

## **REGION II**

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

**April 17, 2004**

**Greater Baltimore Medical Center**

Present were the following:

Voting Attendees –

Mary Ann McLane, Region II Director

Darla Boyce, DE President

Deb Records, Proxy for DE Pres-elect

Ann Snyder, MD President

Chris Harmon, MD Pres-elect

Nadine Fydryszewski, NJ President

Susan Whittier, NJ Pres-elect

Elaine Keohane, Proxy for NJ Past-pres

Barbara Snyderman, PA Pres-elect

Terri Scott, WV President

Jean McConlogue, WV Pres-elect

Mary Ellen Koenn, WV Past-pres

Non-voting attendees-

Vickie Cunningham, Region II Secretary

Carolyn Devers

Ruthanne Kaufman

The meeting began at 9:45 with the presentation, “Providing the Face: Consumer Advocacy” by Mary Ann McLane. The presentation was approved for 3.0hrs PACE credit by PSCLS 012-065-04. Through presentation and dialogue many suggestions and challenges were presented.

Refer to the workers as clinical laboratory professionals, not a room “the lab”

Identify a group to whom we may provide a face for our profession ??AARP??

Develop the vision for RII to be a model

Present Mary Ann’s PP presentation to the general public

Allow registration to a presentation to enable specific questions from the attendees

Consider the potential need/concern for liability

Add pictures of laboratory professionals’ faces

Remember analysis is done on analytes...not “tests”

Consider the AARP contacts for each state as provided to the state presidents

Find the “groups” available in your area (scouts, PTA, libraries, support groups, OB patients, diabetes patients, church groups, teachers’ groups, schools, during lab week)

Consider adding this as a requirement in the CLS education courses (provide a training session and then have students go out as their community service)

Provide a “canned” presentation and the tools for public speaking and add the educational background to the presentation.

Refer to ourselves as scientists, not technologists

Provide better information to all CLS/CLT regarding the history of the profession. (?CLS journal series or article by Elaine Keohane?)

Mend the fractionalization of the profession (AABB, ASM, AACC, ASCP, CLMA, ASCLS - present a “win-able” battle, even if we can’t merge the organizations. And, work on getting the professionals to join ASCLS, then our numbers will grow)

Provide tours of the laboratory – public, legislators

12:20

Lunch

### **Wrap up of presentation**

Mary Ann McLane offered to personally provide her presentation as long as her schedule allows.

She requested that reports come to her through the year regarding tasks or progress toward this goal.

She asked leadership to take the idea back to the membership for this and decide which group to target this year.

All were reminded to not zero in on “who am I”, but on what the consumer needs to know.

### **1:30 Approval of minutes from 11/8/03 – Vickie Cunningham**

Insert \$45,045.11 in for the profit

Approval of minutes as amended was moved by Nadine Fydryzweski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla Boyce and unanimously approved by council.

There was no fund raising project for the Caucus breakfast. Breakfast will be provided ~\$400 cost. Mary Ann McLane will try to get sponsorship or take up collection.

Corrections to leadership directory  
NJ Past-pres – Elaine Keohane  
WV Student rep – Amanda Kay Smithson

If you aren't receiving email from Mary Ann McLane about every week, resend your email info to her.

**Treasurer Report – Donna Odom**

No Report provided. An email report should be expected.  
On 5/31 states treasurers should send a check for additional members from October through April.

**Region II Director Report – Mary Ann McLane**

Direct Access Testing position paper  
Mary Ann shared her presentation about DAT and will email the presentation to the group. Interpretation is needed and this may be a role that the CLS could fill. The paper will be brought up for a vote in LA in July. This is not to include self-testing. Direct questions to Mary Ann prior to the LA meeting to enable her to be better prepared for answering questions during discussion by delegates.

Bylaws change to increase number of directors  
This is a suggestion by the Student Director – have it be a 2-year term. 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the term it would be a 1<sup>st</sup> year professional, providing a face and one more level of advising and mentoring for the young professionals.

