

# THE S O S H O W M E

*Season's Greetings!*



Winter 2014

## The President's Corner

I would like to take this time to welcome new and renewing members to the Missouri Chapter of ASCLS, commonly referred to as MoCLS. ASCLS is recommending that we update the name of our chapter to ASCLS-MO, to show our close relationship. A ballot has been sent to Missouri's membership to vote on this matter.

As your President, I have set several goals for the 2013-2014 year:

1. To communicate critical information to the membership.
2. To increase opportunities for continuing education.
3. To encourage past members and new members to join ASCLS.

ASCLS is YOUR voice for representation on matters concerning laboratory regulations and reimbursements. ASCLS has been very successful in communicating our needs and concerns to our legislators. Most recently, our members contacted their legislators about a bill in Congress to decrease laboratory test reimbursements and they listened! Congress voted against this potentially damaging bill.

On the home front, plans are being made for our next state meeting. It will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas on **April 15-17, 2014**. Mark your calendars. You can check our website [mocls.org](http://mocls.org) for up-to-date information and registration. If any member would like to be involved with this, please contact me at [dbaudl2@uis.edu](mailto:dbaudl2@uis.edu). We are currently looking

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for speakers and topics, so if you have any ideas please feel free to email me.

Also in this newsletter, you will find an introduction written by the Missouri District Representatives. They are making plans to host local continuing education events for our members this winter. We will post the dates and times of all events on our website.

This is a volunteer organization so we are calling on all members to get involved! We have all sorts of activities to meet your time commitments. ASCLS offers the Leadership Academy to members who would like to become more involved in leadership positions. Involvement in MoCLS/ASCLS is one of the most rewarding things you can do for yourself and your profession. Consider this a

## The President's Corner continued

personal invitation to get involved. You won't regret it. Having been a member of MoCLS for over 10 years, I've served on numerous committees and have held many board positions. It's a great way to network

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with other lab professionals and make long-lasting friendships across the state. To reference a past American leader- Ask not what ASCLS can do for you, but what you can do for ASCLS!

### Introducing your 2013-2014 Missouri District Representatives...

#### **Columbia/Jefferson City: Alese Furnald**

My name is Alese Furnald and I am the district representative for the Columbia/Jefferson City areas. I received my undergraduate degree from Saint Louis University and moved to Columbia about 3 years ago.

I originally worked at the hospital in Moberly, MO but eventually switched jobs for an easier commute. I currently work in microbiology at Columbia's Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital, but I recently accepted a position in chemistry and will be transferring soon.

In addition to my normal workday, I am also the clinical instructor for microbiology and phlebotomy for our MLS students from the University of Nebraska. I occasionally edit textbooks or create content for a publishing company. I'm a full-time graduate student in the school of Medicine and Health Science's Medical Laboratory Science Program at the University of North Dakota and will graduate with my master's in May. I hope to teach with my master's since that is where my true passion lies!

For ASCLS, I am on the PACE committee which reviews and credits CE opportunities. For MoCLS, as the membership committee chair, I'm constantly striving to retain and gain members for our organization!

If there is anything that anyone needs from me, please do not hesitate to ask, I am only an email away! If anyone has any suggestions for things I can be accomplishing that I am not already, please let me know.

I hope to meet each of you someday at a conference or event, but until then we can keep striving to do our best for this organization and the people we serve! ■

#### **Cape Girardeau/Poplar Bluff: Mindy Sinning**

My name is Mindy Sinning and I'm the district representative for the Cape Girardeau/Poplar Bluff areas for 2013-14. I'm originally from St. Louis but have been in Cape since 1993.

I'm an instructor in the MLS program at Southeast Hospital's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and I also teach general education microbiology and chemistry for our other programs (Nursing, Radiologic Tech, and Surgical Tech). We are starting a clinical laboratory assistant program in the fall of 2014 and I'll be teaching some courses in that as well.

Before teaching, I was a generalist, microbiology technologist, and a lab supervisor at Southeast Hospital here in Cape. I have an MBA in Healthcare Management and am now working toward a

doctorate in education. I'm about halfway there and should be ready to defend in 2015.

If any of you have suggestions of what you would like to see from our area, please let me know. I hope to get to know you all more throughout the year! ■

### **Kansas City/St. Joseph:** Elizabeth Jones

My name is Elizabeth Jones, and I am the Kansas City/St. Joseph area district representative for MoCLS.

