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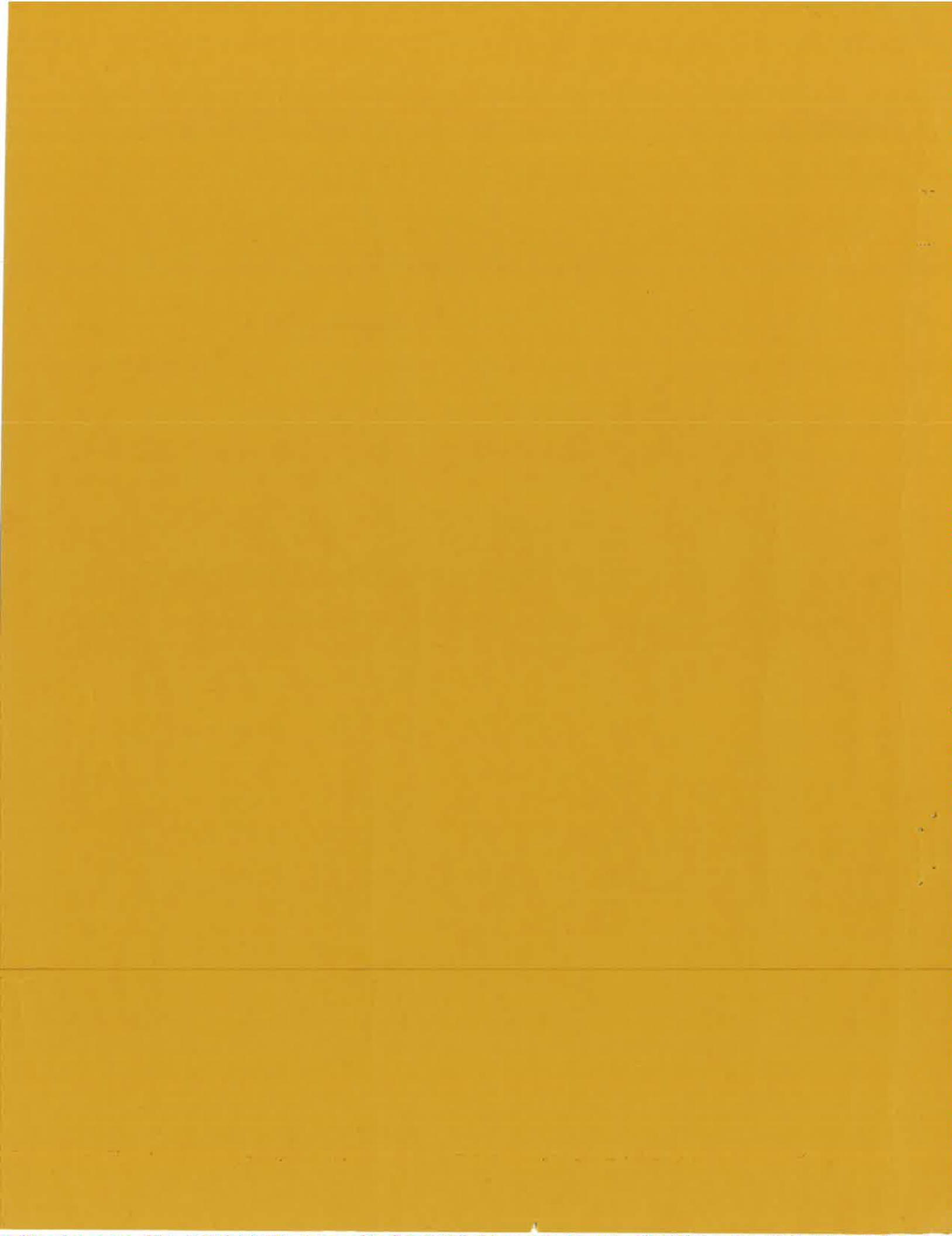


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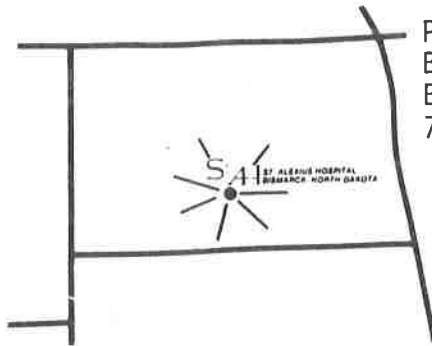
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Thanks to all who responded to the survey regarding the new format and name of our publication. Following are the results of 25 responses.

Like the new format	18
Do not like the new format	6
Like the cover design	19
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As to the cover:

Suggestions submitted: "The mortar and pestle symbolize pharmacy...use microscope or test tubes instead." "Liked the old cover better." "Use something related to the lab...such as microscope."

As to name:

"NDSMT Dateline", "The Plainsletter", "NDSMT Today", "NDSMT News", "ND Clinical Lab Science Newsletter".

At some future time, we will probably change the cover to utilize the microscope idea and possibly look into a new title, but, for now, the survey indicates your current acceptance of "The Newsletter".



