

American Society of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

NewsScope

WINTER EDITION



SADDLE UP AND GIDDY UP!

Howdy, Pardner! You'll be seeing a lot of me in the days to come! Way I hear it, ya'll be coming to my stomping ground for your annual Spring Meeting. Now, that is nice to hear. It's real pretty in Altoona in April. I look forward to showin' ya around. I git ya for 3 whole days! I hear there are a bunch of smart people gonna come and learn ya things. Some things ya might already know and some things that will be new. It's a wonderful thing, that school learnin'. A feller named Dave Glenn is gonna welcome you to Prairie Meadows. I think ya'll enjoy him. I also heard a rumor from the stable hands that yer President is a 'comin. No, not that Obama feller! ASCLS President Mary Ann McLane will be giving you a right good send off in a closing address. In between all this, ya'll will have over 40 hours of continuing learnin to choose from! How do you like them apples?! What I wouldn't give to sink my teeth into that! Ya'll get to listen to people like Dr. Nancy Rosenthal talkin' about abnormal blood smears. Dr. Michelle Catellier from the State Medical Examiners office will speak on some forensic testing. Woo Wee! Inappropriate Utilization of Vitamin D will be a subject that Dr. Matt Krasowski will bring to ya. A buddy of ours from way back, Dr. Alan Junkins will bring us some cool microbiology. Stop by and give him a howdy – do! Exhibits will be a big hit again this year. No muckin' about the stables looking at those shiny machines - ya will have a nice, clean exhibit hall to really git a good gander at what is new to the lab world. I hear Abbott and Beckman Coulter will be sponsoring speakers for your learnin' enjoyment. I been sneakin' peaks at all the great stuff ya'll be bringin' to my part of the pasture and I git so darn excited I could win the Derby for sure! Be sure to mark it on your calendar – April 14th, 15th, and 16th – Prairie

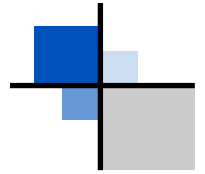
Meadows, Altoona, Iowa. Be sure to watch your email for the flyer and the program will be comin' your way in 2 shakes of a tail! Keep an eye on that website, too. Lots of info gets put on that website! If ya forgot it, here it is: www.ascls-ia.org. This is all brought to you by ASCLS-IA, CLMA, and ASCP. Thank ya! You've done a mighty great job! Can't wait to see ya at Prairie Meadows!! I'll leave a barn door open for ya!

Inside this issue:

President's Column	2
Nominee Bios	3
Cedar Valley Sci-	4
Haiti Relief	5
By-laws Review	6-8
Directory	9



FROM THE PRESIDENT



The season for awards has begun, Golden Globes, Grammys, Oscars AND the ASCLS-IA Awards! ASCLS-IA has a long tradition of recognizing not only our members for service to the society but those individuals from Phlebotomy to Support Staff to Mentors that impact the profession every day! However, unlike the Oscars where everyone is vying for a nomination, many times the ASCLS-IA awards have no nominations --- we would love to see that change. We at ASCLS-IA know there are numerous deserving and unrecognized individuals and are requesting your help, please go to <http://www.ascls-ia.org/awards-nominations.htm> and complete a nomination. The nomination process is simple so submit your nomination today!

The awards are presented during our annual meeting which will be held April 14, 15, and 16 at Prairie Meadows Convention Center in Altoona, Iowa. Registration and program information will be available beginning the end of February at <http://www.ascls-ia.org/2010meeting.htm>

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting where you can earn valuable P.A.C.E. continuing education credit and learn the latest information and emerging technologies. Remember that if you are currently not a member of ASCLS and sign up for membership at the annual meeting you will receive the membership registration discount and 15 months of membership for the price of 12 months! Another great benefit of membership is receiving a discount to the annual state meeting....come stop by our booth during the meeting to hear about the other fantastic benefits of membership!

Kim VonAhsen, President

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

ASCLS-IA has scholarships available for students currently enrolled in an accredited clinical laboratory programs.

Formerly given as the IMTSF scholarship, ASCLS-IA is now handling the selection and distribution of the scholarship funds.

Application forms and reference letter forms are now available at:

<http://www.ascls-ia.org/scholarship.htm>

Unable to access the internet, please feel free to call Vonnie at 712-363-5025 and forms will be mailed to you!

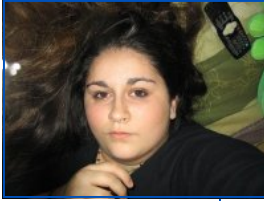


HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THESE ARE OUR NOMINEES!

