls-ne.org) with any interests and questions you may have.

**Elected Board and Officers**

President: Kevin McGuire

President-Elect: Brad Hays

Past President: Chelsea Dockins-Reischl

Treasurer: Ashley Collins

Secretary: Donna Kruger

Senior Board Member: Roxanne Alter

Junior Board Member: Chelsea Dockins-Reischl

First Year Professional: Sara Ewing

Student Forum President: To be determined by next years' class of students

**Appointed/Non-Voting Leadership**

Membership Development Chair: Marnie Imhoff

Leadership Development Chair: Linsey Donner

Political and Government Action Committee Chair:  
Roxanne Alter

Website Development: Martin Steinbeck

FILTER Editor: Nicole Smith

Scholarship and Loans Chair: Andrea Jones

PACE Chair: Shana Jensen

Bylaws Chair: Accepting Nominations

Student Forum Advisor: Ashley Collins

Historian: Nicole Meier

Awards Chair: Lynnett Paneitz

Fundraising Chair: Accepting Nominations

Spring Meeting Planning Committee: Accepting  
Nominations

Membership Committee: Accepting Nominations



**Yearly Treasurer's Report**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, 1 July 2013- 30 April 2014**  
**Submitted by Marnie Imhoff, MBA, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>**

Money Market Balance 30 June 2013	\$ 17,963.99		
Cash Receipts			
Money Market Interest Income	\$ 19.73		
Spring Meeting Income	\$ 8,419.24		
ASCLS Membership Sept 2013	\$ 345.00		
ASCLS Membership Dec 2013	\$ 890.00		
ASCLS Membership March 2014	\$ 120.00		
Total Money Market Cash Receipts	\$ 9,793.97		
Disbursements			
Transfers to checking account		\$ 2,600.00	
Total Money Market Disbursements		\$ 2,600.00	
<b>Money Market Account Balance 30 Apr 2014</b>			<b>\$ 25,157.96</b>
Checking Account Balance - 1 July 2013	\$ 3,544.78		
Cash Receipts			
Transfers from Money Market	\$ 2,803.00		
Total Checking Account Cash Receipts	\$ 2,803.00		
Disbursements			
ASCLS National Meeting Attendance July 2013		\$ 1,544.32	
Website Maintenance Oct. 2013		\$ 52.38	
Website Maintenance Apr. 2014		\$ 52.38	
PACE Providership		\$ 325.00	
ASCLS-NE Board Meeting		\$ -	
ASCLS National Meeting Silent Auction Neb Donation		\$ 50.00	
Region VI Assessment		\$ 1,300.00	
Treasurer and President Bonding		\$ 99.00	
Legislative Symposium Meeting March 2014		\$ 1,167.04	
Scholarships		\$ 500.00	
ASCLS Spring Meeting Expenses April 2014		\$ 21.00	
ASCLS Spring Meeting Awards April 2014		\$ 434.04	
Total Checking Account Disbursements		\$ 5,545.16	
<b>Checking Account Balance 30 Apr 2014</b>			<b>\$802.62</b>
ASCLS-NE SUMMARY OF ASSETS:			
Money Market Balance 30 Apr 2014			\$ 25,157.96
Checking Account Balance 30 Apr 2014			\$802.62
Scholarship CD Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 15,203.63
Legislative CD Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 5,335.51
Savings CD Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 11,704.05
<b>ASCLS-NE TOTAL ASSETS 30 Apr 2014</b>			<b>\$ 58,203.77</b>

## Spring Meeting Awards

Submitted by Lynnett Paneitz, Awards Chair

### 2014 Years of Membership Recognition

#### 5 Years

Megan Brown  
Bradley Hays  
Marnie Imhoff  
Amanda McLean

#### 10 Years

Cassy Richards  
Tracey Vrba

#### 15 Years

Joyce Colombe  
RoxAnne Peters

#### 20 Years

Kim McCoy

#### 25 Years

Roxanne Alter  
Deborah Feldman  
Julie Richards

#### 35 Years

Diane Siedlik  
Anita Smith

#### 50 Years

Mary Petricek

#### Emeritus

Karim Mehrazar  
Kathleen Wortman



Scholarship Recipient Krystal Davis and ASCLS-NE President Chelsea Dockins-Reischl



Scholarship Recipient Lisa Alexander and ASCLS-NE Awards Chair Lynnett Paneitz



Key to the Future Award Recipient Lynnett Paneitz and ASCLS-NE President Chelsea Dockins-Reischl



Technical Excellence Award Recipient Ricki Otten and ASCLS-NE President Chelsea Dockins-Reischl

## Spring Meeting Awards



Filter Award Recipient Shana Jensen and ASCLS-NE President Chelsea Dockins-Reischl



Technical Support Excellence Award Recipient Traci Bengston and ASCLS-NE President Chelsea Dockins-Reischl



Shirley Noble Award Recipient Joyce Colombe-Award presented by Shirley's husband, Dwayne Ball

### **2014 Exhibitor Appreciation Award**

Matthew Clabaugh from AB SCIEX due to his willingness to speak and have a vendor booth at the meeting. Matthew was not able to be pictured as his award was presented prior to the awards ceremony.