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LAST ONE TO CEDAR RAPIDS IS.....



STILL GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!

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Inside this issue you will find all the necessary tools to help you navigate your way to the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids for the 2012 ASCLS/CLMA Spring Meeting. The meeting will be held April 11th thru the 13th. Take the time to browse this issue and find what is in store for you this April. We look forward to spending some time with you!

There are many things left to do! Nominate a co-worker, apply for a scholarship, read about people being elected to positions within ASCLS-IA, and our Presidents last article as President.

Read on, read on, and be ready for a GREAT time

April 11th-13th!

No special equipment necessary!

Looking forward to seein' ya!





**FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**

K. LINDSEY

*DAVENPORT-LANDRY
ASCLS-IA PRESIDENT*

“We do not have any money for that this year.” How many of us have heard that? I know I have. So, how are we supposed to get our continuing education credits, learn about the newest laboratory developments, network and see new vendor products? Well, one three day trip to Cedar Rapids will solve all four of these issues at that ASCLS-IA/CLMA Annual Spring Meeting!

There is more information about the Spring Meeting in this issue of NewsScope, so read up and register for the great event. For three days we will all have the opportunity to learn about the new things happening in our profession, see what vendors are coming out with and of course catch up with our laboratory colleagues.

I am very excited about the CASA discussion that will be occurring. Elissa Pasiment the Executive Vice President for ASCLS and Rodney Forsman from CLMA will be available to answer questions and discuss the due diligence process of the possible ASCLS-CLMA merger. This will be a very informative session!

Tuesday night will be the ASCLS Spring Board Meeting, all are welcome to attend. This will be at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center; time is to be determined, but usually at 6:00pm. Thursday afternoon is the Annual Business Meeting. I encourage all members and non-members to attend and learn about what is going on at the state and national level of ASCLS. This is a good time to ask questions, bring forward issues, or concerns and we will hold the annual elections at this meeting as well. So I guess, this would be the place to say that if you are interested in getting more involved at the state level with ASCLS, the meeting is a great opportunity to determine what role you would like to play. I encourage everyone who is interested to speak with me or another member of the board and ask questions to find a role that will suit you. Time commitment can be as much or as little as you would like. We all appreciate every bit of help and volunteerism we get all year. So thank you to those of you who already volunteer and welcome to those of you who would like to start volunteering!

As my year as president is coming to a close, I have learned a few good lessons over the year I would like to share:

1. Thank those who help you, thank them often and make sure they know you really mean it!
2. Surround yourself with positive people.
3. Do not let people put you down if they do not understand you and your commitment to the profession.
4. Educate everyone who will listen as to what we do as a profession, this is the next step in providing the face.
5. If you do not enjoy what you are doing, change what you are doing.
6. Someone told me that, “All great things are preceded with Chaos”, and I believe it.
6. Appreciate the people who are always there. This is more than just thanking them. Having my ASCLS Family around when things get difficult is the best thing this organization has offered me! The education and the networking are great, but having someone to lean on and have them listen and understand the politics of laboratory is the GREATEST part of my ASCLS membership I have ever received.

Thank you to the ASCLS-IA Board Members, Committee Chairs, and committee members for all of their work this year. Thank you to my special CLMA ladies who are always there to give advice and lend an ear. Thank you to my co-workers who understand my professional commitments to the society. And a special thank you to my husband Jeff, who supports me in everything I do, cheers me on when things are difficult, proof reads and edits all of my writing (I am a scientist not an English professor after all.) and is always there pushing me to be my best.



Spring Meeting: April 11-13th in Cedar Rapids, IA Register Now!!!

It is almost time for the Annual Spring Meeting. This year ASCLS-IA and CLMA Iowa Chapter are hosting the spring meeting in Cedar Rapids, IA at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center. The hotel and convention center are located on the Kirkwood Community College Campus. The Hotel is a classroom for hospitality services taught at Kirkwood. The hotel is one of two in Iowa with four stars.