Officer positions need to be filled and below are the biographies of those members seeking election to these positions. Voting will take place at the annual meeting April 15th, Prairie Meadows, Altoona, Iowa. Write-in nominations will be accepted up until the time of voting.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

K. Lindsey Davenport-Landry, MLS (ASCP)



Lindsey attended the University of Iowa and graduated in 2006 with a B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. She has been active in ASCLS since she was a student member. She has served as First Year Professional and Secretary on the ASCLS-IA board. She also currently serves on the Membership Services Committee at the national level. Lindsey has had the opportunity to attend the National Convention, Legislative Day in Washington D.C., and Region IV meetings. She was a Leadership Academy member in 2009 and presented her project at the national meeting in Chicago. She was also nominated for the Young Professional of the Year award at that meeting. At the state level, she has been awarded the New Professional of the Year Award, Omicron Sigma, and Member of the Year for 2009. Lindsey works at the VA Medical Center in Iowa City where one of her duties is to teach point of care testing to medical students and physician assistant students at the University of Iowa. She enjoys teaching and working to provide a face to our profession. As President of ASCLS-IA, Lindsey would like to further educate people on the wonderful things ASCLS has to provide and continue in the tradition of providing continuing education to our constituents. Lindsey is married to Jeff Landry and has a beautiful German Shepard named Zayt.

SECRETARY

Meighan Sharp, MLS (ASCP)



Meighan graduated with a B.S. degree in Microbiology from Michigan State University in 2004. From there she did her Med. Tech. internship at the Hurley School of Medical Technology in 2005 and earning her ASCP certification shortly after completion of the program. For 3 years, Meighan worked chemistry and blood bank at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Michigan. Since the spring of 2008, Meighan has been the phlebotomy supervisor for Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Meighan has been a member of ASCLS (Michigan and Iowa) since 2007. She is currently ASCLS-IA's Leadership Committee Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS

Sarah Taylor, BSBM, MLT (ASCP)



Sarah has worked in the laboratory for 13 years. She received her Medical Laboratory Technician degree from DMACC and later, a Business Management Degree from the University of Phoenix. She has been employed with Iowa Health – Des Moines for her entire career. As she moves up the ladder at the laboratory, she is interested in becoming more involved with the business side of the lab, promoting the laboratory as a career, and professional advocacy through involvement with ASCLS.

Theresa R. Ortner, MLS (ASCP)



Theresa has been a member of ASCLS-IA for 5 years and active for 4 years. She started by becoming the Chair for the Cedar Valley Science Symposium which takes place at Wartburg College and holds workshops for perspective students in different areas of science. She enjoys telling others about our profession. She has been the Political Action/Governmental Affairs chair and has lobbied in Washington D.C. on Legislative Day. She has also lobbied in Des Moines. Since being a member, she has received the "Key to the Future" award, Omicron Sigma in 2008 and 2009, and has recently graduated from the ASCLS Leadership Academy. She has also received an award from her employer, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for her political activism. Theresa would like to thank you for your time and consideration as she runs for Board member.



A View from the Other Side

Tara Sorensen, *Student Forum Chair, ASCLS-Region VI*
Theresa Ortner, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}, *Government Affairs and Political Action Chair, ASCLS-Iowa*

“What happens to your blood after it has been drawn? Taking you into the world of results, the other side of what you see. Help to diagnose patients and help with their care. Solve the mysteries that lay beyond the Doctor’s office or ER. Looking for a challenge, a mystery, or just a new perspective? Come check out the view from the “other side.”—This is the caption for the clinical laboratory workshop session we hosted—“The Clinical Laboratory: A View from the Other Side.” On behalf of ASCLS-IA we participated in this workshop held at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa on January 16 during the Cedar Valley Science Symposium (CVSS). CVSS is an all day workshop designed to give high school junior and senior scholars an in depth taste of an area in science or math and a chance to compete for an academic scholarship. Our workshop was one out of thirteen science and math oriented workshops held during CVSS. Our workshop had the most participants which consisted of fourteen high school seniors. Many students signed up for our workshop, seniors were given preference, while other students ended up in different workshops due to number constraints. This was one opportunity we had to “provide a face” for the clinical laboratory profession by exposing these high school students to our field.



