



American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Region II

***Capital Area* Delaware* Maryland* New Jersey
Pennsylvania* Virginia* West Virginia***

***Region II Caucus, Friday, July 20, 2007, San Diego,
CA 7:30 AM***

Members Present: Mary Ann McLane (DE), William Hunt (PA), Carolyn Devers (MD), Ruthanne Kaufman (MD), Mary M. Gourley (PA), Sharon Strauss (PA), Sandra Neiman (PA), Chris Thomas (PA), Lorraine Doucette (MD), Ann E. Snyder (MD), Dee Fike (WV), Carla Johnston (WV), Kerry Harbert (WV), Mary Ellen Koenn (WV), Jean Chappell (WV), Scott Aikey (NJ), Karen Gordon (VA), Frankie Harris-Lyne (VA), Becky Perdue (VA), Bernie Bekken (VA), Sarah M. Sullivan (VA), Keely Pierzchalski (VA), Ashley LeFrois (VA), Amanda M Pagans (VA), Barbara Snyderman (PA), Michelle E. Lachance (PA), Nadine Fydryszewski (NJ), Susan Kusic (NJ), Florence Jodie Prestholdt (NJ), Stephen Mercado (NJ), Elaine Keohane (NJ), Edward J. Peterson, Jr. (NJ), Lisa Bakken (PA), Chris Harmon (MD), Mary Beth Miele (PA), Connie Laubenthal (VA).

MINUTES

1. Old Business

- The 2007-2008 annual budget was approved at the spring BOD meeting.
- Elections/Appointments
 - Jodie Prestholdt (NJ)** was elected as treasurer
 - Carolyn Devers (MD)** was elected as secretary
(These will both be 2 year terms to maintain continuity with the next RD term)
 - Requested faculty recommendations to fill student representative position
 - Government Affairs Committee rep: **Randy Vandevander (VA)**
 - Membership Services Rep (2006-2009): **Carolyn Devers (MD)**
 - Membership Recruitment Rep (2006-2009): Requested volunteer for this position
 - Leadership Development Rep (2006-2009): **Ann Snyder (MD)**
 - Committee on Professional Affairs (2006-2009): **Robin Krefetz (PA)**
 - Young Professional: **Ashley LeFrois (VA)**
 - Student Advisor: **Keely Pierzchalski (VA)**
 - PAC Trustee: **Charles Wilson (PA)**
 - Region II Webmaster: **Don Lehman (DE)**
 - ASCLS Treasure election: **Marcia Armstrong (HI)** vs **Gilma Ronancio-Weemer (IL)**. Discussion indicated Gilma was the stronger candidate.

ASCLS Nominations committee, Region VII: **Pamela Owens (NM)** vs. **Lynda Britton (LA)**. Discussion indicated Lynda was the stronger candidate.

Notice was given that Region II Director would need to be elected in 2008.

- Announcements

The caucus breakfast was a PAC donation. This donation went back into our donations for this year.

Competitive bidding will affect us even though we are not in the MSA because this is attached to the patient and not to the geographic location. The Clinical Lab Coalition is working to convince congressmen that this must be repealed.

Mary Ann again offered to write letters to employers, husbands or wives explaining the importance of attendance at this meeting and celebrating each individual's accomplishments.

Celebrating the accomplishments of the members of our region:

- ❖ **Nadine Fydryszewski (NJ)** was inducted into the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity
- ❖ **Sharon Strauss (PA)** was elected as junior board member of Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity. Sharon was also nominated from Pennsylvania for the national ASCLS member of the year.
- ❖ **Scott Aikey (PA)** is the ASCLS President elect.
- ❖ **Bill Hunt (PA)** and **Nadine Fydryszewski (NJ)** were the chair and vice-chair for the 2007 ASCLS annual meeting.
- ❖ **Lorraine Doucette (MD), Bernie Bekken (VA), Mary Beth Miele (PA), Elaine Keohane (NJ), Elissa Passiment (NJ) and Ed Peterson (NJ)**, soon to be Georgia!) received presentations during San Diego's annual meeting.
- ❖ **Michelle Lachance (PA)** is in the first ASCLS Leadership Academy class of 2007-2008, featured in the August 27 edition of *Advance for medical Laboratory Professionals*.
- ❖ **Connie Laubenthal (VA)** was chosen chair of the national ASCLS Nominations committee for 2007-2008.
- ❖ **Lindsay Kegelman (DE)** contributed to the interview found in the January 1 issue of *Advance for medical Laboratory Professionals*.
- ❖ **Lorraine Doucette (MD)** was named program director for a new MLT program at Anne Arundel Community College

- ❖ **Chris Harmon (MD)** received a masters degree in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins.
- ❖ **Jean Chappell (WV)** is coordinating a program for clinical assistants

The Region II BOD meetings will be 11/3/2007 and 3/29/2008 with the student competition held on 3/29/2008. **Keely Pierzchalski (VA)** will be coordinating the case study competition.

Mary Gourley (PA), Katie Franz (PA) and Darian Hybyl (VA) are working to update the Region II Guidelines.

Elections are scheduled to be held Friday, July 20, 12:15-12:45 PM

Final House is Saturday, July 21, 2007 at 10 AM

Photographs were taken and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM