

Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity

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**From the President -
J. R. Constance**



Greetings AMTF Members,
Wow, what a lot of change we've had in the last several months! Who would have thought we'd be in the middle of a pandemic? I sincerely hope that all of you are staying healthy and practicing appropriate social distancing as our states work on reopening services.

As many of you already know, due to the pandemic the ASCLS "Joint Annual Meeting" in Louisville, KY this year has been turned into a Virtual meeting. Needless to say, since we always have our Alpha Mu Tau Dinner Meeting during the ASCLS meeting, this will result in some changes in how we conduct our meeting as well. The AMTF Board of Directors met recently to discuss how we can hold our own "virtual" annual member meeting and still meet the requirements of our Bylaws. At this point it looks like we will be holding a WebEx meeting and we're working on the details of how to hold elections, introduce new members and install new officers in a completely online environment. We will share more information on that in the coming weeks.

Suzanne Butch has done another great job in putting together the Spring edition of our newsletter. In this edition you will find the slate of Candidates for Office submitted by the Nominations Committee, and a proposed Bylaws Change related to the term of the Executive Secretary that we will be voting on during our annual Business Meeting. Speaking of Executive Secretary, Alpha Mu Tau is in need of a new Executive Secretary. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please review the information included on page 6 of this newsletter and contact me no later than June 15th.

I am very pleased to announce that AMTF will be providing \$41,000 in scholarships this year to 16 deserving awardees. I will be sending out notifications this week to all of the awardees and their program directors. Thank you to all of you who have donated to support our various scholarships. Since we are not going to have an in person meeting this year we want to make sure you still have the opportunity to donate this year to support our scholarships. For this year please consider donating the amount you would have spent to attend the dinner. See the bottom of page 6 for more information.

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President's Message Continued

In addition, this year we will be inducting seven new members to the fraternity. Acceptance letters will be going out to those individuals this week as well. Thank you to AMTF President Elect Bill Hunt and the members of the Membership Committee for all of their hard work.

Please watch for information regarding our virtual Annual Business Meeting coming out in the next few weeks.

TRIBUTES

Honoring our special friends, living and deceased, with a Scholarship Donation – October –April, 2020.

IN MEMORY OF –

Patricia Amos	John Smith
Betina Basso	Pam Kieffer
Dan Beck	Dana Duzan
Sam Chafin	Craig Austin, Jeanne Christen, J.R. Constance, Dana Duzan, Mary Gourley, Chloe Scott
Anna Fagelson	Lynn Russell
Leon Headley	Jeanne Christen, J.R. Constance, Dana Duzan, Mary Gourley, Delores Mounsey, Chloe Scott
Ruth Heinemann	Kathyrn Glen
Ruby Howard	Delores Mounsey, Lynn Russell

Frances James	Marie Vittetoe
Kanuth, Michele	Lynn Russell
Keener, Sandra	Lynn Russell
Burt Palmer	Dana Duzan
Liz Panning	Rick Panning
Rausch, Verna	Donna Meyer
Rouland, Martha	Lynn Russell
Slaughter, Harry	Lynn Russell
Betty Lynne Theriot	Patsy Jarreau, Mary Muslow, Lynn Russell

IN HONOR OF-

Patsy Bering	Mary Ann McLane
Joe Briden	Jeanne Christen
Cancer Victims	Lynn Russell
Cheryl Caskey	Lynn Russell
Gordon Ens	Ginger Weeden
Sharon Harmon	Mary Ann McLane
Jeanne Isabel	Sharon Miller
Mary Ann McLane	Lynn Russell
Beverly Price Denard	Lynn Russell
Tim Randolph	Dan Southern
Camellia St. John	John Wentz

Contributors to the Endowment Fund

Lisa Anderson
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Mary Ann McLane
Lester Pretlow

Thank You

AMTF Candidates for Office

Kyle B Riding, Nominations Committee Chair

On behalf of the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity's Nominations Committee, please find the slate of candidates for elected office below. I would like to commend our nominees for their willingness to serve our Fraternity. Furthermore, I would like to extend special thanks to my fellow committee members, Nadine Fydryszewski and Angela Darby, for their work this past year.

Pat Tille Ph.D. MT(ASCP)

Nominee for President-Elect

Dr. Tille holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Sioux Falls, a PhD in Biomedical Health Sciences in Microbiology from Sanford School of Medicine, and MLS certification from Sanford and University Medical Center School of Medical Technology. Dr. Tille is the well-known author of Bailey and Scott's Diagnostic Microbiology Textbook and has published a variety of articles in numerous scholarly journals related to education, research and clinical practice. Dr. Tille began in ASCLS in 1992 as a student forum representative, has served as a state president three times, and as the Region V Director on the ASCLS Board of Directors. She has served on the AMTF board as the junior and senior board member, is currently a trustee of the E & R Board and serves as the Section Editor for Research and Reports of the CLS Journal. She has been recognized in Microbiology (2005/2018) and Molecular Diagnostics (2011) with the BioRad Professional Achievement Award three times, and the Gloria Gilbert Memorial Award by ASCLS. She has served on numerous national, regional and state committees for ASCLS. Dr. Tille is completing her second term as the chair of the Microbiology Advisory Committee for the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science. In addition to her current position as the Graduate Program Director and full-time educator at the University of Cincinnati, she also serves as the primary technical advisor for Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics for Lab Savvy.