**Reports and discussion from**

**Capital Area** – Mary Ann intends to develop contact with these individuals to determine what can be done to provide them the membership benefits.

**Delaware** – Darla Boyce  
54 people came to the dinner meeting. The speaker was Barbara Brown who was very good.

**Maryland** – Ann Snyder  
Villa Julia college administration has decided to drop their MLT program. The advisory committee wanted them to develop a 4-year program to replace the 2 year. Ann requested suggestions. Elaine Keohane - Do a "Needs" survey and link it with a "Vacancy" survey. Do a letter writing campaign. Deb Records - Seek political support from alumni, state representatives, state senators and the governor.

**New Jersey** – Nadine Fydryszewski  
State Laboratory licensure bill is being investigated regarding the ability of the State Laboratory head to effect personnel licensure.  
NJ students raised \$475.00 for Children's Miracle Network  
Representatives from NJ attended Legislative Day.  
2 additional delegates are attending the national meeting in addition to the officers.  
Report from Elaine Keohane regarding the coalition survey and report regarding the profession's student numbers and vacancies. It costs less than half in scholarships over advertising. Most institutions have no incentives for recruitment or scholarships.

**Pennsylvania** – Charles Wilson (report from Barbara Snyderman)  
There were almost 400 attendees at the Spring Meeting. There were no vendors but very good educational sessions.  
Examination review will be available on June 7 at Harrisburg Community College.

**Virginia** – Frankie Harris-Lyne (report from Mary Ann McLane)  
The Spring Meeting had a small number of vendors and only 80 attendees many of whom were students.

**West Virginia** – Terri Scott

Annual meeting is scheduled for October 7,8 at Flatwoods.  
Student Bowl had 3 MLT teams and no MT teams.

**Membership** – Christina Campbell (report from Mary Ann McLane)

ASCLS has achieved a 96% renewal again this year. Need to keep this up.

**Leadership Development** – Elaine Keohane

Career Recruitment Packet was distributed by Elaine through Mary Ann and more information will be put on the website. Next year’s planning meeting will occur at 7AM following the Annual Meeting.

**PAC Trustee** – Connie Laubenthal (report from Mary Ann McLane)

Nadine is trying to get PAC involvement at the NJ Annual Meeting.

**Student Advisor** – Tom Kelly (report from Mary Ann McLane)

Mary Ann reported that Tom had tried to get students to come for a presentation. Mary Ann requested input for how to involve students in this activity. The concern is to get young professionals involved. Suggestions included: Consider allowing students and 1<sup>st</sup> year professionals. Notify earlier. Publish the award.

**Student Representative** – Megan Marshall (report from Mary Ann McLane)

Megan has been working at the Regional and National levels. Suggestion was made to have interviews of former members who have come up through the ranks and put those into newsletter articles. Nadine Fydryszewski requested Megan to send emails to inquire about students sharing room assignments at National.

**Webmaster** – Darrell Little (report from Mary Ann McLane)

Discussion occurred regarding moving the RII website under national and Mike Bristol. NJ has had difficulty regarding this process. PA has gone well. Mary Ann will talk with Nadine Fydryszewski regarding the issue.

**Additional discussion**

**Registration for Annual Meeting** – Mary Ann McLane encouraged all to consider sharing the following information to all who are going to register for National.

	ASCLS	AACC
Member	275	380
Non-member	395	600
Student Memb	80	135
Student NM	120	135
1 day Member	110	255
1 day NM	165	255

Mary Ellen Koenn will take minutes at the RII Caucus in July at National due to Vickie Cunningham not attending.

**Health Care Reinvestment Act** – Mary Ann McLane reviewed the email that she sent out yesterday regarding the Health Care Reinvestment Act – involvement is essential. This was introduced and lobbied for at Legislative Day.

There will be no June Region II Meeting.

Following the motion by Elaine Keohane with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Snyderman, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Cunningham  
Region II Secretary