All the students, who are ranked in the top of their class, concluded the day composing an essay on their experience as part of the scholarship competition. In our workshop students wrote about how it could influence their career choices and view on the clinical laboratory. One student commented in their essay: *“The technician took my blood, and I remember wondering what they did with it, wishing I had the guts to ask them. Today I got my answer.”* The morning started off with watching *A Life Saved*, a video produced by the ASCLS National Committee, and continued with many hands-on and problem-solving activities. The various laboratory activities included performing a differential and making practice Gram stains related to a bacterial meningitis case study. Students watched a bone marrow collection clip and helped to diagnose a patient with T cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia based on the bone marrow exam and flow cytometry. We discussed an African trypanosomiasis case study, and students performed ABO typing on an emergency room patient. The students were asked to solve the mystery of each patient involved by applying the knowledge from our side, which is the other side to them. As one of our students stated in their essay: *“I’m not sure at this point what I really want to do with my life, but just like this morning, I’m going to keep uncovering clue after clue and running test after test until I figure it out.”*

On a final note, this workshop was not just “a view from the other side” from the students’ perspective, but also “a view from our side” on how the other side looks at us as laboratory professionals. *“It seems to be a very gratifying job. This opened my eyes to see that there are many ways to be a part of medicine and ways of helping people daily whether you’re a doctor or not,”* one student stated. Another reflected: *“I love the idea that through the discoveries I make, people will be changed and helped to live a healthier life.”* Overall, this was the first time the students were exposed to laboratory testing other than having their blood drawn. We found that students were shocked at how much work goes into testing specimens in the clinical laboratory. *“...The ladies from ASCLS-IA brought the atmosphere of the classroom from ‘What time is it? Am I really up this early?’ to questions like, ‘What if?’ and ‘Why?’...”* according to one student’s paper. This was truly a fulfilling experience for both sides.



“The technician took my blood, and I remember wondering what they did with it, wishing I had the guts to ask them. Today I got my answer.”



HELP WITH HEALING IN HAITI

The devastating earthquake in Haiti had us all riveted to the news. Scene after scene of total destruction greeted us as we turned on the news. For two of our fellow ASCLS members, the tragedy hit closer to home than they would have liked. Sister Marie Vittetoe, a retired educator yet very active Med Tech from Iowa City, and our Regional Director Tim Randolph, head of Randolph World Ministries, have worked tirelessly for years to bring medical outreach to the beautiful people of Haiti. Randolph World Ministries has 23 clinic partners within and around Port-au-Prince. Tim continues to focus on sending medical supplies and other materials to his clinics to help serve patients. Please check out his website, www.randolphworldministries.org to see if there is a way for you to help. Below is a lovely letter dear Sister Marie has sent as her request for help at her wonderful little hospital. There is no help too small and we all can make a difference!

THE LITTLE HOSPITAL THAT COULD! COMING TO THE RESCUE!

For the past 10 years I have worked to build a new laboratory and educate technicians in proper techniques at the Hospital Sacre Coeur (HSC-Sacred Heart Hospital), also referred to as CRUDEM (Center for Rural Development of Milot) in Milot, Haiti, just outside Cap Haitien in the north. Going from 45 beds in 2000, and 60 in 2009 to now over 300 beds is overwhelming! The critical earthquake victims are helicoptered in from Port-au-Prince for orthopedic surgeries, amputations, burn and crush treatment so there are great needs for everything. We do hundreds of venipunctures every day so right now we need donations of 3 ml purple and red top vacutainers and microtainers. There are many children and babies among them and now we have a large children's ward. If you could help, please let me know and I will direct you as to where and how to send the tubes. DO NOT send the tubes directly to me. They need to go to a shipping company or with volunteers traveling to Haiti. We are also in desperate need of funds to purchase bedding for hurting people to lay their heads....obviously we have run out of beds and bedding. Bedding is purchased in bulk in south Florida and put directly in a shipping container, thus saving ground shipping costs.

Here's how to contribute for 501 tax deduction purposes:

Donate online <https://www.chmiowa.org/donate.cfm> and designate Haiti fund.

OR

Send a check to Congregation of Humility of Mary Haiti fund (CHM Haiti Fund)
820 West Central Park
Davenport, Iowa 52804

This is my religious community and they give the donations directly to me to purchase bedding

OR

Send directly to me.....no 501 status! And I do take cash!!

Sister Marie Vittetoe
156 West Side Drive #4
Iowa City, Iowa 52246



Medical Technologist since 1950! Med Tech, educator, administrator, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky, Lexington, and still serving the profession...

Thank you in advance for giving directly—where you know your donation will instantly go into action with NO overhead!

Peace,

Sister Marie Vittetoe / CHM

P.S. If you wish to receive email updates on what's going on at this hospital, let me know.



Every organization has to have a set of rules that those within the organization need to follow to make things run smoothly. It explains who we are, how we do things, and where we are going, and what rules we follow to achieve that goal. As times change, these rules need to change also to keep up with the times and the growth of the organization. The members of the organization need to be made aware of these changes. The following are proposed changes (in red) to our by-laws that the board and members of the by-laws committee have worked on to reflect our current status. Please read carefully as these proposed changes will be voted on during our annual meeting in April and thus be put into effect.