To register for the three days of continuing education, networking, and fun visit <http://www.iowalabmeeting.org> / The website, has meeting information, conference agendas, and information for exhibitors. To complete registration, go to meeting information and choose registration, then scroll to bottom of page and click on registration site. There are individual and institutional passes available. You can register online with credit cards or check. Register soon!!

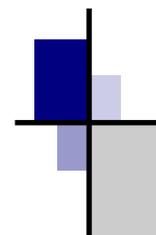
There is a really neat feature on the website this year. You can customize your schedule under the calendar tab. You can see what is happening when and choose the talks you are most interested in and create a custom schedule for yourself. Of course this does not mean you are restricted from changing your mind, just a handy tool to use in planning.

Wednesday April 11th, there is an opening keynote speaker and the awards luncheon. Thursday April 12th, the vendor exhibits are available, this is always a great time to see what is new on the market. Thursday after the continuing education is the Annual Business Meeting, and then the SOCIAL! Friday April 13th, there is a wonderful keynote speaker from ASCLS Kansas. No matter which day you come, or if you can come all three days, there is a lot going on.

The social this year will be at Three Samurai Japanese Restaurant in Coralville, IA. This is an opportunity to network and catch up with friends you do not get to often see. Please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending the social, and how many people will be attending. (If you and your husband are coming let us know so we can plan on seats). A special menu has been arranged; please plan on paying at the door. There will be a cash bar.

So the fun will start Tuesday night with the Spring Board meeting, and continue through Friday afternoon. Come join the fun at the ASCLS Annual Spring Meeting!

Questions or Comments please email: kldavenport@gmail.com



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES OF ASCLS-IA

Nominations for elected offices are taken each year to fill the various positions needed to govern ASCLS-IA. On these pages, you will find a short biography of each person running for these positions. They will be voted upon at the annual business meeting held during the Spring Meeting. Plan to attend and vote!

PRESIDENT-ELECT



Hi, my name is Theresa R. Ortner (Fruehling). I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and ask for your vote for President-Elect. I currently work at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics- Core Laboratory, reside in Marion, and wish my Border Collie Troy would be willing to share his energy with me. I have been a member of ASCLS for 7 years; active for the past 5 1/2 years. Since becoming more active in ASCLS-IA I have been a 'Key to the Future' recipient in 2007; Government Affairs and Political Action Committee chair 2007-current; chair/coordinator for the Cedar Valley Science Symposium 2006-current; and Board member 2010- current at the state level. I am also being mentored by Mickey Williams on the ins and outs of the By-Law Committee. My newest appointment is, with the help of some wonderful state members, to design a 'Educational Package' which can be used as a recruitment tool and designing banners which members can use when presenting (with immense help from Linda Diggelman). I have been the Government Affairs Chair for Region VI (2010-2011) and am the current Regional chair for Political Action Committee. At the National level I have been lucky enough to be able to participate in the ASCLS Leadership Academy (2008-2009); Region VI representative for Government Affairs and Political Action Committee and recently was elected as the Secretary for the Political Action Committee at the National level. I have had the privilege of helping to plan this year's and next year's state meeting and have given presentations at the past 4 state meetings. I have had the honor of receiving Omicron Sigma awards at the State, Regional, and National level. I would be honored to be elected as your next President-Elect and continue the quest to raise awareness of the importance of all the hard work we do as professionals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

SECRETARY



I grew up in Mason City, Iowa. I graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelors degree in Spanish and Medical Laboratory Science. While I was studying in the Medical Laboratory Science program, I joined ASCLS. I was the ASCLS-IA student chair representative from 2008-2009. Since graduating in 2009, I have worked in the histology lab at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. I have also continued my involvement with ASCLS-IA by serving on the scholarship committee and also as the secretary from 2011 to current. I enjoy going to state meetings as well as nation meetings. I was married in 2009 and in 2010 we welcomed our first child, Ella.