June 22-27, 1986

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY
54th Annual Meeting & Exhibit

May 16, 1986

Eileen Nelson
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Dear Eileen:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that The Newsletter has won second place for the Best Constituent Society Publication with Advertising.

Sincerely,

Polly Lumsden,
Chairman, Awards Committee

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Publication Awards

Best Constituent Society Publication with Advertising

- First Place—*The Texan*:**
Texas Society for Medical Technology
- Second Place—*The Newsletter*:**
North Dakota Society for Medical
Technology
- Third Place—*The Roadrunner*:**
New Mexico State Society for Medical
Technology

Best Constituent Society Newsletter Publication

- First Place—*Cactus Chronicle*:**
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Technology
- Second Place—*Kokonut Wireless Nius*:**
Hawaii Society for Medical Technology
- Third Place—*TIE*:**
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nesota Society for Medical Technology
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July 25, 1986

Dear Members:

It is with regret that I must resign as President of NDSMT effective immediately.

Many of you are aware of the competitive changes in medicine in the Fargo area. Because of this, The Neuropsychiatric Institute, where I worked for the past thirteen years, sold all of its clinical services in June and the laboratory was closed.

I was not successful in finding another suitable job in Fargo so will go with my husband to the University of Nevada-Reno where he will have an academic year of additional training. We must be in Reno by August 25.

I wish I had been better able to predict the future so that NDSM would not have to experience a leadership change like this in mid-year. However, Elaine Robinson, President-elect, is willing to assume the duties of President and will be a very capable President. I wish her well and know that all of you will give her your support.

If you come to Reno, give us a call. We'll be back in Fargo next May.

Sincerely,


Janice Nelson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the Grand Forks members for an outstanding 1986 Spring Meeting. The chairperson, Eileen Nelson, and her committees put together a meeting that we can all be proud of.

Informational meetings on licensure were held in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot on June 3rd and 4th. It is extremely important that we be well informed on what licensure will and will not do so that we can present a unified front as we proceed. If you have not been able to attend a meeting regarding licensure, please contact one of the Licensure Committee members for information. They are Julie Braaten, Mary Coleman, Craig Lewis, Leola Olson, Nita Korgel, Dorrene Haugrud, Bonnie Reilly, Pam Fitzgerald and Jane Robb.



Unfortunately for us, Elaine Robinson and I will be unable to attend the ASMT meeting in New Orleans this June. Mary Coleman will lead our delegation which will also include Dorrene Haugrud and Patti Thibedeau who were elected delegates at our Grand Forks meeting and John Festvog and Wayne Bruce who were appointed by the NDSMT Board because the President-elect and President-elect-elect were unable to attend this year.

The Region V Meeting will be in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, September 24-26, 1986. This will be the first meeting conducted by the Regional Permanent Planning Committee.

I encourage you all to take advantage of any opportunity you may have to make medical technology a more visible profession. Don't be afraid to tell people what you do and the expertise involved in laboratory testing.

Have an enjoyable summer!

Janice Nelson, MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA)
President, NDSMT

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NDSMT State Meeting
State NDSMT Convention
Grand Forks, ND, Ramada Inn
Thursday, April 24, 1986

List of members present (45).

The NDSMT Business Meeting was called to order by President Mary Coleman at 10:50 a.m.

Mary Coleman asked that we might change the order of the agenda and ask Gerry Anderson, Region V Director, to speak first on Region V report.

Gerry commented on the successful Region V Meeting in Fargo in October, 1985. The next regional meeting is at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, on September 24-26, 1986. She commented on the recommendations that Region V has written for the national convention. See those recommendations.

She noted the new legislation COBRA which was to reduce the cost of Medicare and Medicaid and put a curb on outpatient testing.

She addressed the question of whether CAP should have deemed status. It should be noted that it may be a limitation on our ability to use the full scope of services we are able to provide since CAP requires an M.D. be the director of the lab.

Bonnie Reilly requested that Gerry Anderson let the Region V know that we have had problems with Focus on Learning. There have been no reports in the last six months and they have been called with no answer.

Following Gerry's talk, Mary Coleman asked that we continue with ballots for election of officers. It had been suggested at the Board Meeting that we move the election up on

the agenda. Elaine Robinson, Nominations Chairperson, announced the offices and nominees. She noted that 24 absentee ballots had been received.

President-elect candidates:

Leola Olson and Elaine Robinson
Elaine Robinson elected.

Secretary-Treasurer candidates:

Jeanne Dahl, Jeannette Festvog, and Pam Fitzgerald
Jeannette Festvog elected

Nominations Chairperson

candidates: Nancy Busse,
Lyla Evenson, Becky Hill,
Myra Johnson, Sandra Sussa
Myra Johnson elected

Delegates to Nat'l Convention:

Wayne Bruce, John Festvog,
Dorrene Haugrud, David Hoerner,
Eileen Nelson, Patti Thibedeau. Eileen Nelson asked to have her name removed from the roster. Wayne Bruce declined just prior to voting.

Dorrene Haugrud and Patti Thibedeau elected.
John Festvog and Wayne Bruce will be alternates.