- RULE OF LIFE
- Tell me what you need and I'll tell you how to get along without it!
- On the keyboard of life, always keep your finger on the escape key!
- Killing two birds with one stone often ends with hate mail from the humane society.
- Any delicate and expensive piece of glassware will break before any use can be made of it.
- When you don't know what you are doing, do it neatly.



Proposed for adoption in 2010
By-Laws of ASCLS-IA

**Article I
Name and Purpose**

The name of this organization shall be the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Iowa (ASCLS-IA) hereinafter referred to as the Society. The purposes of this Society are stated in the **Articles of Incorporation**.

1. To promote high standards in clinical laboratory methods and research.
2. To promote adherence to the Code of Ethics of ASCLS and ASCLS-IA.
3. To promote the visibility and status of those individuals specializing in medical laboratory techniques.
4. To promote mutual understanding and cooperation between laboratory professionals and other health-care providers.

ASCLS-IA is a constituent society of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS).

**Article II
Code of Ethics**

Being fully cognizant of my responsibilities in the practice of Clinical Laboratory Science, I affirm my willingness to discharge my duties with accuracy, thoughtfulness, and care. Realizing that the knowledge obtained concerning patients in the course of my work must be treated as confidential, I hold inviolate the confidence placed in me by patients and physicians. Recognizing that my integrity and that of my profession must be pledged to the absolute reliability of my work, I will conduct myself at all times in a manner appropriate to the dignity of my profession.

**Article III
Membership**

- A. Membership in this Society is open to all persons interested in the clinical laboratory sciences and shall consist of the following classes: Professional, Collaborative, Student, Emeritus and Honorary as prescribed by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS).
- B. **Applicants for membership will be considered for membership only in the class appropriate to the maximum qualifications possessed by the applicant.**
- C. Individuals seeking membership in this Society shall furnish information defining their qualifications on application forms prescribed by ASCLS outlining the prerequisites for all classes of membership.
1. **Professional member:** Any person who meets the requirements for professional membership in ASCLS and who indicates that ASCLS-IA is the constituent society of choice.
 2. **Collaborative member:** Any person who meets the requirements for collaborative membership in ASCLS and indicates that ASCLS-IA is the constituent society of choice.
 3. **Student member:** Any person who meets the requirements for student membership in ASCLS and who resides or is a student in the state of Iowa.
 4. **Emeritus member:** Any member of this Society who qualifies and becomes an emeritus member of ASCLS.
 5. **Honorary member:** Any person who becomes an honorary member of ASCLS and who resides or is employed in the state of Iowa shall be recognized as an honorary member of this Society.
 6. **Meritorious member:** An individual residing or working in the state of Iowa who has made outstanding contributions to the profession of clinical laboratory science or to this Society may be selected by affirmative vote of the voting membership at this Society's annual meeting.
- D. Privileges of membership:
1. Professional and emeritus members shall enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of this Society. They may vote, hold elective positions and serve on any committee or board. Formerly professional members enrolled as fulltime students and holding student membership shall not forfeit continuity of professional membership privileges upon resuming professional membership.
 2. Collaborative, honorary and meritorious members shall be granted the privilege of the floor and may serve on appointed committees of this Society.
 3. Student members shall enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of this Society with the exception of voting, holding elective office or serving as committee chair. One student shall be a delegate to the ASCLS House of Delegates.
- D. **The retention, suspension, expulsion or reinstatement of a member of this Society is determined by ASCLS in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws and SOP's of ASCLS.**
- E. **Impeachment of officers of this Society shall be in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws and SOP's of ASCLS.**
- E. An applicant is established as a member in good standing of this Society upon submission to the Executive Office of ASCLS the proper application form and the required dues, with the subsequent approval of the Executive Office and notification of the treasurer and/or the membership chair of this Society.
- G. A person shall maintain membership in this Society through membership in ASCLS.
- H. Any member in good standing of a constituent society of ASCLS who moves his/her residence or employment to the state of Iowa is accepted as a member in good standing of this Society without payment or refund of dues for the remainder of the membership year, provided his/her application is submitted through the Executive Office of ASCLS.
- I. **The retention, suspension, expulsion or reinstatement of a member of this Society is determined by ASCLS in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws and Society Regulations of ASCLS.**
- J. **Impeachment of officers of this Society shall be in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws and Society Regulations of ASCLS.**

**Article IV
Dues**

- A. All members of this Society will pay the appropriate dues to ASCLS according to the schedule of dues of ASCLS.
- B. In addition to ASCLS dues, professional and collaborative members will pay \$10 dues for ASCLS-IA; students will pay \$5 dues for ASCLS-IA and emeritus, honorary and meritorious members will pay no dues to this Society.

