

For every minute you spend in planning, you will gain 10 in execution.Laura Stack, MBA,CNP

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ASCLS membership brings value in...
ASCLS gives voice to....
ASCLS defines the vision....



Are you a Laboratory Professional?

Working in today's busy laboratory environment requires dedicated, hard-working individuals....are you a competent laboratory practitioner or a **laboratory professional?**

Do you complain about working conditions....**or try to improve them?**

Do you complain about your salary....**or do you join with others to promote the value of our profession to those who can increase our salaries?**

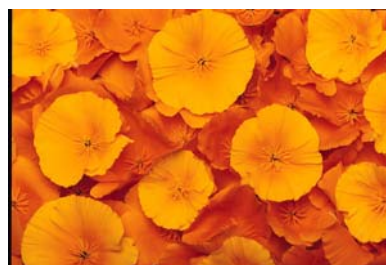
Do you just do your job and go home....**or do you maintain and improve your skills through continuing education, reading journals, and learning from others at work?**

Do you complain about the competence of your coworkers....**or**

do you try to mentor them in order to improve their skills?

Are you "short" with others on the telephone....**or do you provide prompt, courteous answers to their questions no matter how busy you are?**

Do you have a list of excuses for not



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belonging to a professional organization....**or do you support a professional organization that represents the profession by paying dues, attending meetings, and expressing opinions?**

Do you have a job....**or do you have a career?**

Are you a Laboratory Professional?

This was put together by the following professional organizations—AABB, AACC, APHA,ASCLS,ASCP,ASM, CLMA, NSH.

Do you have any a friend who is not a member of ASCLS that needs to read this?

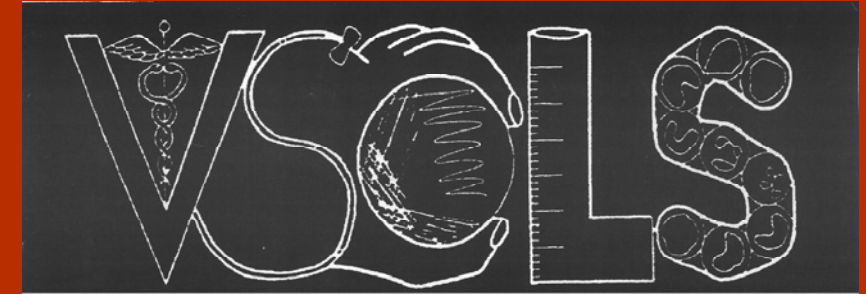
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **VSCLS BOARD MEETING DATES:**
11-11-06
01/13,07
03/24/07
4/15/07
- **CLEC**
2/22-24/07
- **ASCLS LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM**
3/19-20/07

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NO INTEREST, CALL ME....

By Glen Flodstrom, VSCLS 2006 Spring Meeting Chair

The VSCLS Annual Meeting was held in Fishersville, Virginia, April 2,3 and 4 this year at the Augusta Medical Center, as it was last year. Among the small "snafus" that occurred was the mailing of the postcard with a very important typographical error that some members may have received. It was supposed to be for those members who did not have Internet access, and should have read, "No internet?", but instead the typesetter (probably using spell check), "corrected" it to read "No interest?". I then spent some time with my Sharpie, but the die was cast. In reality, there was interest and we had a very good meeting. I was, however, very happy to find that people were not calling me at home expressing their disinterest.

The program was well received by those in attendance. The total number of registrants was 53. Thanks to the efforts of webmaster, Darrell Little, we were able to offer registration online, as many meetings do now. However, for various reasons, this does not meet the needs of other members, and so we also had a traditional registration "table" ably handled by Barbara Lindsey. Our thanks also go to Janet Hiler Bowman, who was able to procure exhibitor support for this meeting. Melanie Minnix was

manning the PACE booth, and did an extraordinary job on her first go at this very crucial task, for which we are grateful.

VSCLS President Charlene Waybright began the meeting by her introduction of



current ASCLS President Bernie Bekken. Later in the day, Elissa Passiment, Executive Director of ASCLS, provided an update on Equivalent Quality Control, a topic generating much interest in the laboratories across the United States. The evening closed with a social event, and although there is no photographic documentation, we presume the attendees enjoyed the "casino night". The only empirical evidence is the absence of refreshments at the end of the night.

Students were able to take advantage of a

number of educational opportunities, as well as the second "Student Jeopardy" competition. The traditional "basket raffle" also raised money for scholarships, but as of this writing I do not have the exact amount. The winners of these prizes, as well as the winners of the social event, were happy as were the other attendees during the drawings.

According to treasurer, Jerry Houghton, we appear to have raised about \$2000 above expenses for this meeting, although this figure is approximate and will be finalized at the next board meeting. I regret that I cannot mention every single person in this article that was instrumental in making his meeting a success, but I hope each of you are aware that I appreciated your efforts. We hope to see more members at the next VSCLS Annual Meeting.

Editor's Note: A special "job well done" to Glen for his dedication to this meeting - all your efforts were greatly appreciated. Thanks for everything. You are to be commended!

WELCOME TO THE BOARD

Two New Student Representatives:

Ashley LeFrois

Amanda Pagans

Attending Carilion Medical Center School of Clinical Laboratory Science in Roanoke, Virginia.