Secretary's Report:

The fall business meeting (Region V) was printed in the Newsletter. Janice Schuh moved they be approved as printed, seconded by Karen Tankersley, motion carried.

Officers and Committee

Chair Reports:

These were typed and passed out. Mary Coleman suggested we take copies to labs and share with other members. They may be useful for future officers and committee people.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented to all members in printed form. See copy at end of minutes. The total assets on April 15, 1986, were \$21,486.32. Jeanette commented on the financial status being good due to good regional and state meetings.

Board Report:

Jeanette read the minutes of the Board meeting.

Special Committees - Licensure:

Julie Braaten stated that licensure must be discussed. There was a meeting earlier this morning to inform members of licensure's goals and the legislative process.

Bonnie Reilly made a motion that if there is a positive response from the NDSMT to licensure, a ceiling of \$8,000 be set aside for the Licensure Committee. The motion was seconded by Karen Tankersley. The number needed to suggest a positive response was discussed (80-85%). Bonnie Reilly amended the motion to say that "if there is an 80% positive response from the NDSMT to licensure, a ceiling of \$8,000 would be set aside for Licensure Committee". The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Unfinished Business - Honorary Member Award:

Dr. John Vennes will receive a plaque at the banquet tonight in appreciation for his association with NDSMT. Wayne Bruce has put together an application for membership to National. Wayne Bruce made a motion to submit the recommen-

dation for honorary membership for Dr. John Vennes to National membership. The motion was seconded and carried.

New Business:

The bylaws revisions were printed in the Newsletter. Jan Nelson, Bylaws Chairperson, commented that a lot of revisions were housekeeping things. We needed to wait for ASMT bylaws revisions before NDSMT could make bylaw revisions. There will be an official publication in the Newsletter when the bylaws are complete and it was noted that procedures are now referred to as SOP's, (standard operating procedures). It is noted that the Board members at large will be elected by active and emeritus membership at the state meeting. The ASMT bylaws were simplified and we will work on NDSMT SOP to model after ASMT SOP. When bylaws are changed, they must be changed at the annual spring meeting. SOP can be changed by membership, who may give the Board the power to change. Articles I-XII were briefly described. Motion to accept bylaws as published by Jan Nelson was made by Sr. Dianna Hell and seconded by LaVonn Steiner. Motion carried.

Medical Technology Graduate Education Proposal:

Linda Larson told us that if a graduate program has less than 2 graduates per year, they must justify their existence. Linda Larson proposed that NDSMT provide a Master's Program at UND. See copy of resolution. Linda Larson made a motion that NDSMT does adopt this resolution as written. Patti Thibedeau seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

1986-1987 President Report:

Presidential goals: Jan Nelson's goal is to show the state that we are professionals and must sell ourselves to the public as professionals.

1986 Region V Meeting:

Bonnie Reilly stated there is a Permanent Committee meeting on May 10, 1986. She noted that at our regional meeting held in Fargo in October 1985, enough money was made so that we have enough to make licensure possible. Right now it is set up so that LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Minneapolis/St. Paul are the only two sites for regional convention. It is possible that they will want to make it one site only. We must consider: (1) Do we ever want to put on a regional meeting again?, and (2) Do we want to get the revenue? What do we want to say about regional meetings? Sr. Dianna Hell feels we should have our regionals here and Elaine Robinson suggested we discuss at what frequency we would like to host a Region V Meeting. Bonnie Reilly noted that regional was in our state every six years. Bonnie asked, would we like to say if each state has their own regional meeting, they should be self-responsible for that meeting?

Wayne Bruce made a motion that our state tell the Permanent Committee that North Dakota wants to return to having a regional meeting ~~every six years~~. We would like to be 100% responsible. The motion was seconded and carried.

Announcements:

The State 1987 Spring Meeting will be in Fargo, North Dakota, on April 22-24, 1987, at the Doublewood Inn.

Futures Conference - National Meeting:

Mary Coleman asked if any delegates were interested in going to the Futures Conference. The general consensus is that the fee of an additional \$150 registration plus two more days stay in New Orleans are not warranted for the possible gain. Mary Coleman will inform National that no one will go from North Dakota.

The alternates for National convention will be Wayne Bruce and/or John Festvog.

Mary Coleman commented on the raffle tickets the National convention is selling for a fund raiser. The drawing is for an IBM computer system, Kodak Video system, and Emerson portable color TV. They also enclosed a membership invitation to actively pursue new members.

Elaine Robinson commended the Convention Committee for the State Meeting. Patti Thibedeau stated that approximately 150 people were registered. Janice Schuh was commended for the great job she did with the guided tour for exhibits and the casino night.