Article V Officers

- A. The officers of this Society shall be president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. The duties of these officers shall be as defined in these By-Laws, **the SOP's of this Society** and in the parliamentary authority adopted by this Society.
- The president shall be the chief executive officer of this Society. (S)He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of this Society. (S)He shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees with the exception of the Nominations Committee. (S)He shall appoint the chair of all standing committees except the Nominations Committee. **and shall appoint an audit committee or auditor to audit the treasurer's books.** With the approval of the Board of Directors or the members, (s)he shall appoint such special committees as are needed. (S)He shall be a member of the President's Council and the Regional Council in accordance with By-Laws and SOP's of ASCLS.
- The president-elect shall, during his/her term of office, familiarize herself/himself with the duties of the office of president and shall, in the absence of the president, act as the chief executive officer of this Society. (S)He shall automatically become president the year following her/his election as president-elect. (S)He shall be a member of the President's Council and the Regional Council of ASCLS in accordance with the By-Laws and Society Regulations of ASCLS. (S)He is an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominations Committee.
- The secretary shall act as secretary at all meetings of this Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall keep in permanent form a record of all minutes of all meetings at which (s)he serves. (S)He shall be responsible for distributing copies of the minutes of such meetings as directed by the President and/or the Board of Directors. (S)He shall conduct such correspondence as shall be authorized by the Board of Directors or the President.
- The treasurer shall assure the receipt and expenditures of funds in accordance with the directives of the Board of Directors. (S)He shall be under such bond as established by the Board of Directors. (S)He shall ensure that all accounts of the Society shall be audited annually, prior to each annual meeting, but not exceeding **sixty (60) days**, by **the finance** committee. **appointed by the president from the membership.** At the annual meeting, (s)he shall submit to the members a statement of all receipts and expenditures for the current fiscal year. Upon taking office, a new treasurer shall examine the books for the previous **sixty (60) thirty (30) days**, notifying the Board of Directors of any inconsistencies, and file any tax returns in accordance with the laws of the state of Iowa **or the United States of America.**
- Eligibility for office. A member of this Society shall be eligible to hold office or be a board member provided (s)he is a member in good standing of this Society.
- Term of office.
- The term of office of president shall be one year.
- The term of office of president-elect shall be one year. The following year, the president-elect shall automatically succeed to the office of president.
- The term of office for the secretary shall be two years. The secretary may be re-elected but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
- The term of treasurer shall be two years. The treasurer may be re-elected, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

- D. Filling of vacancies in office occurring between meetings of the Society ;
Vacancies in office occurring between meetings of the Society shall be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting as specified in the SOP's of this Society.
- A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the president-elect for the remainder of the unexpired term. If so filled, this member shall remain in the office of president for the following year as well.**
- A vacancy in the office of president-elect shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to elect a replacement to serve for the remainder of the year. This member shall succeed to the office of president for the following year. At the next annual meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy, the Society shall elect a president-elect.**
- In the event of the simultaneous removal during their terms of office of the president and president-elect, the immediate past-president of this Society shall become the president for the remainder of the unexpired term of the president. The office of the president-elect shall be filled as previously described. At the next annual meeting of this Society, the members shall elect a president-elect.**
- A vacancy in the office of secretary or treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Directors who shall elect a replacement by a majority vote to serve until the next annual meeting. In the selection of a member to fill vacancy, the Board shall first consider the candidates from the slate of nominees for that office from the preceding election.**
- A vacancy in the office of past-president shall be filled by the most recent past-president who is willing to assume the duties of the position..**
- Election to office.
- Election to an office will be by majority vote of the votes tabulated at the annual meeting.
- The secretary and treasurer will be elected in alternate years.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, the immediate past-president, and three members elected from the membership at the annual meeting. In addition, there shall be a director from each chartered district society. A First Year Professional, if one is available and willing, may be appointed to the board by the president, with the approval of the board. This member of the board shall have full privileges of board membership, and shall serve in this capacity for one year. A student representative (or representatives) may be appointed to the board by the president, with the approval of the board, and may be granted voting privileges at the discretion of the board.

The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body of this Society when the regular meetings of this Society are not in session. The Board is vested with the control and management of all affairs, properties, and funds of this Society in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of this Society.

A vacancy in an elective directorship shall be filled by the Board of Directors who shall elect a replacement by majority vote to serve until the next annual meeting, at which time the Society shall fill the position for the remainder of its unexpired term.

The president or any other officer of this Society may call meetings of the Board of Directors, providing proper notice, stating purpose and place of the meeting is made to the respective members prior to such meetings.

