

REGION II

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

April 8, 2006, Greater Baltimore Medical Center

Minutes

Members Present:	Mary Ann McLane	Region II Director
	Ann E. Snyder	Region II Leadership
	Ruthanne Kaufman	Director, Maryland
	Carolyn Devers	President, Maryland
	Barbara Snyderman	Past President, Pennsylvania
	Megan Marshall	Region II Student Advisor
	Joanelle Lungert	President Elect, Delaware
	Deb Records	President, Delaware
	Darla Boyce	Past President, Delaware
	Carla Johnston	President Elect, West Virginia
	Terri Scott	Member, Maryland
	Keely Pierzchalski	Region II Student Rep
	Mary Gourley	Member, Pennsylvania
	Chris Harmon	Past President, Maryland

Mary Ann thanked everyone for attending in the inclement weather.

Minutes corrected to reflect correct spelling of names and lose “story” that had no explanation.

Treasurer’s Report:

The beginning cash balance was \$1707.06, ending fund balance was \$2774.16 with total assets of \$4107.49.

The ASCLS checking account summary was submitted for 5/1/2001 through 3/30/2006 and was reviewed.

The proposed budget for 2006-2007 was submitted and reviewed.

The following comments and changes were made:

- One assessment for the year seems to be working better
- One expense is the case study awards
- Ask for vendor support for the Caucus breakfast, if cannot obtain vendor support then try to get state support
- Change member assessments from \$1400 to \$1350. Total Revenue would then be \$4364.16.
- Change ASCLS meeting cost to \$750.

The budget was approved with the listed changes.

There was a thank you note from Becky Purdue for the expression of Sympathy.

The Capitol Hill visits were discussed and the Legislative symposium was successful. At least presidential officers from each state should attend this event.

ASCP Board of Directors will join the ASCLS meeting in San Diego. There is no design of capacity yet.

CLEC had a very successful meeting with over 2000 attendees. CLMA and ASCP also had very successful annual meetings.

Educational opportunities

webcast –Abbott free April 25 Fragile X Lab Testing PACE approved. Abbott will be doing 9 this year,
Link from ASCLS website <http://registration.intercall.com/go/abbottmolecular>
866-772-2717

Pennsylvania Spring Meeting

Philadelphia International Airport AACC Newborn Screening using Tandem Mass Spectrometry

Lab Week

ASCLS Store: Joan Polancic coordinating for Lab Week

If you experience difficulty with lab week orders let Mary Ann know. Bells International is coming down to the wire for orders to be in for lab week.

Adopt a staff member for lab week from the hurricane ravaged areas. Mary Ann is acting as a conduit to coordinate some of the activities. Friendly's, Bed, Bath and Beyond and other gift certificates are to be sent.

Annual Meeting Debt was eliminated by a good Legislative Symposium and CLEC.

There is a paid position available for a part time meeting manager.

Elissa Passiment will be retiring in 3-5 years! Special Projects Fund will be used to scan and archive the documents in Elissa's basement.

Planning Day- A day for the National president elect to do special projects and gather volunteers. Shirlyn looked at ASCLS committee structure. She placed a re-emphasis on the membership development committee. She charged the leadership with the increase of knowledge about ASCLS and to increase the membership base of the organization.

The membership services committee is to be established as a separate committee from the recruitment activities.

The board has concern for leadership development. A leadership academy will be developed, a structured mentoring program to increase leadership potential among our members.

Two important issues at the national meeting:

1. Position paper on state licensure
2. Draft bill for state licensure developed collaboratively with ASCP

Mary Ann will send both to the members for review.

ASCLS requesting E&R fund for sending student to Seoul, Korea for IFBLS

Also requesting funding from E&R for Professional Doctorate

Elissa is adding an executive assistant for help.

There have been questions about how emeritus status is obtained. The state president applies for this for a state member to the national board. It is then voted on and may be bestowed. It is not just a retirement, but has to do with service to the organization.

This group could be a source of knowledge for the leadership academy.

First Year Professionals-ASCLS for Dummies will launch at the Chicago meeting.

There will be a competition at the national meeting judging for posters converting into an article that could go to CLS Journal.

ASCLS Website needs reworking. Darryl Little has been contacted and he is working on it. Look at Maryland for 2005-2006 Leadership Directory.

We celebrate all graduates in the area.

CLEC has formed a task force of managers and educators to look at the evolution of needs over the next ten years.

Reminder: Chicago Meeting will have a pocket program only

There will be a membership campaign with a grand prize trip to the San Diego Annual Meeting.

The ASCP-ASCLS Collaboration Taskforce is recommending state licensure, joint meetings and work with local contacts.

BOR-NCA committed to discuss behind the scenes to join the two certification exams into one.

University of Delaware is working on a project to supply used ink cartridges to the African country Uganda Akoli Quarter

Vicki discussed Capital Area phone campaign 75% interested. Topics of interest include Licensure, personnel shortage, any interest in leadership-maybe CE-Mary Ann offers Patient Safety

Membership: additional categories for phlebotomists and CLTs, MDC chair positions open. Added about 700 members since February.

Delaware:

Holding pizza parties and other young professional activities
Have a proclamation signed for Laboratory Professionals Week

Maryland

Planning a Laboratory Expo to be held at the end of Laboratory Professionals Week.

West Virginia

Leadership

There is a young professional spotlight article in ASCLS Today