Membership Development Services—Subcommittee

Membership Development Chairperson:

Sarah Sullivan

Presently employed at the UVA Health Science Center in the Immunology Department.

Public Relations—Subcommittee NMLPW Chairperson:

Karen Bach

Currently employed at Carilion Consolidated Laboratory as a generalist working the Night Shift.

The Presence of Virginia in Chicago

Chaired by VSCLS President, Charlene Waybright...Virginia carried a full delegation to the annual meeting (one delegate per 50 active members as of May 31, 2006.

The following members served as delegates and attended all scheduled governance as appropriate:

- Becky Perdue
- Connie Laubenthal
- Janet Bowman
- Randy Vandevander
- Lario Zerna (student)

Undoubtedly this year was the year for Virginia to be recognized - here's how:

The **President of ASCLS - Bernie Bekken** - from Stuart's Draft, Virginia - your dedication and service this past year is to be commended! Virginia is proud of you!

In addition to the office of president, **Becky Perdue**, from Richmond, Virginia was appointed Speaker of the House of Delegates - an honor to a deserving individual;

Plus, **Randy Vandevander**, from Boones Mill, Virginia was

appointed the official Parliamentarian - with a current edition of Robert's Rules in tow;

And last but not least, **Janet Bowman**, from Roanoke, Virginia kept the pen going as the Minutes Committee Chairperson.

It was definitely Virginia's year!

Keep up the good work!



\$5776: ASCLS COLLECTED from 19 INDIVIDUALS AND 9 SOCIETIES FOR HURRICANE KATRINA Relief..... VSCLS donated \$1000.00

VSCLS -- ON A MISSION TO PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP..... HOW DID WE DO?

Treasurer Jerry Houghton reports: VSCLS TOTAL ASSETS = \$34,019.00



15.5 P.A.C.E. Credits

Special Thanks to the following persons for sharing their knowledge and expertise!

Current Trends in Immunology...B.Greb

Case Studies in Coag...J.Dlott, M.D.

Immunohematology in Virginia...J.Jesse, M.D.

Equivalent Quality Control... E.Passiment

Transcutaneous Bilirubin... J.Blaha

Benchmarking in the Clinical Laboratory.....R.Dufour, M.D.

Alternate Career Panel....B.Perdue, K.Gordon, C.Laubenthal

ASCLS Consumer Information Website Case Studies....G.Fludstrom

Patient Safety/Medical Errors...E.Passiment

Bioterrorism Awareness - A Tabletop Drill...J.Jellison

Clinical Laboratory Science in the Caribbean...K.Gordon

ASCLS makes long range plans

ASCLS will be celebrating 75 years of holding Annual Meetings next July and what better place than in San Diego!

Wyndam Hotel rates of \$189/night

Early Bird Registration is \$325 for members and \$490

for non-members If you don't make it to San Diego.....

Then Washington, DC in 2008

Or back to Chicago in 2009...

Then back out to the west coast—

Anaheim in 2010

Atlanta get ready in 2011

And off to California—LA in 2012.

Stay tuned for further details or visit the website:

www.ascls.org

Profit or Not?



2006 Annual Meeting Financial Report

Revenue: Industry \$900 Registration \$4231

Disbursements: "Casino Night" \$1400 Registration \$79 AMC Catering \$738 Printing/Postage \$727

Pending Expenses: Speaker Travel

Estimated Profit: \$2000

Any annual meeting that ends with "profit" made is a good meeting.

Final report due at first Fall meeting of the BOD.

Here's who we approached for Industry Support

- Third Wave
- The Binding Site
- TOSOH
- Luminex
- Wampole Laboratories
- Infalab
- Biomerieux
- Pharmacia Diagnostics
- Kendall Healthcare
- Trinity Biotech
- DADE Behring
- NLTN
- Fisher Healthcare
- Smith River Biologicals
- Temporary Lab Services
- Virginia Blood Services
- OPELCO
- Olympus America
- Laboratory Optical Service
- TechLab
- Biophile
- Orchard Software
- Roche Diagnostics
- AcponLine
- Cardinal

Industry Support—More or Less

We would like to thank the following persons and industry for their support at the 2006 Spring Meeting:

Carolyn Witt - Beckman Coulter

Emy Morris - Becton Dickinson

Doug Hill - Image Systems

Their support from one year to the next helps VSCLS provide quality continuing education to the our members and non-members throughout the Commonwealth.

We hope our relationship will continue to prosper and the benefit to all parties will be realized.

You don't have to be on the Meeting Management Committee to approach a vendor for support—exercise your professional being—INVITE their support—send me their name and contact information.

VSCLS Heads back to Colonial Williamsburg

Dates: Sunday, April 15, 2007— Tuesday, Apr 17, 2007

Hotel: Woodlands Hotel & Suites \$137/night (single/double) 800-261-9530

Registration Fees: \$125.00 Member (Full) \$75.00 Single Day

Concurrent Sessions on both days; 8:30—10:00 10:30—12noon 1:30—3:00 (Monday only) 3:15—4:45 (Monday only)

Visit www.vscls.org for further details.



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