The president or president-elect and a majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Board members, except FYP and student representatives, shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot for a three year term. One shall be elected each year to succeed the one having served three years. The term of office of any Board member of this Society elected at the annual meeting shall begin with the sine die adjournment of such annual meeting. A board member may be re-elected to a second term, but may serve no more than 2 consecutive terms. After a hiatus of one year, an individual maybe elected to the board again.

Notice of board meetings shall be printed in the official publication and sent to all members of the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. Meeting dates may also be established at one board meeting for future meetings and is deemed sufficient notice if absent members are notified by letter, by publication **or electronically**. Changes in the date must be communicated as early as practical.

Article VII District Societies

This Society may charter district societies.

This Society is empowered to revoke for just cause the charter of a district society upon notice and an opportunity to be heard thereon, by a majority vote of the members eligible and voting at the annual meeting, providing the Board of Directors of this Society by a majority vote favors the revocation of such charter.

Any district society whose charter has been revoked may be reinstated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and ratification by a majority vote of members eligible to vote and voting at the next annual meeting of this Society.

Article VIII Committees

- A. There shall be the following standing committees;
Membership Development, Education, Career Recruitment, By-Laws, Finance, Professional and Public Relations, Publications, Government Liaison, Historian, Annual Meeting, and Nominations and Awards.
- The president at the beginning of his/her term, shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, the chair of **each standing the By-Laws** committee. **except Nominations and Awards. Any eligible member in good standing may be appointed. Each of these committees shall be composed of the chair and any number of members selected by the chair to conduct effectively the work of the committee.**
- The Finance committee shall be composed of the President-elect, Treasurer and a Boardmember selected by the Board of Directors.**
- The Nominations and Awards committee shall be composed of the immediate past-president (chair) and two members elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Eligibility for election shall be the same as for other elective positions in this Society. Each member of the Nominations and Awards committee shall serve for one year and may be re-elected to a second term.
- Duties of the committees
- Activities of the Membership Development committee shall include recruitment of new members, retention of present members, and reactivation of lapsed members. This committee shall maintain a current membership list and information concerning membership services.**
- Activities of the Education Committee shall include teaching methods and aids, continuing education and seminars. It shall assist the Annual Meeting committee in planning the program for the annual meeting, as appropriate.**
- Activities of the Career Recruitment Committee shall include student recruitment and professional reactivation.**
- Activities of the By-Laws Committee shall include keeping the By-Laws of this Society in compliance with the By-Laws of ASCLS, examine and consider proposed changes in the code of this Society and of the district societies. This committee shall be empowered to make such non-substantive changes as may be required to clarify language and to conform to proper usage, such changes to be reported by the committee at each annual meeting.**
- Activities of the Finance Committee shall include preparation of a proposed budget, annual audit/review of all financial records and preparation of a statement of financial health of the organization.**
- Activities of the Professional and Public Relations Committee shall include promoting the public image of the profession and developing good relations with the news media. News releases of significant items shall be prepared and submitted to the media by this committee.**
- Activities of the Publications Committee shall include responsibility for the preparation, editing, and distribution of the official publication and such newsletters as may be deemed advisable by the Board of Directors. The chair of this committee shall be the editor.**
- Activities of the Government Liaison Committee shall include tracking state, local, and federal legislation, Civil Service and Armed Forces regulations which affect Clinical Laboratory Science and its practitioners.**
- Activities of the Historian shall be to keep a history of the Association, a file of the publications and other pertinent information.**
- The Annual Meeting Committee shall be responsible for the planning and presentation of the meetings of this Society. It shall select and/or approve meeting sites, arrangements and programs. It shall be responsible for contacting commercial exhibitors, assist with exhibit arrangements and control.**
- Nominations and Awards Committee shall be responsible for preparing a slate of at least two qualified nominees, whenever possible, for each office to be filled by election at the annual business

C. The committees of this Society shall cooperate with the corresponding committees of ASCLS in carrying out their programs, as appropriate. The president, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint other committees and/or representatives as necessary for the welfare and proper functioning of this Society. **Such committees shall align with committees of ASCLS.** Further definitions of the duties of each of the committees shall be outlined in the SOP's of this Society. **This Handbook** These SOP's may be changed in content by the Board of Directors.

**Article IX
Regional Council**

This Society shall be an active member of the Region to which it has been assigned according to the By-Laws and **Society Regulations** SOP's of ASCLS. The president and president-elect of this Society are members of the Regional Council. Members of this Society who serve ASCLS in an elective or appointive capacity are ex officio members of the Regional Council. The president and president-elect of this Society or their representatives are to attend all Regional Council meetings as the official representatives of this Society and give a report of such meetings to the Board of Directors of this Society.

**Article X
President's Council**

The president and president-elect of this Society, or their appointed alternates, are members of the President's Council of ASCLS. They shall attend all meetings of the President's Council, where practical, and give a report of such meetings to the Board of Directors of this Society.

