



NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

Ellinor I. Peerschke

Dear ACLPS Members,

I am happy and honored to serve as President of our Society. During my stewardship, I plan to continue the important initiatives that have been developed under past presidents, David Bruns and David Sacks. ACLPS owes a large debt of gratitude to both individuals for their work in guiding our organization to greater visibility and opportunity.

This is a very exciting and critical time for our organization. The Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists has grown considerably during the last decade. There are significant opportunities and challenges ahead for ACLPS to continue to define and distinguish itself among other professional Pathology societies and organizations.

One of the foremost goals of our Society is to advance education and research in the field of Laboratory Medicine/Clinical Pathology. With the publication of the first national, comprehensive Clinical Pathology (CP) training curriculum, an effort that was led by Brian Smith, and represents the considerable contributions of dedicated individuals at the grass roots level, ACLPS has attained a definitive voice in CP training. As you know,

the curriculum document has now been published in three major journals, the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology Patterns*, *Human Pathology*, and *Clinical Chemistry*.

ACLPS also continues to be an important partner to the ASCP RISE EXAM. This collaboration provides opportunities to underscore the essential elements of the newly constructed CP curriculum. In addition, ACLPS has been approached to participate in evaluating and validating an innovative, web-based patient simulation assessment tool, being developed by investigators at the University of Iowa that focuses on competency in laboratory test utilization. And, we have been approached by the American Board of Pathology in discussions on mechanisms of ascertaining continuing competency in Clinical Pathology and maintenance of certification.

In addition to education, an important focus of our organization is research and academic development. To highlight this, and to honor one of our beloved founding members, Ellis Benson, the Society is endowing an annual award to recognize the professional achievements and scholarship of a Clinical Pathology faculty member under the age of 45. During the annual meeting in Chicago, we had the pleasure of presenting the first award to

Robin G. Lorenz from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

I am also happy that the Young Investigator Program is flourishing under the leadership of Eric Spitzer with ever increasing numbers of abstracts being submitted for presentation at the annual meeting. The resident abstract presentations underscore the importance of clinical, translational, and basic research in advancing Clinical Pathology. Research is a vital part of the discipline of Laboratory Medicine, and investigators in Clinical Pathology are uniquely positioned to lead translational research efforts to develop and improve diagnostic testing for complex diseases.

There are, however, significant challenges to conducting meaningful research during the 60-month combined Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency training program. I will be leading an effort to create a document for publication in *Clinics in Laboratory Medicine*, defining structured research training as an integral part of the pathology residency curriculum.

Other challenges to our organization include growing our membership and growing our financial base. David Sacks has led important discussion during the past year in the Executive Council to develop mechanisms for retaining young investigators in our Society, as

they transition from training status to faculty positions. This is an important effort to ensure the continuing vitality of ACLPS.

All of our efforts are linked directly or indirectly to a sound financial base. We thank William Roberts, the Society's former treasurer, and Elizabeth Frank, our current treasurer, for their careful management of the Society's resources. Our national meetings provide opportunities and challenges for fund-raising. We should continue to explore additional venues for fund-raising that are consistent with the philosophy and goals of our Society.

The last few years have demonstrated what ACLPS can accomplish when individuals who are passionate about residency training, education and research work together. One of the major strengths of our organization is its inclusivity. I urge each of you to participate in initiatives that you feel passionate about, and to contribute some of your time and effort to building a stronger Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year, and invite you to contact me directly (epeersch@med.cornell.edu) with your ideas and comments.

With best wishes,

Ellinor I. Peerschke

2006 ACLPS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, June 3, 2006 Noon – 1:30 PM

Call to Order and Reading of the Minutes

David Sacks called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, IL. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of June 11, 2005. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes be approved as written and previously published in the ACLPS 2005 Fall Newsletter.

Reports of the Executive Council

David Sacks reported on behalf of the Executive Council and thanked Jonathan Miller and Karen Frank for hosting a wonderful meeting. He noted that they have set a high standard for future ACLPS meetings.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Membership Committee

Dan Sabath presented the list of new members and associate members who have been recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Executive Council.

