

VSCLS TODAY

Virginia Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

- 1st Place ASCLS Membership Award
- Bernie Bekken elected ASCLS President-Elect
- ASCLS-elected Reg II Nominations Chairperson – Connie Laubenthal

Looking back to Los Angeles – Site of the 72nd Annual ASCLS

Virginia definitely had a strong presence at the 72nd annual ASCLS Meeting held July 27-31, 2004 in Los Angeles, California.

Credentials Committee reported 318 eligible delegates to ASCLS, and Virginia sat proudly with a full delegation – President, President Elect, Student Representative, and then three dedicated delegates. NOTE: Each society is awarded one delegate for each 50 members on their active roster at the closing of the May calendar prior to the annual meeting. Yeah for us!

At the First House of Delegates, the following New Business was presented: Direct Access Task Force, Career Ladder Task Force, By-laws report, and two resolutions; followed by an eloquently –delivered speech by the President-Elect Candidate, Bernie Bekken.....a proud moment for all Virginians...and an honor for the state – Go Bernie!

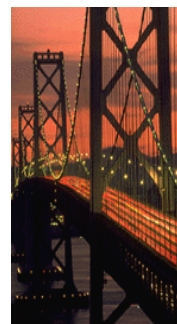
Elections were held – the votes were counted – and Virginia showed two winners – ASCLS President-Elect, Bernie Bekken and Region II Nominations Committee

Chairperson, Connie Laubenthal. Congrats to you both - we appreciate your willingness to serve and support.

A successful Education and Research Silent Auction was held with \$4730 raised for scholarships and grants. Virginia supported the event by delivering a stately basket of Virginia goodies – Ham, Peanuts, Wine, apple-butter, and more (also included two novelties – one from VPI and one from UVA).....a good time was had by all.

The Final House of Delegates closed with motions made, seconded, and carried on Direct Access Testing Position Paper, Career Ladder Position Paper Model, By-laws with slight revision, and both honoraria. Installation of new officers, Board of Directors Awards, Mendelson Awards, and then the new President, Susan Morris delivered her message to the members and the gavel went down to bring closure to yet another successful meeting.

An announcement was made by the ASCLS Membership Development Committee - this year's theme is "MGM –



Member get a Member". Stay tuned for further details as they are set forth. In the meantime, exercise your membership – recruit a new member – someone who works with you, someone who you know can glean from the Society and all that it has to offer.

And, now the work begins for the 73rd Annual Meeting – not a day too soon. It, too, promises to be a memorable affair –

**RIGHT STATE
but a few miles away**

Orlando, Florida
July 26-30, 2005

And believe it or not, the ASCLS host hotel is right in the Disney World park itself.

Mark your calendars now...don't let another year go by – plan to attend !

Maybe an elected-office position is not for

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and the winner is.....ASCLS Awards.....do you know anyone?

Where do you start? Except to say with Linda Comeaux, as the Master of Ceremonies for the Awards there was never a dull moment – she kept the crowd under control and managed to get the ceremony to finish on time.

The following Industry received recognition and awards – Abbott, Roche, DADE, Beckman, Coulter, Inc., and Bayer Diagnostics.

Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity awarded \$27,900 in Scholarships – both undergraduate and graduate.

The Forum for Concerns of Minorities presented a CLS and a CLT Scholarship.

PAC Awards were announced – Hawaii being the State in First Place and Region I holds First Place as a region.

Georgia received the award for the most monies donated to the Children's Miracle Network (\$4327) this past year.

54 Keys to the Future were presented – Karen Gordon from Virginia; Barbara Brown was presented the Past President's Gavel – not to mention her 41 years of service!

18 members received Fifty Years of Membership Awards; A Student Forum Leadership Award was presented by Quest Diagnostics to LaVonde Benbow; Student Paper Awards were presented; Several members were recognized with Kendall Professional Achievement Awards; the Theriot Award was presented to for Development of Significant Materials in Media and Equipment. 520 Members were recognized for Omicron Sigma; Membership Awards were presented – YEAH Virginia – 1st Place for Membership Retention.....100%.

Constituent Society Publications were

awarded – North Dakota gets 1st place, and Texas takes 1st place with web design.

