

# VSCLS TODAY

*Virginia Society for Clinical Laboratory Science*

A NEW LOOK TO AN OLD TRADITION  
POST THE DATE

2009 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING  
March 15–17, 2009

“A Meeting of Great Minds—  
Collaboration at it’s Best”

VSCLS

and

The Spirit of VA Chapter of CLMA  
Joining Forces

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**The Host Site for this year’s annual meeting:  
AUGUSTA MEDICAL CENTER—**

**Located at 78 Medical Center Drive  
Fishersville, Virginia**

**All Educational sessions, breaks, general  
member-ship meetings, board meetings, and  
food events will be held in the Education/  
Health Center on AMC Campus.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Hampton INN @Waynesboro/  
Stuarts Draft stands ready to meet  
your needs.

Located at 15 Four Square Lane  
Fishersville, Virginia.

540-213-9500

Make sure you mention you are a  
guest of AMC—you will receive a  
special rate of \$84 per night. (plus  
10% room tax).

To ensure a room, make certain you  
reserve your room by Feb 15, 2009.

**PROGRAM**

P.A.C.E. Approved sessions—  
including technical tracts and management tracts—10-12 pre-established.  
Timely topics and excellent speakers.

Cost: Full Meeting (Two Days)—135.00 (Member); 160.00 (Non-member)  
Student (Full Meeting)—55.00 (Member); 65.00 (Non-member)  
One Day—85.00 (Member); 110.00 (Non-member)  
Student One Day—25.00 (Member); 30.00 (Non-member)



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## MAJOR LAB CERTIFICATION AGENCIES REACH AGREEMENT TO UNITE

Chicago—Aug 28,2008

The American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Registry and The National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel have reached an agreement on the formation of a unified credentialing agency. The respective agencies have signed a Letter of Intent that has also been ratified by the sponsoring organizations, namely, the American Society for Clinical Pathology, the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and the Association of Genetic Technologists. Execution of the Letter of Intent indicates that the organiza-

tions have reached a mutual agreement in principle on the formation of a unified certification organization that embodies a shared vision for peer credentialing.

Unification will simply processes for educational program directors, student applicants from accredited institutions as well as all other eligible individuals who receive on the job laboratory training. In addition, this union is intended to increase credibility and respect from other healthcare professionals

and employers, and focus on critical issues for the future of the profession. Construction of a Memorandum of Understanding is currently underway between these organizations detailing the governance, the impact of the single certification agency on the credentials of currently certified individuals, as well as the impact on policies related to re-certification and new applicants. In the interim, both agencies will continue business as usual as the transition unfolds.

## Any Idea on what the Financial Report would look like for an Annual Meeting?

2007 VSCLS Annual Meeting - Colonial Williamsburg  
Held at the Woodlands Hotel & Conference Center

Hotel Conference Deposit—500.00  
Hotel Catering—4732.30 Final payment

Speaker Travel, Lodging, meals, misc expenses—330.39

Meeting Publicity—500.00

Bottom Line— \$1308.98 \*

\*A couple of traditional expenses were not submitted for reimbursement—thank you to those persons for their generosity.

2008 VSCLS Annual Meeting - Colonial Williamsburg  
Held at the Woodlands Hotel & Conference Center

Hotel Conference Deposit—500.00  
Hotel Catering—4273.00 Initial + 600.00 Final pymt

Speaker Travel, Lodging, meals, misc expenses—1321.82

Meeting Publicity—Post Cards, Prelim. Program, Printing and Postage 699.34

Membership Novelties —265.00

Misc Supplies—264.58

Total Revenue—5312.47

Total Expenses—7150.97

Bottom Line—not good!