There was a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Festvog, MT(ASCP)
NDSMT Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

April 15, 1985 - April 15, 1986

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE		\$ 1,932.96
INCOME		
Interest on checking account	\$ 30.08	
News letter contributions	500.00	
NDSMT Membership (rec'd through Nov. 85 membership)	865.00	
NDSMT Spring meeting profit (attached)	7,622.23	
NDSMT Region V profit (April 85) (Oct. 1985 attached)	<u>5,995.57</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,012.88	
BALANCE AND INCOME		\$16,945.84
EXPENSE		
ASMT contribution to Nat'l for debts	\$ 500.00	
ASMT Nat's conv. Pres., Past Pres. Pres. elect, & 2 delegates expenses registration, lodging.	1,495.13	
Member of year plaque	15.70	
Winter Council	28.55	
Plaque - Dr. Vennes	28.72	
Plaque, Jean Saumur	25.10	
Bank checks ordered	17.77	
Postage	187.44	
Office supplies (includes xeroxing)	47.48	
Newsletter printed	1,680.90	
NDSMT advance for 1986 Spring Mtg (G.F.)	500.00	
Region V student rep.	75.00	
Region V Pres. and Sec. Treas	226.88	
Winter Region V council Pres. & Pres. el.	321.75	
Region V dues (.80x140 members - Oct)	112.00	
State Science Fair award	50.00	
Treasurer bonded	125.00	
Stationary printed	<u>247.85</u>	
Region V pres. gift	16.75	
Pins for state meeting	100.00	
Lab week supplies, 1986	178.88	
6 month C.D. \$10,000.00	<u>10,000.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$15,980.90	
Checkbook Balance		\$ 964.94

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TREASURER'S REPORT, continued
 April 1985 - April 1986

ASSETS

Checkbook Balance \$964.94

Certificates of Deposit

<u>Number</u>	<u>Pur. Date</u>	<u>Pur. Amt.</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Present Value April 15</u>
First Bank of ND					
8492	04-24-84	\$1,500.00	10.25%	10-24-86	\$ 1,827.21
9001	04-24-84	1,000.00	10.25%	10-24-86	1,218.14
34144	07-26-82	629.90	9.4%	07-26-87	946.41
34145	07-26-82	620.90	9.4%	07-26-87	946.41
34898	06-04-83	3,032.81	8.4%	06-04-88	3,918.06
34903	04-20-83	1,275.50	8.5%	04-20-87	1,665.15
Midwest Federal					
28-96121494	12-12-85	10,000.00	7.2%	06-16-86	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL VALUE OF C.D.'S THROUGH APRIL 15, 1986					\$20,521.38
Includes interest of \$1,266.12 - no interest added on \$10,000.00 C.D. until maturity 06-16-86. Value on 06-16-86 will be \$10,364.00.					
TOTAL ASSETS					<u><u>\$21,486.32</u></u>

Jeanette Festvog

Jeanette Festvog MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA)
 Secretary Treasurer 1985-1986

NDSMT SPRING MEETING 1986

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

Exhibitors, sponsors	\$ 5025.00
Registration	9580.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$14605.00

EXPENSES:

Social, entertainment	509.66
Speakers	2044.74
Printing and supplies	485.28
Registrations	61.00
Signs	89.80
Exhibits	398.48
New membership registration	935.00
Ramada Inn	3618.72
Misc.	43.46

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 8186.14

NET INCOME: \$ 6418.86

1986 NDSMT MEMBER OF THE YEAR

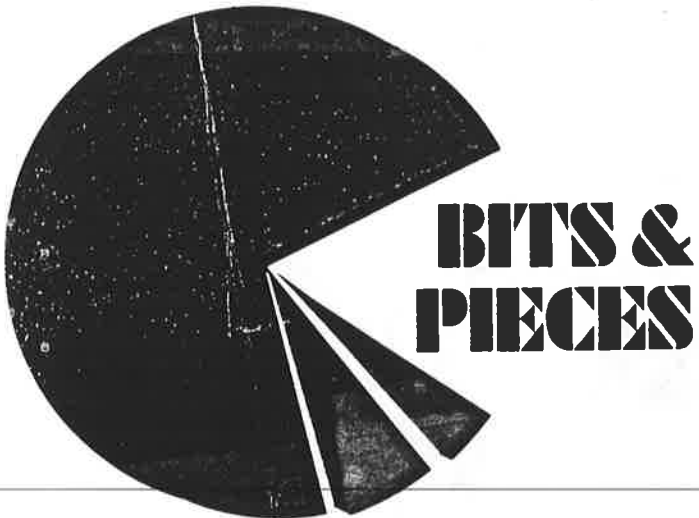
Julie Braaten was named Member of the Year at the 1986 NDSMT Meeting held in Grand Forks in April. Julie has been Laboratory Services Manager at the Union Hospital in Mayville since 1968. She received her Medical Technology Certification in 1966 after interning at Hennepin County Medical Center, and earned a Master's Degree in Medical Microbiology from The University of North Dakota in 1985.

Julie has served NDSMT as President, Secretary-Treasurer and has been active on committees at the state and regional levels. She is a member of the LEND Advisory Committee and has presented laboratory science seminars for the LEND Program. Since 1980, Julie has held an adjunct faculty position at the University of North Dakota.

CONGRATULATIONS JULIE!!!



Marcia Ubbelohde (RT) presents award to Julie Braaten



A DECISION is the action an executive must take when he has information so incomplete that the answer does not readily suggest itself.