**Article XI
Delegates**

This Society is represented at the annual House of Delegates Meeting of ASCLS by the number of delegates and alternates as provided for in the By-Laws and **Society Regulations** SOP's of ASCLS. Delegates and alternates are nominated and elected by the voting membership at the annual meeting of this Society. One student member, and an alternate, shall be appointed by the president of this Society, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to be a student representative to the House of Delegates of ASCLS.

**Article XII
Meetings**

There shall be at least one meeting of this Society each year. The annual meeting shall be held in the spring and shall include one or more scientific sessions and not less than one business meeting of the membership. The Board of Directors may authorize special scientific or business meetings as the best interest or conduct of affairs of this Society may render necessary or appropriate. Business meetings of this Society shall be open to all members upon proper identification. Each eligible member of this Society shall be entitled to one vote. The privilege of the floor shall be granted to non-voting members. A quorum for all meetings of this Society shall be the professional and emeritus members present, but in no case shall a quorum be less than ten per cent (10%) of the professional and emeritus membership and must include at least one officer and one additional board member. Notice of regular meetings shall be printed in the official publication and sent to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be sent to the members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Guests may be seated and given the privilege of the floor by consent of the members.

**Article XIII
Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year is from April 1 to March 31.

**Article XIV
Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in **Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised** shall govern this Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws. The parliamentarian for this Society shall be appointed by the presiding officer.

**Article XV
Official Publication**

There shall be an official publication of ASCLS-IA which shall be published not less than twice a year and which shall be identified by logo and/or title as a publication of this Society. The official publication shall be made available to all members of this Society. **The official publication shall be under the Publications Committee with the editor in charge, and such other staff members as the editor may select from the membership to execute publication.** New C. **The editor(s) of the publication shall be appointed by the president and may select additional staffing as needed.**

**Article XVI
Amendments**

Amendments to the By-Laws of this Society may be submitted to the chair of the By-Laws Committee of this Society by individual members or by the Board of Directors. The By-Laws Committee shall make such changes as may be necessary to provide proper form without altering the meaning of the proposed amendment(s), and submit the amendment(s) to the Board of Directors for approval. Upon such approval, the chair of the By-Laws Committee shall submit the **required number of copies of the** proposed amendment(s) to the chair of the By-Laws committee of ASCLS for review and approval. **in such format (written or electronic) as deemed acceptable by the ASCLS By-Laws committee. At least ninety (90) days should be allowed from the mailing date to receive notification of the action of the ASCLS By-Laws Committee.** Upon approval of the By-Laws Committee of ASCLS, the By-Laws Committee of this Society shall distribute copies of the amendment(s) to the voting members of this Association at least thirty (30) and not more than ninety (90) days before any scheduled business meeting of this Society. At such meeting the amendment(s) shall be presented to the members for consideration. Adoption of amendments shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by members present at the meeting. Within ninety (90) days of adoption of amendments to these By-Laws, the secretary or By-Laws committee chair shall send an official copy (written or electronic) of the amended By-Laws to the Executive Office of ASCLS and to the chair of the By-Laws Committee of ASCLS. The By-Laws Committee of this Society shall have the responsibility and authority to initiate amendments in accordance with established procedures when necessary to be consistent with the By-Laws and **SOP's Society Regulations** of ASCLS.

**Article XVII
Executive Council**

The executive council of this Society shall consist of the Board of Directors, the chairs of **the standing** committees and representatives to other organizations. The president shall be the presiding officer of this council and shall call meetings when deemed necessary. The council may meet in concurrent session with the Board of Directors, to keep the Board informed of committee activities and developments involving the Society. There shall be no conflict for control or management of this Society, for control is vested in the membership at the annual business meeting, and alternatively with the Board of Directors.

**Article XVIII
Dissolution**

This Society may be dissolved by action of a two-thirds positive vote of the voting membership at a regular or special meeting or the membership; such meeting and its purpose having been communicated to the members at least sixty (60) days prior to such meeting. In the event of such dissolution, assets of the Society shall be used to pay any legal debts of the Society, with the residual assets, if any, to be transferred to an organization which has goals compatible with the goals of this Society, as the members shall direct when voting on dissolution. None of the assets of this Society will be distributed to members of this Society, other than the payment of legal debts.

**Article XIX This Article is redundant
Affiliation**

This Society is a constituent society of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and shall at no time, in any manner, adopt any policy contrary to the policies of that Society, except as may be required by the laws of the State of Iowa.