### VSCLS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

*One very deserving Clinical Laboratory Science student is going to be \$1000 richer very soon!*

*Always take the time to apply—you can't be the recipient if you don't apply—*

*Thanks for the interest shown—stay tuned for the winning name!*

## VSCLS Budget - 2008-2009

The following was presented to the VSCLS Board of Directors and General Membership in April 2008:

**Income:** (Dues, Spring Meeting, Interest and Investments, Merion Publications, Misc. income, and Supplemental Income from Reserves) \$9050.00

**Expenses:**

(Regulatory Fees: State Corporation Registration, Bond Renewal, ASCLS Region II Assessment) \$470.00

(Expenses for Officers and Committees: Pres, P-E, Past Pres, Sec, Treas, Finance, By-laws, Govt., Membership, Nomina-

tions, Prof. Develop, Public Relations, Student Rep) \$100.00

(Publications, Mailings, and Services: Printing and Postage, Web Page Expenses) \$620.00

(Conventions and Travel: Stipend to Annual Meeting, Delegate Registration Fees, Stipend Annual mtg ...Leadership Academy) \$4140.00

(Other Meetings and Travel Expenses: President's Travel Expenses, ASCLS Region II Expenses, Legislative Day Expenses, Board Meeting Expenses)

\$2000.00

(Awards: Student Scholarship, Awards, New Member Subsidies) \$1250.00

(Misc. Expenses: Gifts, Flowers, Stationary and Printing, A/V Materials & Repair, P.A.C.E. Provider Fee) \$470.00

**Total Expenses:** \$9050.00

**Total Income:** 9050.00

If you would like to have any additional breakdown figures or line items detail,

## MEMBERSHIP



As of Jan '09: 133

As of Nov '07: 126

Gain, not loss!  
That speaks volumes!

Several lapsed members.....what is that about? Keep your membership active. If not the PF1, be a part of PF2.....stay connected....

## ASCLS Leadership Academy: The Second Class

This year's class represents six of the ten ASCLS Regions and nine different states..... Meet Ashley LeFrois: Region II/Virginia

“I would love to be a participant in the ASCLS Leadership Academy for all the knowledge, experience, and friendships I will make over the year and years to come. As a student and a young professional I have seen the struggle of recruiting new members and retaining the ones we have, especially with the economic hardships. With the knowledge I gain from the academy, I hope to come up with creative ideas to make my state society more active, with more and new members getting involved. The leadership academy is the next step in my professional life; I look forward to giving all my efforts to grow within my professional society.”

Ashley has jumped in with both feet from the beginning—accepting her first leadership role in ASCLS as Student Forum Rep for VA in 2006 -07 and serves as the New Professional Rep for both VA and Region II.

She currently applies her Professional Career knowledge with Carilion Labs in Roanoke, VA as a clinical microbiologist.

# VIRGINIA.....ONCE MORE!

**Congratulations**

Walter Oliveira, MT(ASCP), SI

The Executive Committee Board of Registry Board of Governors announces:

Walter has been elected to the Office of Vice Chair of the Board of Governors as an ASCP Council of Laboratory Professionals Representative.

If you have never met Walter, you have really missed out.....he is an awesome person—an asset to the Profession, and once you have met him you will never forget him. As a fellow laboratorian, we can be very proud of what he will bring to the Board.

He currently resides in Charlottesville, Virginia with his family, and is employed by the University of Virginia Health Science Center as the Director of Immunology—area of specialty: Flow Cytometry.

If you are ever in the neighborhood of the lab at the Health

Science Center, stop by, introduce yourself and ask to meet Walter—if you are lucky you might even get to tour his lab. He and his staff really know their stuff. Tell him you read about him in the VSCLS Newsletter! He'll know exactly who put this congratulatory message in here.



## Our Most Important Asset—Our Members

**Certificate of Service Awards:** These awards are presented to our members who have contributed at least 5 years of service to the VSCLS. These certificates of service are awarded at 5 year intervals.

We are so lucky to have the number of dedicated professionals that we do...

50 years of service—we do have persons at this level of service—they are to be commended; 45 years of service, and 40, 35, 30.....do you realize truly how many years of being a member that really is.....some of you reading this were not even born when some of our members were first joining our society and all that it has stood for!

We will continue to honor these members—your year is coming up! Be proud to hear your name!

**Member of the Year:** One of our most prestigious awards. This award is presented to an outstanding individual in our state who has been

nominated by the membership. This person also continues on as our ASCLS Nominee for Member of the Year the following year. As you read these two individuals' names, whether you know these persons or not, rest assured they were most deserving. Their deeds, service—both to the profession and their community speaks volumes. Well-deserved ladies!

