



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, here we are well into fall and it is still blazing HOT in Texas! I hope those of you in the other parts of the country are feeling the cool fall air. It's a new year for Alpha Mu Tau and we have high hopes of raising more money to give more scholarships to deserving future clinical laboratorians. We also have high hopes of welcoming many new members into the Fraternity next year.

The New Member Nomination Form revised by George Fritsma will be used this year. It has a few minor changes but I think you will find it looks more professional and will be easier to use. Thanks to George for that contribution. We inducted 10 new members into the Fraternity in 2011 in Atlanta and are hopeful to have that many or more in 2012. Everyone should be thinking of colleagues that deserve the recognition of becoming an Alpha Mu Tau member and be ready to nominate them in the spring. The new nomination form is available from the AMTF website.

I want to thank all of you who agreed to serve AMTF this year as either Committee Chairs or Members. I did not realize until I became president but besides the 7 Board Members, it takes 28 more AMTF members willing to work a little extra for the Fraternity to fill all the committee positions.

If you have not been tapped to serve on a committee and would be willing to do so, you can let Mary Ann McLane, President elect, know for next year.

A study recently published by Rutgers University stated that of U. S. college students who graduated between 2006 and 2010, barely half are working full-time, and 3 in 10 have jobs that have little to do with their education. In addition, four of 10 took more than six months to find a job, and only 56% of 2010 graduates had found a job by April, 2011. This job outlook is quite different for clinical laboratory science graduates. CLS is the best-kept secret when it comes to finding a job after graduating with a B.S. degree. Our graduates are fortunate in that most have a job waiting for them, but many also have a stack of loans to be paid off waiting for them. Here is where we come in. Even a small scholarship can mean the world to a struggling student or new graduate. If we all pitch in when it comes time to donate for scholarships, we will be not only helping deserving students but also preserving our profession. Thanks to all of you for your generous donations in the past. Let's make this year even better.

Respectfully,

Louann

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New Members for 2011

Everyone should be thinking of colleagues that deserve the recognition of becoming an Alpha Mu Tau member...

Louann Lawrence

Suzanne Campbell – Forgan, OK was nominated by Paula Garrott and George Fritsma. She is MLT Program Coordinator at Seward County Community College in Liberal, KS. Suzanne has been active in ASCLS at the local, state and national levels, having twice served as President of the Kansas Society for CLS. She has been a member of the *Clinical Laboratory Science* journal review staff and was recently nominated to become the editor of the Focus Continuing Education Series. She has served NAACLS as a paper reviewer and site visitor and as a member and currently Chair of the Programs Approval Committee.

Karen Chandler – McAllen, TX was nominated by Lynda Britton and Cheryl Caskey. She is currently Assistant Dean and Associate Professor of Clinical Laboratory Science at the University of Texas – Pan American in Edinburg, TX. Karen served as Vice-Chair of the ASCLS Annual Meeting Steering Committee last year and will be Chair for the 2012 Annual Meeting. She has been President of the Texas Association of CLS twice and had presented numerous times at CLEC. In Texas she had been named Member of the Year, Educator of the Year, and received a Presidential Merit Award.

Terri Jan Leszczyszyn – Irmo, SC was nominated by Dan Southern and George Fritsma. Although she has been unable to work in the laboratory for health reasons since 1987, Terri has continued to serve her profession as South Carolina state president, secretary, treasurer, webmaster and editor of the SCSCLS newsletter. Her newsletter won the national award for best web-based newsletter in 2006. In addition to her professional activities, Terri is very active in church and community activities.

Teresa Nadder – Richmond, VA, nominated by Rebecca Perdue, Bernie Bekken, and Randall Vandevander. Teresa is employed as Chairman of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Teresa has provided key leadership in VSCLS's pursuit for regulation of clinical laboratory professionals with the Virginia State Legislature. She currently serves as Vice-chair of the ASCLS Professional Doctorate Task Force, on the ASCLS Continuing Education Advisory Committee, and on the NAACLS Standards Review Task Force. Teresa has many presentations and publications in clinical laboratory science and has received the ASCLS Distinguished Author Award, Virginia Society Member of the Year award, and ASCLS "Best in Discipline" poster award.

Ann Ranne – Dacula, GA nominated by Elizabeth Kenimer-Leibach and Shirlyn McKenzie. Anne is employed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta, GA. Anne has been a member of ASCLS for approximately 30 years. During this time she has been a laboratory manager, quality coordinator, and since 2005 an educator. Throughout her career she has consistently advocated for the profession. She has served as state president, regional director, and chair of several committees. She has been a NAACLS paper evaluator and site visitor as well as a lab inspector for CAP. Anne has presented at CLEC, ASCLS and ASCLS-GA meetings.