Active Members

Name

Samir L. Aleryani
John Anastasi
Sindhu Cherian
Jill E. Clarridge
Joan E. Etzell
Corinne R. Fantz
Jonathan Fromm
Harvey Greisman
Robert E. Hutchison
Vandita Johari
Brad S. Karon
David D. Koch
Matthew Krasowski
Stephen R. Master
A. William Pasculle
Melissa Pessin-Minsley
LoAnn Peterson
Susana Rodriguez-Marino
Suresh G. Shelat
Toby L. Simon
Karen Weck
Monte S. Willis
Yanyun Wu
X. Long Zheng

Sponsors

Michael Laposata, Mary Jane Ferraro
Karen Frank, Jonathan Miller
Daniel Sabath, Albert LaSpada
Petrie Rainey, Daniel Sabath
Mitch Scott, Angela Caliendo
Enrique Terraza, Barbara Haller
Daniel Sabath, Brent Wood
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Jonathan Miller, Katalin Banki
Fred Apple, John Crosson
Mary Burrit, John O'Brien
Fred Apple, William Roberts
Mohamed Virji, Jorge Sepulveda
Don Young, Malek Kamoun
Alan Wells, Jorge Sepulveda
Ellinor Peerschke, Desmond Burke
Jonathan Miller, Bruce Alexander
Jonathan Miller, Karen Frank
Bryan Wolf, Malek Kamoun
Kendall Crookston, Ed Ashwood
David Sacks, David Grenache
David Grenache, John Chapman
Peter Jatlow, Gyorgy Csako
Jonathan Miller, Sam Santoro

Associate Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Amer Abboud	Russell Tomar, Leonard Boral
Ashley Allison	Amitava Dasgupta, Eric Spitzer
Geoffrey S. Baird	Wayne Chandler, Eric Spitzer
Rachel Beddard	Chantal Harrison, Eric Spitzer
Michael J. Berger	John Eckfeldt, Eric Spitzer
Holly N. Burford	Bruce Alexander, Marisa Marques
Kelley Capocelli	Mike Wilson, Geza Bodor
Noah Hoffman	Brad Cookson, Eric Spitzer
Andrew N. Hoofnagle	Petrie Rainey, Eric Spitzer
Melissa S. Hovanetz	Amitava Dasgupta, Eric Spitzer
Meredith Lakey	Bruce Alexander, Marisa Marques
Maggie M. Lam	Petrie Rainey, Eric Spitzer
Meredith A. Lann	Mike Wilson, Geza Bodor
Steve Miller	Enrique Terrazas, Eric Spitzer
Waldemar Niklinski	Russell Tomar, Leonard Boral
Margret Oethinger	Henry M. Rinder, Eric Spitzer
Changlee S. Pang	Jerry Mullersman, Sam Santoro
Mikhail Roshal	Petrie Rainey, Eric Spitzer
Michele Roullet	Don Young, Eric Spitzer
Robert Schlaberg	Steven Spitalnik, Eric Spitzer
Bharat Thyagarajan	Michael Steffes, Eric Spitzer
Ping Wang	Alan Wu, Eric Spitzer
Songlin Zhang	Russell Tomar, Leonard Boral

The following active members requested a change to emeritus status:

Henry H. Balfour, Jr.	University of Minnesota
M. Desmond Burke	Weill-Cornell Medical Center
Stebbins B. Chandor	University of Southern California

Program and Finance Committee

Ellinor Peerschke reported that there were 150 paid registrations and 30 Young Investigator award recipients. The meeting is expected to break even. Ellinor reminded the group of next year's annual meeting in San Diego, which will be hosted by the University of California, San Diego.

Publications Committee

Mike Laposata reported on changes to AJCP. Short papers, similar to the Technical Briefs published in other journals, will be included, and The Pathology Patterns supplement will be folded into the main journal. He thanked AJCP editors present at the meeting. Jonathan Miller thanked LoAnn Peterson for ASCP cooperation.

Nominating and Awards Committee

Dave Bruns announced the ballot to the membership and called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. The ballots were distributed, collected, and counted.

Reports of the Ad Hoc Committees

Brian Smith gave an update on the CP Curriculum. The CP curriculum was published simultaneously in three journals: Smith BR, Wells A, Alexander CB, Bovill E, Campbell S, Dasgupta A, Fung M, Haller B, Howe JG, Parvin C, Peerschke E, Rinder H, Spitalnik S, Weiss

R, Wener M for the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists. 2006. Curriculum Content and Evaluation of Resident Competency in Clinical Pathology (Laboratory Medicine): A Proposal. Human Pathol 37: 934-68; Amer J Clin Pathol 125(Suppl 1): S3-S37; Clin Chem 52: 917-949. Editorials also appeared in Human Pathology: Wells A, Smith BR, Sacks DB. 2006. Training Pathologists in the 21st Century. Hum Pathol 37: 932-33. and Clin Chem: Scott MG, Bruns DE 2006, Improving Training in Laboratory Medicine. Finally, a commentary (point/counterpoint) appeared in Clinical Chemistry: Prak ETL, Park J, Yu G, and Nachamkin I. Point: Developing a Curriculum in Clinical Pathology Clin Chem 2006 52: 969-971 and Wells, A and Smith, BR. 2006. Counterpoint: Developing a Clinical Pathology Curriculum to Meet Current and Future Needs. Clin Chem 52: 971-972.