2007—Shirley Jenkins—CLS at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville

2008—Charlene Waybright—CLS at Carilion Labs in Roanoke

**Educator of the Year:** Another award held in high esteem in our society. Traditionally awarded to an individual who displays the following: quiet dedication to the field of laboratory science, an idea person, a person who always en-

courages their students to take an active role in their future, and much more.....a treat to a classroom.

2007—Lorri Huffard—Program Director Wytheville Community College—Assoc Degree CLT Program

There are many other awards bestowed upon our members on an annual basis and other awards given to Industry and Organizations who have offered support to our society in bringing our mission and vision to our members. Some of the other awards are: Keys to the Future, President's Award, Omicron Sigma, Certificate of Appreciation, and Past President Award.

All members are encouraged to nominate their colleagues for any of these awards. Please contact Bernie Bekken or Janet Bowman for further detail.

**CLS/CLT Programs Alive and Well**

CLS: Hospital-Based: Augusta Medical Center

Carilion Medical Center

INOVA—Fairfax Hospital

Rockingham Memorial Hospital

CLS/University Based: Norfolk State University

Old Dominion University

Virginia Commonwealth University

CLT/Assoc Degree: J.Sargent Reynolds Community College

Northern Virginia Community College

Thomas Nelson Community College

Wytheville Community College

CLT/Certificate: Centra Health System

Mark your Calendars—New Graduates In Route

## LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS

*Get Results*

### National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

April 19-25, 2009

ASCLS

*can meet your every need*

*1-To view the full line of products and order online, visit us at*

*www.laboratoryweek.com*

*Available items:*

*Cotton White T-shirt*

*Cotton Sand T-shirt*

*Tote Bags*

*And much more....*

*NMLPW Items carried by Bells International, Inc.*

## \*\*\*This and That\*\*\*

VSCLS Treasurer Report

**Summary of Assets:**

(Previous BOD Mtg Balance: 30,165.37)

As of 11/15/08

- I. Deposits to Checking Acct: 290.00
- II. Disbursements from Checking Acct: 0.00
- III. Checking Acct Balance: 676.15
- IV. VSCLS Spring Meeting Account: 209.31
- V. Ameriprise Account Balance: 28,453.26
- VI. Total Assets: 29,338.72

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**.....www.vscls.org**

ASCLS MEMBERSHIP BRINGS VALUE IN....  
 ASCLS GIVES VOICE TO....  
 ASCLS DEFINES THE VISION....

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

**ASCLS CLEC 2009.....FEB 19-21.....DENVER, CO**  
**ASCLS LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM.....MAR 23-24.....WASHINGTON, DC**  
**ASCLS REGION II MEETING.....APR 24.....BALTIMORE, MD**  
**VSCLS ANNUAL SPRING MEETING.....MAR 15-17.....FISHERSVILLE,VA**  
**VSCLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.....MAY 15.....FISHERSVILLE,VA**  
**ASCLS ANNUAL MEETING.....JUL 21-25.....CHICAGO, IL**

### **OLYMPIC BOUND?**

FOUR YEARS AND COUNTING....  
 PLENTY OF TIME TO GET READY...

**VSCLS MEMBER, JENNIFER CRAWFORD**  
**SHOWS HER ENDURANCE**  
**AND**  
**HEALTHY CHOICE .**

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN DIFFER-  
 ENT LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS  
 PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING, WHICH SPEAKS  
 VOLUMES. IN TODAY'S HEALTHCARE.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU... WE NEED TO RECOG-  
 NIZE AND REWARD THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO  
 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR  
 LIFE STYLE.

YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED.  
 WHETHER YOU FINISH FIRST OR LAST—YOU ARE  
 OUT THERE AND IN THE RACE!



### **Time Flies When You Are Having Fun.....**

As an aging Clinical Laboratorian, do you remember the last time you...

- \*plotted a Levy-Jennings on paper
- \*mouth-pipetted
- \*calculated a Creatinine Clearance without a calculator
- \*drew blood without gloves
- \*rotated a glass slide for Febrile Agglutinins
- \*played Crafts and made the wax wells for VDRLs
- \*performed one blood glucose test on an 11-7 shift—and you were the only one working the shift
- \*dipped a urine with the dipstick and timed it with your watch