Kyle Riding – Medford, MA – nominated by Susan LeClair and Jim Griffith. Kyle is employed as a Lecturer at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA. He has served as ASCLS Student Forum Chair, New Professional Committee Chair, Millennial Retention Task Force Chair, and Social Networking Task Force Vice-Chair. He has played a key position as an intermediary between ASCLS and his age group by providing materials and activities that have increased the membership and networking capacity of ASCLS. During his junior year in college he organized 8 additional students to attend ASCLS Legislative Symposium and present ASCLS's position to their congressman. He has remained active in legislative activities. Kyle also serves as a member of the ASCLS Consumer Information Team.

Barbara Russell – Grovetown, GA nominated by Elizabeth Kenimer-Leibach and Shirlyn McKenzie. Barbara is employed as Associate Professor and Program Director at Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, Ga. Barbara was a member of the ASCLS Leadership Academy in 2007-08. She is currently Vice-chair of the ASCLS Education Scientific Assembly, and has served ASCLS-GA as president, district director, and annual meeting chair 2009 and 2010. Barbara has numerous publications and presentations at CLEC and ASCLS-GA.

Catherine Shaffner – Perrysburg, OH nominated by Kathy Waller and Bernadette Rodak. She is employed as Education Coordinator at ProMedica Laboratories in Toledo, OH. She also serves as a faculty member in the Medical Technology program at Bowling Green State University where she has taught hematology, immunohematology and immunology to medical technology students for the past 17 years. Cathy has served two terms as president of ASCLS-OH and has mentored several new graduates into leadership positions in the state organization. In addition, she often works diligently in various capacities on the ASCLS-OH Annual Meeting committee.

Patricia Tille – Sioux Falls, SD – nominated by Pam Kieffer and Lezlee Koch. Pat is employed as MLS Program Director, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. She has served on the ASCLS Awards Committee, Consumer Response Team, and as Vice-Chair of the Molecular Diagnostics Scientific Assembly. In addition, she has been president of ASCLS-SD and Annual Meeting Program Chair. Pat has written chapters in Bailey and Scott's Diagnostic Microbiology Textbook, presented at ASCLS and ASCLS-SD, and been honored as Member of the Year by ASCLS-SD.

Beth Warning – Independence, KY was nominated by Linda Gorman and J.R. Constance. Beth is employed as Director of Laboratory Services, Florence and Grant, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Florence, KY. She served as Chair of the ASCLS Promotion of the Profession committee and was instrumental in developing the idea for and setting up the ASCLS Provides Hope food drive during the ASCLS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA which netted over \$2700 in donations for the Orange County Food Pantry. Beth also is a member of the ASCLS Membership Recruitment Committee and has been Co-Editor of the ASCLS Clinical Lab Investigation Online Case Study for the past 3 years. In addition, she served as Program Chair for the CLEC meeting in Louisville, KY and has held multiple offices at the state level in KSCLS.

Alpha's Got Talent—On Stage at the Annual Meeting

Over \$5900 was pledged to Alpha Mu Tau scholarships at the 2011 annual meeting. Providing entertainment were the Alpha Singers, Norma Bivona and Maegan Guccione, Vicki and Steve Freeman, Joe Pasiment and Ed Peterson, Tim Randolph and Yas Simonian.

Norma Bivona and Maegan Guccione garnered the most pledges.



Fans awaiting the next act.



Our President Dancing



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If you have digital photos from previous meetings, they would also be appreciated.



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The Clock is Ticking! New Member Appli- cations Now Due!

by Mary Ann McLane, AMTF Presi-
dent-Elect

It's time to start thinking about New Members to be chosen and announced at the annual dinner in Los Angeles in July 2012. I can still remember Patsy Bering and Sandy Keener insisting that I had to wait until I had been on a national level committee before they would sponsor me, and how thrilled I was to have Sandy Keener walk me to the front of the dining room in 1995 to receive my certificate of AMTF membership from Becky Perdue. Each of us knows how special this membership is, and what level of involvement and dedication to this beloved profession is contained collectively in those so honored to be chosen. Let us continue

that legacy by nominating an ASCLS colleague for membership in Alpha Mu Tau.

The New Member Application Form has been updated for 2012 and is available on the AMTF website, <http://alphamutau.org/wp/>.

If you are not sure whether an individual is already a member or not, you can check the Membership Roster that is sent every Fall. Continue to mentor those you know, who have the potential to be leaders within our profession, toward meeting the qualifications of being "persons who have made outstanding professional contributions to the field of clinical laboratory science". Each AMTF member is allowed to nominate two individuals per year. Deadline for applications is March 17, 2012.