A MOTHER mouse was out for a walk with her five babies when a big cat suddenly appeared. The little ones hid behind their mother who stood her ground and began to bark loudly: "Arf! Arf!" This frightened the cat, which turned and fled. Turning to her offspring, the mother mouse said: "Now children, that should teach you the value of knowing a second language."

No difficult job ever gets done until someone tackles it right now.

Not a day passes over the earth, but men and women of no note do great deeds, speak great words, and suffer noble sorrows.

CHARLES READE

AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS
CONTRIBUTES TO LABORATORY
EDUCATION FOR NORTH DAKOTA

By Wayne Bruce
Co-Director of LEND

American Scientific Products has traditionally been a company that provides excellent service to all clinical laboratories in North Dakota. One outstanding trademark has been their concern for the professional development of persons using their products. This characteristic was displayed in dramatic fashion as they presented a check for \$3,000 to Laboratory Education for North Dakota (LEND) at the Annual NDSMT Meeting in Grand Forks this spring. This represents a total sum of \$23,000 they have contributed to the LEND Program over the past several years.

This support has primarily been used to defray the cost of the laboratory science seminars and regional workshops, allowing the fees for these programs to remain low compared to other continuing education programs of similar quality and scope.

Susan Taggert, the new regional sales representative for American Scientific Products, indicated on a recent trip to Grand Forks that \$3,000 will be presented to LEND at the 1987 NDSMT Annual Meeting.

The LEND Program is very appreciative of this support and urges you to thank the Scientific Products representative for their support of your LEND Program when he/she visits your laboratory.



Chris Overvold (RT) presents check to Wayne Bruce

DR. VENNES RECEIVES AWARD AND
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN
NDSMT AND ASMT

Dr. Wayne Bruce, on behalf of NDSMT, presented Dr. John Vennes with a plaque expressing the appreciation of NDSMT members for all he has done for clinical laboratory science in North Dakota.

Dr. Vennes was made an honorary member of NDSMT at the Annual NDSMT Meeting this spring in Grand Forks. At the ASMT Meeting in New Orleans in June, Dr. Vennes was made an honorary member of ASMT by the concensus of the House of Delegates.



Wayne Bruce (RT) presents award to Dr. Vennes



June 22-27, 1986

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

54th Annual Meeting & Exhibit

DELEGATE REPORT FROM
ASMT NATIONAL MEETING:
The Educational Activities
Available at the Meeting
By Patti Thibedeau

1985-86 President, Mary Briden, in a welcoming letter to those attending the National Convention, stressed that this meeting was "designed to meet the needs of clinical laboratorians in diverse roles and settings." After having been involved in planning our 1986 State Convention, I had some idea of the scope of what she was talking about: ASMT members have so many different needs and backgrounds, it is difficult to plan educational programs which are of interest to all. But, on the national level, there truly is something for everyone!

The bench medical technologist is offered over fifty scientific sessions, thirty workshops, and numerous paper presentations to choose from. There are also eleven scientific assemblies, or specialty organizations, which have functions within ASMT.

Society leaders and laboratory managers were able to attend programs on topics such as government relations, supervision, the future of the profession and the society, licensure, and others.

Educators participated in paper and poster presentations, which are excellent ways of covering a great deal of information within a hectic time schedule.



NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA
DELEGATIONS: (L to R)

Back Row: (ND): John Festvog, Dorrene Haugrud, Patti Thibedeau, Mary Coleman.

Front Row: (SD): Pam Kieffer, Diane Breen, M. Miller, Bonnie Holiday.

Absent: Wayne Bruce (ND)

It is nearly impossible to attend the National Meeting and NOT stay current in your field. All of the sessions and workshops are PACE approved and everywhere you go, it seems people are "talking shop". Possibly the best education I received happened everytime I sat down for coffee (or whatever!) with someone new. Invariably, we ended up comparing notes on some aspect of how our labs were run, what problems we were facing or had overcome, and thoughts about the profession.

One particular speaker I remember warned of the dangers of becoming a "convention junkie". That is, one who attends all the conventions and seminars they can, but never returns anything to their workplace or society. I learned a great deal at the New Orleans Meeting which has been of value to me and my personal career, but I also hope I can be a better leader and more active NDSMT member because of it. I would like to thank all of you for electing me to represent you as a delegate to the National Convention. It was a memorable experience and one I hope to repeat in the near future.

**REPORT ON THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
AT THE NATIONAL MEETING**
By Dorrene Haugrud

The 1986 Annual Meeting and Exhibit is now history. Along with sessions of the House of Delegates, Reference Committee and the educational meetings, are memories of the wonderful times that were planned for socialization.

On Sunday evening, the 1986 Host Society sponsored a Welcome Reception. The reception was complete with a king,

a queen, maids and dukes tossing beads in an atmosphere of "Mardi Gras Madness". The lovely beaded necklaces we pushed, shoved, and crawled around on the floor to collect truly dressed up our day and evening attire throughout the week. These glistening, sparkling gems clasped around our throats were certainly the envy of many a "mugger".

