



NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

C. Bruce Alexander

Dear ACLPS Members:

As we enter into the 08-09 academic year, please let me welcome you to the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists. Our academy was founded in 1966 and currently has active affiliations with 88 of the approximately 150 academic and community training centers that train pathology residents in clinical pathology.

From its origin, it has followed the mission statement of being dedicated to the advancement of teaching and scholarship in laboratory medicine. We follow the objectives of the Academy. In the past 32 years this dedication has been driven by the following objectives:

- To encourage and advance the highest standards of education laboratory medical schools and related curricula.
- To encourage and promote the highest standards in residency training and post graduate education of physicians and scientists in clinical pathology in medical

schools.

- To encourage and promote the highest standards of service, education, and research in academic laboratory medicine.

The Academy has a single meeting a year and this is devoted primarily to young investigators and their budding careers. At the June 2008 meeting, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, there were over 80 abstracts submitted by young investigators and a science program that was specific to advances in laboratory medicine and the role of pathologists and laboratory scientists as clinical consultants.

We invite all trainees in clinical pathology to consider application for membership. We invite all training programs who are training individuals toward Board Certification in clinical pathology to encourage their faculty and trainees about the opportunities available through the Academy.

The Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program is designed to encourage young investigators to consider a

career in academic laboratory medicine. Residents, fellows, and students in a doctoral program in health sciences, participating in research with a member of ACLPS or sponsored by an ACLPS member are eligible. Students in programs leading to non-doctoral degrees conducting research with an ACLPS member may be considered upon written request from the ACLPS sponsor to the Director, Young Investigator Awards Program.

In addition to a meeting which is devoted to young investigators, the academy offers the following awards:

Cotlove Award

This award is presented to a scientist (member or non-member of the academy) for outstanding contributions to the science of laboratory medicine.

Gerald T. Evans Award

This award is presented annually to a member for outstanding leadership and/or service to the society.

Ellis Benson Award

This award is presented to a young faculty member in recognition of meritorious accomplishment in the field of laboratory medicine.

We look forward to our meeting in June hosted by the University of California at Los Angeles. Further information on the Academy applications to its membership, and the upcoming meeting at UCLA can be found at the web site, <http://www.aclps.org>.

C. Bruce Alexander

2008 ACLPS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Philadelphia, PA

Saturday, June 7, 2008 12:30 – 2:00 PM

**Submitted by Brian Jackson
Secretary, Treasurer**

Call to Order and Reading of the Minutes

Brian Smith called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm in the Sheraton University City Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Brian Smith thanked and recognized the committee members who are cycling off this year. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of June 9, 2007. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes be approved as written.

Reports of the Executive Council

Brian Smith reported on behalf of the Executive Council and thanked Malek Kamoun and Don Young for a very successful meeting. It was reported that the annual meeting locations have been selected through 2013.

- Ed Ashwood reported on behalf of ABP – consider research tract as possible training alternative.
- Sponsor 1 MOC
- Medical student curriculum/survey which areas
- Increase international membership

Reports of the Standing Committees

Membership Committee

Dan Sabath reported that there are 22 new active members and 40 new associate members who have been recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Executive Council.

* The listing of new members with their institutional affiliations will appear at the end of this report.

Program and Finance Committee

Bruce Alexander reported that there were 30 young investigator award winners and five awards with distinction winners. He encourages more poster sessions and previous young investigator award winner presentations. The next annual meeting will be at the University of California, Los Angeles, June 4-6, 2009.

Publications Committee

- AJCP needs to enhance laboratory medicine side
- Meeting with AJCP board is considered

Nominating and Awards Committee

Ellinor Peerschke 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

Education

ASCP values ACLPS contribution to RISE. Ninety percent feel RISE does not cover enough – please comment on deficiencies. Question: Can we see the questions to comment better? Program director will be able to take exam, see bullet points.