And the most coveted award – ASCLS Member of the Year – most deserving – Kathy Hansen

Congrats to all.....

And to all you members who keep renewing year after year – your membership is valued. A special thanks to each of you – a true asset to Virginia.

How about a seat at the table? The VSCLS extends an invite...

you or where you desire to be at the table, but how about a member of a committee on the VSCLS Board of Directors? Have you ever considered such...or if you did, but did not know how to make your interests known.....wonder no longer....here's how the board breaks out by Standing Committees:

- By – laws appointed – Randy Vandevander
- Finance appointed – Jerry Houghton, Connie Laubenthal
- Government Regulatory Affairs appointed – Barbara Lindsey
- Membership Development – appointed chair – Elaine Pappamihel
- Subcommittee – Awards – Karen Gordon
- Subcommittee – Scholarship – Shirley Jenkins
- Professional Development – appointed chair – Becky Perdue
- Subcommittee – Education Liason – Teressa Nadder
- Subcommittee – P.A.C.E. – Judy Horton
- Subcommittee – Meeting Management – Janet Bowman
- Public Relations - appointed chair – VACANT
- Subcommittee – Newsletter – Janet Bowman
- Subcommittee – Webmaster – Darrell Little

Notice any vacancies? Yes. One – a very important one.....**Interested? Hope so.**

However, the vacancies don't stop there....each of the Subcommittee persons need interested persons to help with their duties....Many hands make light work.

A quick look at the committees.....

Government Regulatory Affairs can include subcommittees working with Grass-roots Network, State Affairs, and Regulatory Agency Review. **Interested...hope so!**

Membership Development is one of the most important standing committees. It is charged with actively recruiting new members. **Interested?... hope so!**

Meeting Management is yet another subcommittee that needs a whole bunch of folks to bring about an Annual Spring Meeting.....don't be bashful – if

you have an interest in helping to plan meetings – exhibits, registration, financial activities, program, speakers, site arrangements and more. **Interested?.....hope so!**

Public Relations Committee – a real opportunity for an individual to actively promote the laboratory professional. In a time, where the public needs to put a face with a profession, you have a wide-open playing field. **Interested?.....hope so!**

Becoming a part of the BOD as a subcommittee member, a standing committee chairperson can open many doors of opportunities – to elected positions.

Interested? hope so!

Just email me....it is as easy as that!



WOW.....192 Active Members as of 9/29/04



VSCLS is proud to announce a \$1000 Scholarship

Details available on the web. Deadline – Nov 15

VSCLS Budget – Proposed and Adopted

Income: Dues, Spring Meeting, Interest and Investments, Merion Publications, Misc. income) \$7,750.00

Expenses:

(Regulatory Fees) \$415.00

(Expenses for Officers and Committees) \$285.00

(Publications, Mailings, and Services) \$1,900.00

(Conventions and Travel) \$3,255.00

(Other Meetings and Travel Expenses) \$575.00

(Awards) \$850.00

(Misc. Expenses) \$450.00

Total Expenses: \$7,730.00

Net Income: \$20.00

Assets:

Checking Acct, American Express Acct, Account Receivable – Spring Meeting Seed Funds \$29,404.54

Capital Authorization for an LCD Projector \$3000.00

Note: This item was taken from reserves – not a part of the operating budget.

If you would like to have any additional breakdown figures or line items detail, please do not hesitate to ask.

Talk to the President – Elect

That would be the President – Elect of ASCLS – Bernie Bekken!

Newly elected to this position at the ASCLS Annual Meeting in July, Bernie stands ready.

As she steps into the position, she has expressed a desire – to hear from all members – all 10,000 of them!

Tell her your interests. Are you willing to serve? To take charge?

There are countless opportunities on the National level for persons to get involved. Bernie needs to know what you might like to be considered for as she begins to get persons in mind for her appointed committee chairs and committee members.