Tuesday night, many invited (and a few uninvited) guests of DuPont boarded the Creole Queen Paddleboat for a cruise on the Mississippi River. The cruise was complete with all the food, drink, and fun you could consume in two (or was it three) hours. Time does fly when you're having fun, and I think most of the North Dakota participants will agree that this was one of the big highlights of the New Orleans trip.

The annual Texas Tea was the event everyone enjoyed attending on Wednesday evening. The music was great and the Texas Tea was plentiful.

In addition to these planned social events, we were able to find a few other things to help pass the time in New Orleans. Strolling Bourbon Street while clutching your handbag tightly and peering in the doors and windows of its numerous "skin and light show" business establishments filled many a long hour. Also, the 90 degree temperatures and high humidity caused social activities which offered the opportunity for fluid replacement, a critical factor in maintaining proper electrolyte balance. I am happy to announce that the North Dakota attendees did not experience any cases of extreme dehydration.

The 1986 Annual Meeting was an experience I will never forget. I thank the state society membership for the opportunity to serve as one of their delegates.

DELEGATE REPORT FROM ASMT
NATIONAL MEETING:
What are a Delegate's Duties?
By John Festvog

Attending a national convention for the first time as a delegate was interesting and exciting.

On the way to the convention, I read the handout "Duties of a Delegate", which gave some direction to the week ahead.

Since educational activities, workshops, the instrumentation show, and delegate duties overlap, the need for an activity schedule for the week was necessary. I registered for the convention, picked up my delegate credentials (which allowed me access to the two sessions of the House of Delegates and the ability to vote in the elections) and made my schedule.

At the Sunday session of the House of Delegates, items of business are introduced and sent to one of three Reference Committees (open to all ASMT members) which hears and records discussion on each item of business. Reference Committee findings are presented to the Thursday House of Delegates, where delegates then vote on each item of business.

Early in the week, candidates for the various offices are introduced at an open forum. They were given an opportunity to respond to questions pertinent to the society. After hearing the candidates and listening to the Reference Committee discussions, our state's delegates held a caucus to review the issues and candidates before casting our votes.

If the opportunity were there, I would definitely attend another national convention as a delegate.

DELEGATE REPORT FROM ASMT
NATIONAL MEETING:
Election Results
By John Festvog

Officers Elected at National
ASMT Meeting:

Director-at-Large:

3 yr.--Donna Meyer (TX)
3 yr.--Becky Perdue (VA)
2 yr.--Sr.Arlene McGowan(OH)
2 yr.--Lee Beaudoin (MA)

Audit and Budget Committee:

Marian Cardinale (LA)
Dale Obermueller (TX)
Susan Busch (MI)

Director, Region I:

Deborah Perkins (ME)

Director, Region VII:

Margaret Boone (LA)

Director, Region VIII:

Barb Brown (CO)

Additional Election Results:

The ASMT Board of Directors met Thursday morning, July 26, 1986, and elected the following officers.

President:

James Holley (OR)

Vice-President:

Donna Meyers (TX)

Secretary/Treasurer:

Becky Purdue (VA)

Student Forum Chair:

Stephen Johnson (MA)

DELEGATE REPORT FROM THE
ASMT NATIONAL MEETING
By Mary Coleman

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
MEETING:

I attended the President's Council (PC) Meeting on Saturday, June 21, 1986. It turned out to be a very productive meeting. Jim Holley, President-Elect of ASMT, told us his objective for the 1986-87 fiscal year: A sound financial base for ASMT. He laid it on the line as to what our financial problems were and are: Fixed costs. For example:

- (1) Houston building lease = \$12,000.00/month for 15,000 square feet (only 3,000 square feet is used)
- (2) Lease on Sperry computer = \$15,830.00/month
- (3) Telephone system = \$1,500.00/month
- (4) Xerox machine = \$2,300.00/month

To put it in perspective, North Dakota dues pay for 4/5 of the computer lease for one month.

To reach a sound financial base, ASMT leadership will cut services to the bare minimum. The Houston Office will be moved to Washington, D.C., to join the Washington Office and changes will be made on lease arrangements. The staff will be cut from 19 to 7. The Journal will basically be Focus between two covers. Volunteers will be called on to do much of the work done by the National Office.

It will be a year of change and, to make it work, there needs to be a strong network of volunteers working together.

Much of the afternoon at the PC Meeting was spent plan-

ning ways volunteers could do the work that staff had done in the past. If you are a state committee person, you may be receiving information from regional representatives as to things volunteers in states can do to help.

ASMT BOARD ACTIONS:

The 1985 ASMT House of Delegates changed the Bylaws considerably. As a result, more power was given to the ASMT Board of Directors (BOD), and more of the agenda items usually debated at the House of Delegates were taken care of at the ASMT Board Meeting.

The Region V President's Council (PC) had submitted five motions and/or recommendations to the ASMT BOD. The following action was taken.

Board Action: Accepted the Region V Council recommendation to further investigate the benefits of a uniform membership renewal date for all members.

Comments: The Region V PC had originally made a motion to change the renewal date to a uniform membership renewal, but our Region V Director revised the motion, since the ASMT Board felt they must investigate the cost/benefit ratio before making such a change.