Website

David Chou

- Annual meeting & jobs postings is now on the ACLPS web site

Jeff Kant

- Three openings on board – blood banker
- Voluntary recertification & MOC
- Seven societies approved for self assessment SAM. ACLPS is not an approved society – obtain approval?
- No difference in PGY05, 04
- CAP – new committee clinical pathology
- Resident forum – early application – voluntary criteria

Position not offered > 16 months

Unfinished Business

None

General Business

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Frank reported that there are approximately 600 members. The financial condition of the Academy is sound. Institutions will be solicited for Ellis Benson contributions.

New Business

Brian Smith thanked all the officers for their hard work and efforts this past year. He also thanked Ted Bovill and Bryan Wolf for serving on the Executive Council; Karen Frank for her service on the Membership Committee; Amitava Dasgupta and Robin Lorenz for their service on the Nominating and Awards Committee; Petr Jarolim for his service on the Publications Committee. Brian thanked and acknowledged the time and efforts of Bruce Alexander for serving as Chair of the Program and Finance Committee. He also gave a special thanks to Elizabeth Frank for her three year commitment as Secretary/Treasurer.

Kathleen Clayson passed away – an obituary will be posted.

Announcement of Election Results

Brian Smith announced that the election ballot was unanimously approved.

President Elect:

Mitch Scott

Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2011:

Brian Jackson

Executive Council Members-at-Large 2008-2011:

Marisa Marques

William Roberts

Membership Committee Member 2008-2011:

Dennis Kucik

Nominating and Awards Committee 2008-2011:

Jeffrey Kant

Member-at-Large 2008-2009:

Jay Bock

Program and Finance Committee Member-at-Large 2008-2009:

Kathleen Kelly

Member-at-Large 2008-2009:

Michael Laposata

Member-at-Large 2008-2009:

Charles Eby

Installation of the New President

Brian thanked the officers and the membership for all their contributions in making this another successful year. He turned the meeting over to Bruce Alexander.

Bruce thanked Brian for doing a terrific job as president and commended him for guidance of the organization on a host of current, pertinent initiatives.

Adjournment

There was no further business to conduct and Bruce Alexander adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Newly elected ACLPS members

Active members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Jack Bui	University of California, San Diego
Kai Fu	University of Nebraska
Andrew N. Hoofnagle	University of Washington
Jeffrey S. Jhang	Columbia University
Hyunseok Peter Kang	SUNY Buffalo
Kathleen A. Kelly	UCLA
Roger D. Klein	University of South Florida
James Stacey Klutts	University of Iowa
Susan M. Koethe	Medical College of Wisconsin
Neal Lindeman	Harvard University
Eline T. Luning Prak	University of Pennsylvania
David H. McKenna, Jr.	University of Minnesota
Michael C. Milone	University of Pennsylvania
Frederick S. Nolte	Medical University of So. Carolina
Melissa R. Snyder	Mayo Clinic
Christopher P. Stowell	Harvard University
Kenichi Tamama	Ohio State University
Marla C. Troughton	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Karen D. Tsuchiya	University of Washington
Ping Wang	Cornell Medical College, Houston
Alison Woodworth	Vanderbilt University
Kiang-Teck Jerry Yeo	University of Chicago