Don't delay – write to her today ! Bbekken@augustamed.com

Mark your calendar

July 26-30, 2005

Orlando, Florida

ASCLS/AACC Annual Meeting & Exhibition

Disney Hilton \$135.00/night

Dedicated Exhibit Hours

\$295.00 Registration Fee

Everyone should have been there to see and hear it....balanced FY '03

For all ASCLS members seated in the audience in Los Angeles to hear the news of a balanced FY '03 budget with a + of \$45,045.11, it was a great feeling. In previous years, those seated heard many other reports.....and most often it was of struggle. What factors have had such a positive impact? According to those in charge – membership dues paid have increased and staff expenses have decreased. Easy you say...NOT!

Where do the revenue dollars come from for the budget? About 47% are from membership dues, approx. 7% profits from annual meetings (i.e. CLEC, Legislative Days, National meeting), and other monies from P.A.C.E. offered programs.

No surprise is the continued net loss of the CLS Journal (most recently \$39,346).

Like any other professional organization there are forces that work against our budget, and sometimes those forces are unable to be controlled. To mention a few – Basic health care for the staff, NMLW expenses, Market hits, Membership benefits, Continuing Education programs, and loss of members. This past year shows a 5% loss of members.

Discussion proceeded to the Fund Balance - still carrying a negative look, but greatly reduced from the bottom line of '95. The Fund Balance of FY '95 was (\$460,000), as of FY'03 it was (\$99,237)....so as noted, we are improving, but please remember..."An organization who carries a (negative) fund balance must use its net revenue to pay its bills the next fiscal year"...and so on and

so on.....

Many thanks to Elissa Passiment. As the Executive Vice President, she deserves the credit. It is with her drive and desire that ASCLS is where they are today and to where they are headed. She stepped in when the organization was struggling financially, and made a difference. She has turned ASCLS around. Without her and her abilities, where would we be.... let's just not go there.

Now what can YOU do to make even more of a difference? As a member – get a member!



Hope you enjoyed an ear or two!

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Congrats
To
The New
AMTF
Singers

Connie Laubenthal
Randy Vandevander

P.A.C.E.– Golden Opportunities w/ VSCLS

If you missed the 2004 Annual Spring Meeting, then you missed the opportunity to capture countless hours of approved, quality programming.

Judy Horton, P.A.C.E. chairperson, worked exceptionally hard to make certain all the sessions offered met the strict criteria to be worthy of credit.

There were 26 concurrent sessions – worth 1.0 and 1.5 credits, including a Keynote Address, delivered by James Griffith, "Leadership in the Time of Personnel Shortage".

On Monday, the session with the most

attendees was "Time Bombs: Dealing with Difficult People", presented by Karen Fields and on Tuesday, the session with the most attendees was "Transfusion Reactions Kill", presented by Adiodun Odeleye, M.D.

Coming in February (24-26) is yet another opportunity for ASCLS/VSCLS members to capture more P.A.C.E. approved credits – by attending the ASCLS 2005 Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference (CLEC) - to be held at the Woodlands Resort and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA. This year's meeting is being chaired by Bernie Bekken,

along with the help of all the Virginia Educators. The program has gone to press, stocked full of approved programs totaling 14 hours of P.A.C.E. credit. Stay tuned for meeting details on the ASCLS website, www.ascls.org

Keep your calendars out, there are more continuing education opportunities – the 2005 VSCLS Annual Spring Meeting. Go ahead and mark the dates – April 17-19 at Augusta Medical Center. A few different twists this year, but guaranteed top quality, approved programs. Details to follow at www.vscls.org

***** This and That *****

VSCLS Treasurer Report

6/12/04 – 8/31/04

Summary of Assets:

Accounts Receivable: \$1,241.76

Investment Fund Account: \$24,689.04

Checking Account: \$3,473.84

Grand Total: \$29,404.64



As the leaves change....

Changing of the VSCLS Guard....

2004-2005

President – Nancy Nichols Lewis

President –Elect – Charlene Waybright

Past President – Frankie Harris-Ilyne

Interim Secretary – Lynn Kuchenbrod



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

VIRGINIA PLANS TO DO IT AGAIN.....

CLEC 2005

Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference

February 24-16, 2005

**The Woodlands Hotel & Suites
Williamsburg, VA**

**"From the Colonies to the World...
Learning From the Past To Empower the Future"**

All are invited!

A Special Request
Help our Southern neighbors – North Carolina Student Forum

Cookbook in the Works
Submit your favorite recipe

Details posted
www.vscls.org