AMTF Candidates for Office continued

Nominee for Treasurer

Scott Aikey, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM}

Mr. Aikey is the Senior Director of Core Clinical Applications in Information Services at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where he has worked for the past 18 years. Mr. Aikey earned his Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology in 1986 from Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA; and his Master's in Health Services Administration from St. Francis University in Joliet, IL in 1991. He is currently finishing up his Doctoral degree at Capella University to earn a Doctorate in Health Administration. He has worked in the clinical laboratory industry for over 20 years in numerous positions from staff technologist, to Supervisor, to Laboratory Manager, and back to staff technologist before leaving the four walls of the clinical laboratory to work in Hospital Information Services. For the past 18 years, Mr. Aikey has been involved in the successful implementations of electronic health systems in both the ambulatory and hospital settings. He is also now currently responsible for overseeing the operational support of that electronic health system. Outside of work, Mr. Aikey has been heavily involved in the clinical laboratory professional organization – ASCLS. He has held numerous different positions throughout the local, state, regional and national levels culminating in being elected President of the Society in 2008. He was also the President and is the current Treasurer of the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity.

Nominee for Junior Board Member

Karrie Hovis, MHS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, CQIA

For 22 years, Karrie Hovis has been an advocate for the medical laboratory profession. In 1997, she graduated with a BS in Medical Technology from LSU Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Professions in Shreveport, LA. She received several awards upon graduation, including LSCLS Student of the Year. As a student, she served as co-chair of the LSCLS Student Forum, and secretary of the ASCLS Student Forum. By 2001, Karrie was elected as LSCLS president, and since that time, she has served her state society in numerous capacities. She has also served in various leadership positions in her region. In 2005, she earned her Masters in Health Sciences from LSU Health Sciences Center, and in 2009, she was certified as a Quality Improvement Associate by ASQ. Professionally, Karrie has worked within the medical laboratory in numerous capacities, including supervisor, education coordinator, and most recently, ASCLS Director of Professional Development and Project Management. She is currently serving as the lab education coordinator for the laboratory service line at Ochsner Health System. She also serves in various activities for other professional societies, including NAACLS, CLSI and ASCP. When she is not promoting the medical laboratory, she is busy at home with 5 daughters.

Deceased Members

We have been notified of the passing of these members who will be remembered as teachers, laboratory administrator and technologist who served the Fraternity:

Gerre Gourley – June 18, 2019

Sara Jane Green - October 14, 2019

Narcissa Hocker—November 9, 2019

Miriam Holtz - November 9, 2019

Samuel Chafin - November 25, 2019

Arene Mildred Gustafson - December 19, 2019

Oscar Burton "Burt" Palmer, Jr. - December 25, 2019

Patricia Amos - February 24, 2020

Alpha Mu Tau needs a new Executive Secretary...

Alpha Mu Tau is seeking persons who are interested in taking on the role of Alpha Mu Tau Executive Secretary. AMTF has had a history of exemplary Executive Secretaries and we need a motivated person to step forward and take on this role for a minimum term of five years. The Executive Secretary serves as a continual point of contact for the Fraternity. He/she is responsible for maintaining the AMTF member roster, as well as working with the various AMTF committees including membership and scholarship. He/she also serves as an informal advisor to the AMTF Board of Directors.

Interested persons may find the job description in the AMTF Handbook on the website at the following URL: http://alphamutau.org/?page_id=4

Proposed Bylaws Change

By Duncan Samo—Bylaws Chair

The following change to the bylaws has been proposed to provide a defined term of office for the Executive Secretary. This proposal will be voted upon at the annual meeting.

Current - ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary:

- a. Shall be selected by the Board and shall serve until replaced by the Board. The executive secretary shall be an active, emeritus, or honorary member in good standing in the Fraternity.
- b. Shall serve as a permanent contact for the Fraternity under appointment and direction of the Board.
- c. Shall attend all meetings of the Board.

Proposed -ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary:

- a. ***Shall be selected by the Board and shall serve a five-year term with ability to be reappointed by the Board.*** The executive secretary shall be an active, emeritus, or honorary member in good standing in the Fraternity.
- b. Shall serve as a permanent contact for the Fraternity under appointment and direction of the Board.
- c. Shall attend all meetings of the Board.

You are Invited to Participate With Friends

We have an idea!

Since we are not able to meet in person for dinner, we want to make sure you have an opportunity to donate to the various scholarships. Consider donating the amount you would have spent to attend to the dinner. Dinner last year was \$75 and a seat reservation was \$30. Mail in your donation using the form on the next page or use the online donation web page: <https://fs21.formsite.com/uphdm-laboratory/AMTF/index.html>.

2020 Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity Contribution Form

Name _____ Check if info is changed

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Fax _____

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Raising monies for scholarships is one of the main goals of AMTF. Donations may be tax-deductible. A receipt will be sent to you and an acknowledgement will be sent to whomever you designate. **Please be generous!**

ESTABLISHED SCHOLARSHIPS:

- AMTF Endowment Fund \$ _____
- General Scholarship Fund \$ _____
- Ruth French Memorial \$ _____
- Dorothy Morrison Memorial \$ _____
- Ida and May Reilly Memorial \$ _____
- Martha Winstead Memorial \$ _____
- Royce Watson Scholarship \$ _____
- James Holley Mem. Scholarship \$ _____
- Eleanor Parchman Memorial \$ _____
- Roma E. Brown Memorial and
Nellie M. Bering Scholarship \$ _____

Thinking about your donation—consider what you are saving by not going to the dinner and give that amount to the AMTF Scholarships.

THANK YOU

Indicate the following if desired:

In honor/memory of _____

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Send Acknowledgement

Send Acknowledgement

to: _____

to: _____

Make your contribution on-line at <https://fs21.formsite.com/uphdm-laboratory/AMTF/index.html>

Or, send your completed form and check, payable to AMTF to

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Remember to visit the Alpha Mu Tau web page,
www.alphamutau.org
for information and forms. There are tabs for: Infor-
mation About Us, Scholarships, Officers, Member-
ship, Donations, Photos from the past meetings, Past
and Current Newsletters and Contact Us.

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

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