

REGION II

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

To: ASCLS Board of Directors
From: ASCLS Region II
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Activities of the Region II Director since 10/8/06

- *Completed Omicron Sigma nominations for region level
- *Sent out the following “alerts” to the region membership: Invitation for national committees, ADVANCE article, personnel shortage stories (5), Job positions (11), Title VII and VIII (1), NMLPW week projects (4), Kudos (1), Continuing education opportunities (3), ASCLS bookstore, annual meeting, leadership mailing, ASCLS “heroes”, awards (5), Legislative issues (4)
- *Committed to attending meetings in Legislative Symposium 2007, Virginia (4/17), New Jersey (4/19) and Pennsylvania (5/15).
- *Arranged for Region Council meeting 3/31/07 at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, which will also be the 4th annual student case study competition.
- *As board liaison, communicated with the chairs of the Education & Research Fund, Awards Committee and the Professional Doctorate Task Force.
- *Forwarded weekly membership numbers to society and region leadership
- *Arranged for preliminary program printing for the ASCLS-PA annual spring meeting, May 2007 and mentored the meeting general chair.
- *Provided input for ASCLS BOD discussions on selection of CLS editor-in-chief, NY personnel licensure, BD offer for continuing education, IVDMA, March meeting promoting research in allied health.
- *Set up new Region II listserve through JR Constance.

Region II Constituent Society Summary Reports

Capital Area – No President – Society is inactive since 2001. Vickie Silcott has coordinated efforts to reactivate the society. Goals for the year: Find someone to carry on with the reactivation movement

Activities ongoing/planned: Vickie has now been moved to New York by her law firm, so will no longer be able to work with this society for reactivation. No one has stepped forward to take up that cause.

Delaware – Joanelle Lunger, Acting President

Goals for the year: sponsor quality continuing education for lab professionals in tri-state area; increase membership by concentrating on students and young professionals; increase involvement of current members and student board members; support Region II goal of “Provide the Face”; pursue vendor involvement at dinner meetings

Deb Records withdrew as society President due to her work situation. Joanelle Lunger will provide leadership for the rest of the year, and then assume her own 2-year term in August. Activities ongoing/planned: Omicron Sigma nominations submitted; board meetings monthly at Christiana Hospital; fall dinner meeting and con ed talk on 10/24; spring newsletter in April; spring dinner meeting being planned during NMLPW; a holiday card was sent to all ASCLS-DE members, and a card for \$5 off the spring dinner was included if the person had attended the fall dinner meeting; lapsed members were contacted. The Young Professionals will have a happy hour on 3/2/07 at a local restaurant.

Maryland – Chris Harmon, President

Goals for the year include: Develop the Student Forum and setup a Student recruitment program; select a Student Representative for MSCLS; Setup new website; Develop MSCLS Newsletter; Increase the number of continuing educational sessions for our members (1 to 2); Set up a member retention plan. Primary focus would be to contact lapse members (phone/email/letter). Secondary focus would be to encourage members to participate in ASCLS functions; Mentor President-elect; Select a first year professional for the board of directors.

Activities planned include monthly meetings every 3rd Monday of each month at Greater Baltimore Medical Center; Developing a new website; 4 members will attend the 2007 Legislative Symposium. Judging at the Towson University Science Fair – March 2007; Laboratory Expo April 29, 2007 during NMLPW, which will include a display of lab profession information, a continuing education session and employment information for current CLSs.; career day at Panorama Elementary School May, 2007

New Jersey – Jodie Prestholdt, President

Goals and objectives for 2006-2007 include: Establish ASCLS-NJ as the premier organization for clinical laboratory professionals; Provide excellent health care to citizens of New Jersey through quality laboratory testing provided by qualified clinical laboratory personnel; Increase student awareness and enrollment into the clinical laboratory science profession; Maintain a qualified, clinical laboratory science workforce in New Jersey.

Activities accomplished and planned include: Fall student forum on 10/13/06 had 50 students attend, a record! Two student representatives elected: Taffy White and Viel Ty. ASCLS-NJ fall seminar on 10/18/06 included a fall House of Delegates meeting. Society newsletter, *The Analyzer*, published in November and second one planned in spring. Monthly board meeting 1/10/07, with future meetings planned 2/15, 3/14, 4/19, 5/9. Licensure Task Force has been discontinued for the time being. Student co-reps have produced a recruitment video and powerpoint presentation. Student Management Symposium on 4/20 and 4/27/07. At least 2 ASCLS-NJ members will attend the 2007 Legislative Symposium.

Pennsylvania – Sandra Neiman, President

Goals for the year include: Participate in public seminars and career activities regarding the lab profession; revitalize all ASCLS-PA chapters

Activities accomplished and planned include: Two BOD meetings (fall and winter); change in bylaws to include a FYP on the board; planning for annual spring meeting 5/15-5/16/07 in Harrisburg PA; early plans in place for 2008 spring meeting; welcome letters sent to 18 new members; phone survey of members for revitalizing dormant chapters; Lehigh Valley chapter has had two meetings after ~ 5 years of inactivity; students planning spring certification review; Five members to attend the 2007 Legislative Symposium, with the society sponsoring 4; revitalization of the ASCLS-PA newsletter; BOD/HOD meeting planned for 5/15/07

Virginia – Charlene Waybright President

Goals include: revision of VSCLS bylaws and policy manual; increase student and young professional involvement; membership retention and expansion

Activities Ongoing and planned include: 3-member subcommittee reviewing the bylaws by March 2007; have a student rep attend 2007 ASCLS national meeting and Legislative Symposium; have student bowl at VSCLS annual meeting; award \$1000 VSCLS scholarship to Ingrid Wilensky; have mini career fair at the annual meeting in Williamsburg; sent fall newsletter and will soon send winter newsletter; planning annual spring meeting in Williamsburg 4/16-4/17/07; BOD meeting dates 9/16, 11/11, 1/13, 3/24, 4/15, 5/5.

West Virginia – Carla Johnston, President

Goals include: Increase membership; fill vacant board positions; attract student members

Activities ongoing and planned include: 9th annual WVSCLS/WVCLMA/WVSSAMT joint meeting 10/12-10/13, 2006. Plans in the works for 2007 meeting; fall board meeting on 10/11/06 and members meeting 10/12/06; basket raffle proceeds sent to ASCLS Hurricane Relief Fund; planning for spring dinner meeting; WVSCLS representative to attend Legislative Symposium and ASCLS meeting in San Diego.

Membership Services Committee – Carolyn Devers

Activities initiated or planned: Contact state membership representatives and provide tools to contact lapsed members and students provided by national committee chair. Begin this in the fall months rather than waiting until winter; Have state membership chairs determine the student programs in the state, and the names and addresses of the students to graduate so that Graduation Cards and Invitations to join can be mailed in the Spring;

Plan “fun” activities for students in the states through state membership representatives to learn about ASCLS and the benefits of membership in the society.

Student Advisor – Keely Pierzchalski

Goals include: Coordinating the annual student case study competition; and assisting/mentoring this year’s region student representative.

Activities ongoing and planned: Gathering and putting together information for the student case study competition to be held in Baltimore on 3/31/07. So far 4 students from one university have signed up, with another college’s promising to send students.

Student Forum Representative – Amber Bailey

Goals include: networking program with local high schools; creating awareness of the medical technology profession; relate importance of professional society involvement

Observations from this year so far: it has been very difficult to get our region’s society presidents to appoint a student rep and get their contact information. She questioned whether this is from a lack of student interest in ASCLS or a lack of activities for students.

Concerns: (WV) board vacancies, lack of student membership