I grew up in Springfield, MO, where I received my BS in Secondary Education (Biology and Chemistry) from MSU in 1984. Shortly after graduation I moved to Fort Worth, Texas with my husband. While in Texas, I applied to the Dettman-Cornell School of Medical Technology, Harris Methodist Hospital, in Fort Worth. I graduated from their program in January of 1986 and worked in the laboratory as a generalist on both evening and night shift for four years. I then took a day shift blood bank position and worked there for three more years. While in Fort Worth, I also had a great experience working for Carter Blood Care on a PRN basis.

In 1993, my husband was transferred to Kansas City, where I accepted a position at Saint Luke's Hospital blood bank. For the past 10 years, I have served as the blood bank instructor for our Clinical Laboratory Science program - so my education degree has not gone to waste! I love teaching and training and am very involved in our competency program.

Recently, I have become more involved with CLEC (Clinical Lab Educators' Conference) which has allowed me to learn more about ASCLS. Several years ago I attended the "Patchwork of Knowledge" meeting and was very impressed with the quality and variety of speakers. My goal is to encourage students to become more involved with professional organizations since it is such a wonderful way to network and to obtain excellent CE. ■

### **St. Louis:** Jackie Ensley

I'm Jackie, the St. Louis district representative for MoCLS. I'm the Reference Laboratory Supervisor at Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) located in Maryland Heights. I graduated from the OSU Clinical Laboratory Science program in 2006, and worked at the OSU Medical Center – Transfusion Service soon after that. While there, I enrolled in the SBB program in 2009 through ARC-Columbus.

I'm excited to be the St. Louis district rep and I hope I can get others involved in MoCLS. I'm currently working on a CE opportunity with PACE credit in January 2014 for MoCLS which will have two presenters.

I try to be open and approachable with everyone I work with, so please email me anytime! I'm looking forward to meeting all of you. ■

### **Springfield/Joplin:** Julia Witt

I have been a medical technologist since 1995. I trained in Joplin, Missouri and worked as a generalist at hospitals in Parsons and Neodesha, Kansas for 14 years.

I moved to Springfield, Missouri in 2006, where I took an evening shift position at Mercy's Smith-Glynn-Callaway Clinic. Two years later I became the supervisor over hematology and coagulation. I obtained my Hematology specialty in 2009 and my Masters in Health Administration (MHA) from Missouri State University in December 2013.

I love working in the lab and having the opportunity to contribute in such a meaningful way to our patients and our clinicians. 80% of diagnostic decisions are based on laboratory results, so I'm dedicated to "getting it right"! ■

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# Calendar of Events

## Continuing Education Opportunities

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
3:30-4:30 pm  
4:45-6:15 pm

**St. Louis Continuing Education Opportunity**  
Graft vs. Host Disease: A Closer Look  
Thalassemia A to Z  
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Conference room  
11853 Dorsett Road  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
Contact [JEnsley@mvrbc.org](mailto:JEnsley@mvrbc.org) for more info

**March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**2014 Experience in Blood Banking**  
Student and Generalist Session  
Community Blood Center  
Kansas City, Missouri

**April 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

**2014 Experience in Blood Banking**  
Management and blood banker session  
Community Blood Center  
Kansas City, Missouri

**April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**2014 MoCLS-KSCLS-KC CLMA Spring Meeting**  
**“A Patchwork of Knowledge”**  
Overland Park Marriott Hotel  
Overland Park, Kansas  
See <http://patchworkkc2014.org/> for more information

**July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

**ASCLS 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo**  
Marriott Hotel Downtown/McCormick Place  
Chicago, Illinois  
See [ASCLS.org](http://ASCLS.org) for more information

## Miscellaneous

**April 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**2014 Medical Laboratory Professional's Week**  
See [ASCLS.org](http://ASCLS.org) for ideas on how you can celebrate

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If you're interested in serving on the Missouri Organization for Clinical Laboratory Science Board email Debbie Baudler at djb368@sbcglobal.net.

Help can be in the form of holding a position, to helping out on a committee, to giving ideas on ways to increase membership and public awareness. Whatever your particular strengths, there is something you can do to help the Profession.

## **District Representatives**

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