



REPORTS TO:	House of Delegates
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Activities of the Constituent Society:

Student Forum was held on September 30, 2016 at The University of Mississippi Medical Center by the Medical Laboratory Science program directed by Dr. LaToya Richards Moore. The Student Forum Chair Felicia Tardy did a great job in putting this event together. The forum included topics such as ASCLS National Updates, Career Spotlights, Professionalism for Healthcare Workers in the Realm of Social Media, Program Updates from Across the State, A Year in the Life of a First-Year Professional, MLT/MLS Fashion Showcase, and the Zika Virus. At the 2016 spring meeting, it was voted by the student forum members to keep the current Student Forum President Morgan D. Jackson from The University Mississippi Medical Center. The positions for Vice-President and Secretary were to be appointed at the Student Forum meeting. The Vice President appointed was Scott Hammack. The Secretary position has not been filled. We are hoping to get a volunteer for the position soon.

The Fall Board of Directors meeting will be October 15, 2016 at Hinds Community College on the Nursing/Allied Health Campus. The agenda will include ASCLS National Updates, Committee Reports, the formation of a program committee for the 2018 Annual State meeting, discussion of website maintenance, and review of state bylaws in regards to the term of the President.

The LA/MS ASCLS bi-state meeting will be held in Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting will take place April 3-7, 2017. I contacted the Louisiana state President Michele Werner in regards to the building location where the meetings will be held. Ms. Werner stated that she will contact the program committee for confirmation of the location. I have not heard back from Ms. Werner to provide the location to you.

Contracts for the MS/LA ASCLS bi-state meeting have been signed by Rana Walley President-Elect after a "yes" vote from the Board of Directors to proceed with reserving a location. The meeting will take place April 9-13, 2018 in Biloxi at The Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino.

The Winter Board of Directors meeting will be held January 21, 2017 at Hinds Community College on the Nursing/Allied Health Campus.

There are 119 members for our state. There are 49 Professional I and II members, 15 First Year Professionals, and 55 student members. According to Lee Byrd Membership Chair, membership numbers seem a little low for the state. However, Mr. Byrd stated that the membership increases in the early spring right before the state meeting. The increase in members is seen mostly among the students

November 16-18, 2016 Rana Walley President-Elect Rana Walley attended the ASCLS Region III Triennial Meeting

Beckie Hetrick informed me that the ASCLS Bylaws Committee approved the proposal change for the ASCLS MS term for the President. The ASCLS MS society proposed the President and President-Elect term be change from one year to two years. The ASCLS Bylaws Committee suggested that the MS society should consider changing the terms for the Past-President to two years as well. The suggest Bylaws Amendment is as follows:

III. Bylaws Amendment Template: An Example

This example shows inclusion of an additional delegate, the New Professional, to the constituent society delegation to ASCLS HOD.

Present Bylaws	Proposed Change	Rationale for Revision
<p>Article x, Section x: Delegates Each duly chartered constituent society shall be entitled to at least three (3) delegates [two (2) delegates-at-large, one (1) student delegate] plus one (1) delegate per each 50 professional and emeritus members or major fraction thereof to the House of Delegates, to be designated according to society established procedures.</p>	<p>Article x, Section x: Delegates Each duly chartered constituent society shall be entitled to at least four delegates [two (2) delegates-at-large, one (1) new professional, one (1) student delegate] plus one (1) delegate per each 50 professional and emeritus members or major fraction thereof to the House of Delegates, to be designated according to society established procedures.</p>	<p>Be It Noted: Addition of a New Professional to the State Delegation to HOD is to maintain compliance with the ASCLS Bylaws. This provision should encourage members new to the clinical laboratory profession to become active in the ASCLS.</p>

The winter meeting was scheduled for Saturday January 21, 2017 at Hinds Community College. However, the meeting had to be cancelled due to a death in my family. An agenda for the meeting, along with committee reports were emailed to all Board of Director members.

Dr. Stacy Vance P&E Chairperson received Proclamation from Mississippi's Governor Phil Bryant in recognizing April 24-29, 2017 as "Medical Laboratory Professionals Week".

Dr. Stacy Vance P&E Chairperson arranged an interview on WLBT news "Midday Mississippi" for an opportunity to inform the public about the Medical Laboratory profession. The following dates are arranged:

- February 22, 2017-LaJuanda Portis ASCLS MS President will inform the public about the profession and the upcoming ASCLS MS/LA State Meeting.
- April 12, 2017-Dr. Stacy Vance ASCLS MS P& E chairperson will inform the public about the profession and promote Medical Laboratory Professional week.

Upcoming Meeting:

Bi-State Meeting (ASCLS LA, MS) Dates: April 3-7, 2017

ASCLS MS Spring BOD meeting Date: April 6, 2017 Time: 7:00 am-8:30 am

Activities of the Constituent Society:

The spring meeting was held April 6, 2017 in Baton Rouge, LA at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The meeting started at 7:00 am. There were nineteen members present which included seventeen professional members, one student member, and one first-year professional member.

Student Bowl Competition:

The University of West Florida team came in first place for the MLS competition. The University of Louisiana Monroe placed second place for the MLS competition.

Copiah-Lincoln Community College came in first place for the MLT competition. Hinds Community College team C came in second place for the MLT competition.

Elections:

The President-Elect is Jana Bagwell. Ms. Bagwell will be the first member to serve a two year Presidency.

The elected Board of Directors members are Cindy Higgs, Cindy Handley, and Stacy Vance.

The elected member for the nominations committee is Amber Reulet.

The elected ASCLS-MS Student Forum President is Xuan-Yen Nguyen from the University of Southern Mississippi.

State Membership:

ASCLS-MS currently has one hundred eighty-eight members which include sixty-two professionals, thirteen first year professionals, and one hundred thirteen student members.

Upcoming Events:

The summer Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday June 10, 2017 at Whole Foods Market conference room located in Jackson, MS from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. The meeting will be conducted by Rana Walley (2018 President).

ASCLS National Meeting July 31-August 3, 2017 in San Diego, CA will be attended by Rana Walley and Jana Bagwell. Ms. Bagwell will the National Meeting his year as a proxy decided by acclamation.

The ASCLS-MS/LSCLS spring meeting will be April 9-13, 2018 in Gulfport, MS at the Golden Nugget Casino and Hotel. A possible theme for the meeting "Laboratory Professionals Standards Are Golden". The theme would possibly be centered on a treasure hunt that all members can participate in.