The Region V PC felt a once-a-year renewal date would save ASMT money, and many professional organizations use this system.

Board Action: Referred to P.A.C.E. Committee the Region V Council request that I.E.U. recording be removed from the P.A.C.E. transcripts.

Board Action: Referred to the Commission on Professional and Economic Affairs the request from the Region V Council that ASMT publish an annual report, commencing with the
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ASMT 54th Annual Meeting & Exhibit

Scientific Sessions and Workshops

Key Events

Leadership and
Special Functions

General
and Industry

Biochemistry/
Urinalysis

Cytotechnology
and Histology

Education

Hematology/
Hemostasis

Immunology/
Immunohematology

Laboratory
Administration

Ligand
Immunoassay

Microbiology

Phlebotomy



REGISTRATION
 WEDNESDAY
 WEDNESDAY
 THURSDAY
 THURSDAY
 FRIDAY
 CREDITS

EXHIBIT HOURS
 MORNING — APRIL 23, 1986
 AFTERNOON — APRIL 23, 1986
 MORNING — APRIL 24, 1986
 AFTERNOON — APRIL 24, 1986
 MORNING — APRIL 25, 1986
 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL
 PROGRAM
 PROGRAM
 PROGRAM
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 EXHIBITORS





North Dakota Society for Medical Technology

STATE MEETING
April 23-24-15, 1986 — Ramada Inn
Grand Forks, North Dakota

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Professional Knowledgeable
Involved Important
Licensed



CHAIRPERSON:
• Eileen Nelson

PROGRAM:
Chemistry • Wayne Bruce
Microbiology • Mary Briske Anderson
Blood Banking • Karen Tankersley
Hematology • Linda Larson
• Jan Kasper
Education • Mary Coleman
Management • Bonnie Reilly
General, Special Topics • Wendy Littlejohn

REGISTRATION:
• Patti Thibedeau

PACE ACCREDITATION & AUDIOVISUAL:
• Judy Magnuson

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:
• Tim Silkey
• Kathy Trudell

SOCIAL:
• Vickie Gander
• Sandra Martens

FINANCE:
• Diane Nyberg

EXHIBITS:
• Jan Schmitt

PUBLICITY:
• Bonnie Reilly
• Eileen Nelson



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completion of the 1986-87 fiscal year, for distribution to the general membership.

Board Action: Referred to the Commission on Professional and Economic Affairs the request from the Region V Council that ASMT BOD identify member and potential member professional needs by use of a valid marketing research technique. Based on this needs analysis, implement changes necessary for ASMT to be a viable organization.

One recommendation submitted by Region V Council was withdrawn by the Region V Director. The recommendation was that the annual meeting format be re-examined by applying a cost/benefit analysis and that such an analysis be distributed to the state societies for comment and recommendations to the BOD.

Other Board actions referred to the Reference Committee for information included discussion on:

- (1) Membership issues, e.g., investigating possible new membership categories, institutional sustaining, etc., a different dues format, and Membership Development Committee plans.
- (2) National meeting site selection criteria: How to select a good meeting site.
- (3) The possibility of integration of ASMT with NCAML. It is only being discussed right now.
- (4) Changes in ASMT/AMT publication:
 - (a) Basically JMT will be Focus between two covers.
 - (b) ASMT will publish another scientific journal,

subscription only, if there is a need.

(c) ASMT Today will continue to be published.

- (5) The budget: It is estimated that there will be a \$1,000,000 budget based on membership dues only. It is the goal of the BOD to reach a sound financial base for ASMT.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

The ASMT House of Delegates met on Sunday, June 22, 1986. Action referred to the House by the Reference Committee:

- (1) The Reference Committee moved that the ASMT House of Delegates adopt the policy statements of the Post-Physician Office Laboratory (POL) Task Force Work Group. After some discussion, the motion passed. Please write Mary Coleman if you would like a copy of the report.
- (2) The Reference Committee moved that the ASMT House of Delegates grant honorary membership in the American Society for Medical Technology to Dr. John Vennes. No discussion. Motion passed.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as a delegate to the National Meeting and as President of NDSMT this past year. It has been a rewarding experience and I found out that some of the greatest people to work with are NDSMT members.

DELEGATE REPORT

I would like to thank the members of NDSMT for their support of \$150 for me to attend the ASMT Annual Meeting in New Orleans in June.

The meeting was exciting and my time filled with activities.

On Friday, June 21st, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 22nd, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., I was involved in the National PACE Meeting. I have a report of new PACE policy and procedures in a separate section of this Newsletter.

I also attended the National Competence Assurance Committee Meeting. I recommend that you consider purchasing the new competence assurance monograph as it is well done and clearly explains the need for competence assurance. The plans for providing a system to achieve competence assurance by ASMT members is also included in the monograph. In addition, this document contains a description of ASMT's philosophy regarding levels of practice in the clinical laboratory profession. A lot of other useful information can also be found in this document. The cost is only \$2.00. It can be ordered from the ASMT Executive Office.