Associate Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Khaled Alhoms	Harvard University
David W. Azar	University of California, San Diego
Michael A. Bachman	University of Pennsylvania
Shuting Bai	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Manfred Brigl	Harvard University
Mike Bonham	University of California, SF
L. Walden Browne	University of California, SF
Susan M. Butler-Wu	University of Washington
Angella Charnot-Katsikas	University of Chicago
Jason Cheng	University of Chicago
Leona Council	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Nilesh Dharjiya	University of California, San Diego
Julia C. Drees	University of California, SF
Stephanie C. Eisenbarth	Yale University
Evrin Erdogan	University of Utah
Elizabeth Hanson	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Joshua L. Hood	Washington University
Kamisha Johnson-Davis	University of Utah
Annette S. Kim	University of Pennsylvania
Marian Kraemer	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Lindsay A. Legendre	University of Virginia
Shaoying Li	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Jose Lima	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Ami L. Linder	University of Alabama, Birmingham
A. Victoria McKane	University of Minnesota
Jay L. Patel	University of Utah
Diane C. Peterson	University of Alabama, Birmingham
James David Post	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Emily Reisenbichler	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Michael H. A. Roehrl	Harvard University
Ronald D. Sanders	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Steffini Stalos	University of Minnesota
Mark Stecink	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Jiankun Tong	University of Chicago
Christopher A. Tormey	Yale University
Richard Torres	Yale University
Dara Wakefield	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Shi Wei	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Xiaojun Wu	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Zhaohai Yang	University of Alabama, Birmingham

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2009 ACLPS ANNUAL MEETING

ACLPS Members and Young Investigators:

The University of California at Los Angeles will host the 44th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists at the [Redondo Beach & Marina Hotel \(300 North Harbor Drive\)](#) in Redondo Beach, California. Located just minutes away from Los Angeles International Airport, Redondo Beach is one of the most picturesque, welcoming beach cities on the West Coast. Join us and savor the beauty, mild weather, miles of white sandy beaches, and elegance of one of Los Angeles' premiere coastal community. The hotel is located across the street from the beach and has agreed to provide our organization a reduced meeting rate of \$189 a night for a single or double hotel room.

This year's meeting will feature nanotechnology, cancer diagnostics, and individualized medicine. The meeting will open with an exciting tutorial on Thursday from 3:00 pm- 5:30 pm titled 'Nanotechnology in Clinical Practice', followed by a reception at the beautiful Portofino Hotel & Yacht Club across the street with a spectacular ocean view. On Friday morning, Young Investigators will present research on new developments in Laboratory Medicine covering a wide range of topics in Hematology, Chemistry, Immunology, Transfusion Medicine, Microbiology, and Molecular Diagnostics. The Friday afternoon session will begin with the Cotlove Award Lecture given by Dr. Owen Witte, M.D. Dr. Witte is best known for his work on the role of *BCR-ABL* in

leukemia and the development of targeted drug therapies to treat chronic myeloid leukemia. The afternoon session will include presentations by previous Young Investigator Award winners and will spotlight two highly distinguished speakers who will discuss emerging technologies relevant to Laboratory Medicine. The Saturday morning session will feature a Symposium on Individualized Medicine in a point, counter-point format.

The deadline for Young Investigator Award Program Abstracts is February 20, 2009. More information can be found on the website at aclsp.org.

Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting and exciting program! The meeting will be accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education to physicians. For more information, please contact one of the 2009 ACLPS annual meeting coordinators:

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Call for Abstracts, 2009 ACLPS Meeting

Alex McAdam

Abstracts can now be submitted for the meeting of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS). The deadline for abstracts is Friday, February 20th, 2009. The abstract submission forms and instructions are posted on the ACLPS website under the "[Annual Meetings](#)" link.

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participating in research with a member of ACLPS or sponsored by an ACLPS member are eligible. Students in programs leading to non-doctoral degrees conducting research with an ACLPS member may be considered upon written request from the ACLPS sponsor to Dr. McAdam. For information about the abstracts program or Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards contact Dr. Alex McAdam at

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Contribution to Resident In-Service Examination (RISE) by ACLPS Members

Henry Rinder

The ASCP Pathology Resident In-Service Examination (RISE) has once again benefited from its collaboration with ACLPS. Over 300 new questions, many from ACLPS members, were submitted this year for the Clinical Pathology section of the RISE, which will be administered in the spring of 2009.

This much-appreciated contribution from ACLPS serves to keep the RISE relevant and timely. The RISE does accept questions year-round; if you would like to contribute, please contact Henry Rinder at henry.rinder@yale.edu