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES OF ASCLS-IA continued

BOARD MEMBER



My name is Bridget Aukes, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}. I grew up on a farm outside of a small town in Northern Iowa (Buffalo Center). After graduating high school in 2006, I attended Waldorf College in Forest City where I played volleyball for a year. I then transferred to the University of Iowa where I graduated in May 2010 with a Bachelors of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science. While rotating through my clinicals, I was offered a job at the VA Medical Center in Iowa City. I graciously accepted and currently work in the Microbiology and Immunology departments. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. Fishing in the summer and hunting with my two labs are my favorite hobbies. Being on the ASCLS-IA board would be an opportunity for me to build my leadership skills by improving decision making and having a broader understanding of the professional outlook of the clinical laboratory. I look forward to meeting new people and having fun while improving the practice of laboratory medicine. I would like more people to know the faced behind the work we do to ensure the highest standards of quality health care.

BOARD MEMBER



My name is Susan Higgins, MS, MT(ASCP)SC. I am a nominee for ASCLS-IA Board Member. My professional/technical experience includes 25 years in a hospital laboratory, from generalist to specialist, mostly in Saginaw, Michigan. I have 12 years of management/ supervision and administration experience in the clinical laboratory and also 5 years on client services, physician/hospital relations, and public relations. My technical expertise includes method evaluation, instrumentation operation and maintenance, quality control/assurance issues, budget preparations, employee evaluations, training, development/maintenance of procedure manuals, and documentation. For 13 years, I have been a NAACLS accreditation volunteer for MLT, CA, and PBT programs and also 9 years as an ASCP Clinical Chemistry Examination committee volunteer. My education experience includes over 25 years as an educator, from community college to university, from adjunct faculty (for MLT and MT programs) to MLT program official, with over 10 years as a NAACLS-approved Program Director since 2000, at Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Indiana. I am currently the Program Director at Indian Hills Community College for the new programs of MLT, CLA, and PBT in Ottumwa, Iowa. Previous ASCLS positions I have held in Indiana are President from 2007-2009 and President -Elect from 2006-2007. I was also awarded the Key to the Future in 2004 and served as Student Forum Advisor from 2001-2006.



Remember to tell a friend about the
Spring Meeting!
April 11-13th
Hotel Kirkwood,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
<http://iowalabmeeting.org/>

ASCLS-IA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

ASCLS-IA will be awarding scholarships to MLT and MLS students that have properly filled out the registration forms found on the ASCLS-IA website.

MLS students must be accepted to an accredited Med Tech program.

MLT students must have completed their first year of their chosen program.

References are needed along with an official transcript of grades.

These must be returned to the scholarship committee postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2012.**

Send completed form to :

ASCLS-IA Scholarship Committee

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THERE IS STILL TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR PEERS FOR BEING AWESOME!

We are looking for a few good men and women!!! ASCLS-IA recognizes the awesome people that make every day wonderful in the laboratory. We won't know they're awesome unless someone tells us!! So, if there is someone within your laboratory that you feel needs a round of applause, there is still time to get that paperwork in!! Follow the link <http://www.ascls-ia.org/awards-and-scholarships/> and get those forms filled in and sent!!



ASCLS-IA Member of the Year

This award is given to a member of ASCLS-IA who has shown extraordinary commitment and service to the society.

Mentor of the Year

This award serves to recognize that person who has always done a fantastic job of leading and teaching co-workers and others with whom they come in contact a mentor to the current and future laboratory professionals.

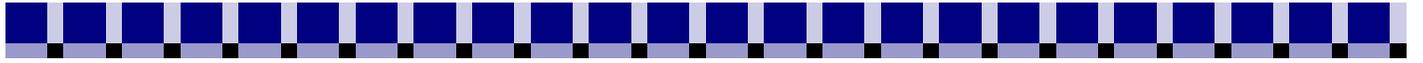
Outstanding Support Staff

This award serves to honor those lab secretaries, data entry clerks, processing techs, and others who are essential in keeping the lab running.

Phlebotomist of the Year

This award serves to recognize the phlebotomists who are both the legs and the public face of the lab. The quality of our lab testing depends a great deal on their skills. Plus a patient's impression of the laboratory and of laboratorians is mostly determined by his or her interaction with the phlebotomist.

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