Note: This document contains all amendments approved through April 2007.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
2010 Legislative Symposium	March 15-16th	Washington D.C.
ASCLS-IA Spring Board Meeting	April 13th 6 p.m.	Prairie Meadows, Altoona, IA Location to be announced
ASCLS/CLMA/ASCP Annual Spring Meeting	April 14-16th	Prairie Meadow, Altoona, IA

2009-2010 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT	Kim Von Ahsen	president@ascls-ia.org
PRESIDENT-ELECT	Keri Erickson	president-elect@ascls-ia.org
PAST-PRESIDENT	Sheila Dunn	past-president@ascls-ia.org
SECRETARY	K. Lindsey Davenport-Landry	secretary@ascls-ia.org
TREASURER	Karen Campbell	treasurer@ascls-ia.org
3rd YR BOARD MEMBER	Kim Rieck	board-III@ascls-ia.org
2nd YR BOARD MEMBER	Judy Jackson	board-II@ascls-ia.org
1st YR BOARD MEMBER	Doug Davis	board-I@ascls-ia.org
BOARD MEMBER, FYP	Rachel Leemkuil	board-FYP@ascls-ia.org
BOARD MEMBER, STUDENT FORUM	Shawn Froelich	board-studentforum@ascls-ia.org

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BY-LAWS	Mick Williams	mwilliamswil@aol.com
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	Theresa Ortner	theresa-fruehling@uiowa.edu
HISTORIAN	Vonnie Hinrichsen	monkeyfarm@smunet.net
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	Meighan Sharp	sharpme@ihs.org
MEMBER RECRUITMENT	Vonnie Hinrichsen	monkeyfarm@smunet.net
MEMBER SERVICES	Janice Frerichs	janice-frerichs@uiowa.edu
NOMINATIONS/AWARDS	Sheila Dunn	sapitts23@hotmail.com
NewsSCOPE EDITORS	Vonnie Hinrichsen	monkeyfarm@smunet.net
	Judy Jackson	jjackson@mvrbc.com
P.A.C.E. COORDINATOR	Kim Von Ahsen	kim.vonahsen@ascls-ia.org
PROMOTION OF THE PROFESSION	Kim Von Ahsen	kim.vonahsen@ascls-ia.org
Career Recruitment	Judy Jackson	jjackson@mvrbc.com
WEBMASTER	Kim Von Ahsen	kim.vonahsen@ascls-ia.org

*Have news to share about yourself, a co-worker, or your institution ~ let us write about it!!
Contact the NewsScope team via email! We LOVE news!*

TODAY IS THE DAY.....

Today is the day. My palms are sweaty and I have caffeine jitters. Any minute that door will open and all the air will be sucked from the room. I've known this day would come for the last year. It was made "official" the day THE LETTER arrived. You know. THE LETTER. You still have some room to breathe, although you take only shallow breaths. It doesn't become "official official" until THE PHONE CALL. You know. THE PHONE CALL. That is when the date and hour is truly set. There is no going back now. These people are like the postal service. Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow will keep them away. So here I sit waiting for the door to open. I think I am ready. All my files and records are in place. I hope they are all signed. I've reviewed them every month on schedule so I don't fall behind. I know I've forgotten something but for the life of me I can't think what it could be. I've constantly made sure my employees have been doing everything the way I have shown them. I've carefully watched QC and calibration records to make sure things are kosher. Those API shipments have been a treat to do. Sometimes my employees don't understand why I make them run those samples. I guess "because I said so" only works on children under 10 years old. I've sat the Director down and gone over everything that needs to be looked at and signed. That wasn't easy as he is busy seeing patients and planning ski trips while I'm yapping at his heels. I got it done, though!! Oh my! The door just opened. Well, she's pretty. She has a really nice smile, too. This has to be a patient. I've heard these people have huge fangs to rip things to shreds and big, red eyes that can see everything! It's not a patient. It is THE ONE. I can't run now. I've been spotted. She knows who I am. I have talked to these people numerous times on the phone when I have had questions about this or that. They are a wealth of knowledge. The website and newsletter are awesome, too. I better take a deep breath and not waste any more time. The next few hours are filled with patient charts, machine printouts, QC records, calibration records, temp. records, and on and on! It passes pretty quickly and it isn't painful at all. In fact, it has actually been a pleasure. They are as nice in person as they are on the phone! How can that be? By going through all of my records and files I feel as if I've accomplished something and have done a good job. It makes me want to pay attention more closely, get out and learn new things, become a nicer and better tech. I can't wait for them to come back in 2 years!

Who would have thought a CLIA inspection could be so much fun??????

Have questions about something lab related, contact the Iowa CLIA Laboratory Program by calling

1-800-421-IOWA or go to the website www.uhl.uiowa.edu

ASCLS-IA NewsScope
113 Grandview Blvd
Spencer, IA 51301

ASCLS-IA 4 U