A CP Education listserv has also been created. The committee is no longer meeting but subcommittees are forming to attempt to outline subspecialty curricula in more detail. Some of those efforts may reach publication in an issue of Clinics in Laboratory Medicine scheduled for the spring of 2007. The involvement of ACLPS with the ASCP RISE was also quite successful last year with our members submitting over 380 potential questions and with our having representation on the committee. This will continue through this coming year.

Unfinished Business

None.

General Business

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Frank reported that the financial condition of the Academy is sound and that the following account balances exist as of 5/31/06:

General Fund	\$ 62,962.08
Ellis Benson Award contributions	\$ 14,250.00
YIAP Fund	\$603,753.73
Cotlove Endowment	\$ 30,000.00
Total	\$710,965.81

New Business

Bruce Alexander, ACLPS liaison to APC, reported that there is a survey going out through APC/PRODS to gather data on whether 6 months of research is adequate.

David Sacks thanked Brian Smith and the Curriculum Committee. He also thanked Fred Apple, Bruce Alexander, and Brad Cookson for serving on the Executive Council; Jay Bock for his service on the Membership Committee; Mike Creer and Bruce Alexander for their service on the Nominating and Awards Committee; Ellinor Peerschke and Alan Wells for their service on the Program and Finance Committee; and Fred Apple and Barbara Haller for their service on the Publications Committee. He stated that true progress had been made during their years of service.

Presentation of New Members

This no longer happens due to changes to the bylaws adopted last year.

Announcement of Election Results

David Bruns announced that the election ballot as presented to the membership was approved and 59 votes were cast.

President Elect
Executive Council Members-at-Large 2006-2009

Nominating and Awards Committee Member 2006-2009
Publications Committee Member 2006-2009

Brian Smith
Barbara Haller
Debra Leonard
Michael Astion
Mitchell Scott

David Sacks congratulated all the newly elected members of the Executive Council and Committees.

The proposed changes to the bylaws were approved.

Installation of the New President

David Sacks thanked the membership for another successful year. He acknowledged David Bruns on his outstanding leadership in creating and implementing the new Ellis Benson Award for young faculty in recognition of meritorious accomplishment in the field of laboratory medicine. The award honors the pioneering work of Ellis Benson in promoting research, service, and teaching in laboratory medicine. He recognized Brian Smith and all members who have contributed to the development of the CP curriculum which has now been published in three journals and is available online. He turned the meeting over to Ellinor Peerschke.

Ellinor Peerschke thanked David Sacks for an outstanding job as president which included the completion of several important initiatives. She stated that ACLPS has an important voice in research, education, and training. The organization and its members are helping to build individuals with depth in various specialty areas. She encouraged members to continue to recruit new members to the organization and to work to retain members. Ellinor sees the organization's strength as its inclusivity. ACLPS members include physicians and scientists with specialties in all areas of laboratory medicine. She envisions a role for ACLPS in continuing to define the pathology residency training program and in ensuring the survival of research in training within the 48-60 month time frame. In the coming year she will fervently work to identify new initiatives to pursue and continue to work towards increasing the membership of the organization.

Adjournment

There was no further business to conduct and Ellinor Peerschke adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

ACLPS 42nd Annual Meeting

**Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina
1380 Harbor Island Drive
San Diego, CA, June 7-9, 2007**

The University of California San Diego will host the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS). On Friday morning, presentations by ACLPS Young Investigators will cover new developments across a wide area of Laboratory Medicine, including Hematology, Chemistry, Immunology, Transfusion Medicine, Microbiology, and Molecular Diagnostics. The deadline for Young Investigator Award Program abstracts is February 23, 2007. The Friday afternoon plenary session will feature a series of highly distinguished speakers who will discuss emerging issues in Laboratory Medicine.

After this conference, participants will be able to:

Discuss recent developments in Laboratory Medicine related to Hematology, Chemistry, Immunology, Transfusion Medicine, Microbiology, or Molecular Diagnostics.

Describe emerging technologies that are being applied to the diagnosis of disease, including genomics and proteomics.

Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting program!

For more information please contact one of the 2007 ACLPS annual meeting coordinators:

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