On the political front, the actual role of the House of Delegates is considerably lessened with the change in ASMT to a corporate structure. Dr. John Vennes received consensus approval to become an honorary member of ASMT at the House of Delegates. Two changes in the structure of the Journal of Medical Technology will be that it now will contain very few scientific articles and be a bimonthly publication. I protested these

changes at the Reference Committee Meeting without success.

Mary Coleman did an outstanding job as the leader of our delegation and worked hard to protect your interests as did all the North Dakota delegates.

I attended the Education Scientific Assembly Meeting. Lucy Randles (ASMT's representative to NACCLS) spoke about how NACCLS is trying to develop a new image of flexibility in their accreditation process. Also discussed was the trend for medical technology curriculums to include more management, quality assurance and statistics, and courses that promoted decision making abilities. The trend toward university-based programs with less clinical experiences for students and more theoretical courses was also presented.

Socially, we met at the top of the Hilton for some disco dancing, we toured the city, we ate alot, and we went on a riverboat cruise.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Wayne Bruce, Ph.D.
NDSMT Delegate

ASMT ANNUAL MEETING
NEW ORLEANS
JUNE 1986
By Gerry Anderson
Regional Director

This year the new governing structure, passed by the 1985 House of Delegates, was felt by those attending the New Orleans Annual ASMT Meeting.

The revised 1986-87 budget reflecting the total projected expenses of \$1,859,463 and total projected income of \$1,999,902 is a transitional budget which includes four months of the Interim approved 1986-87 budget and eight months of a new operational budget. The operating budget will ultimately be based on membership dues revenue.

The Board of Directors have made decisions and set priorities just as any corporate Board would do and your constituent society officers have begun to respond by devoting attention to specific services during the Leadership Conference in New Orleans. Many programs and services will now be brought back to the members hands which had previously been delegated to office staff in Houston. A consolidation of staff and offices to Washington, D.C., is eminent in the near months. A report of this Leadership Session held June 21, 1986, is due to your Regional Director November 1, 1986.

In this report, I will comment on items, Board action, or evolving committee program changes that will effect our Society.

The new Board of Directors elected the officers for 1986-87:

President: James Holley

Vice President: Donna Meyer
Secretary/Treasurer:
Becky Perdue

Executive Committee Members:
Elissa Passiment, Mary
Briden, Holley, Meyer,
Perdue.

Audit and Budget Committee
(Terms by Lot):

Marian Cardinale - 3 year term
Suzanne Butch - 2 year term
Dale Obermueller - 1 year

The Board Policy Committee Report was accepted and the Policy Manual becomes a guide to effective governance of ASMT in Administrative, Board, Procedural, and Annual Meeting Operational Policies.

The House of Delegates accepted the policy statements in the Report of the Post-Physician Office Laboratory task force work group. The Board approved continued study of decentralized testing by the April group during the coming year.

The Region V Council recommendation to further investigate the benefits of a uniform membership renewal date for all members was accepted. The Commission of Economic Affairs is to study a plan to change the fiscal year and to consider a March 1st membership renewal date. A Sustaining Member category has been approved and the Membership Development Committee has plans to take responsibility for the majority of the functions previously handled by the staff. The alpha list will only be sent once to each state. A Campaign Subcommittee chaired by Region X representative (Member Reps: V, VI, IX, II), will handle all designing, funding, and coordination of recruitment/retention programs. All membership questions should

go through state chairmen then onto region chairs if necessary.

Membership Affairs Delineation of Duties:

Responsibilities

New member packets/lapsed letters
Literature distribution
Problems/Resolutions/Answers
Correspondence Models
Membership Development Training Packet
for State & Local Chairs

Assigned

State Membership Chair
Regional Chairs
State/Regional Chairs
National Chair
Membership Development
Committee

The Membership Bonus Program shows North Dakota in 2nd Place in ASMT with +7.0% increase and Wisconsin 1st Place with +37 member net increase based on total membership figures. Region V 4th Place! Membership gains, contest winners and Pyramid Club will be honored at the Aurora Borealis September 25th during Region V's Convention in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Region V Contest rules are set forth by the Regional Committee and are strictly local in taste: Minnesota wine, North Dakota sausage, South Dakota sunflower seeds, and Wisconsin cheese.

The Journal of Medical Technology is slated for bimonthly publication alternating with ASMT Today. A scholarly scientific publication for subscription will be considered.

The Commission on Professional and Economic Affairs will cover a newly created committee on Professional Affairs. The P & PR will be resolved into this new committee. This Commission will receive Region V Council's request for publication of an Annual Report.

The P.A.C.E. Committee will dramatically change its operations effective July 1st.

- (1) P.A.C.E. approved providers may jointly sponsor programs with both non-providers and/or other P.A.C.E. approved providers as long as:
 - (a) The action is taken to provide P.A.C.E. CEU's for members in situations where they might otherwise not be available.
 - (b) There is no intent on the part of any sponsor to use joint sponsorship as a mechanism for avoiding the payment of fees.

Region V Council's motion to eliminate I.E.U.'s from the P.A.C.E. transcript was referred to the P.A.C.E. Committee. Elimination of the entire P.A.C.E. transcript was suggested at the Leadership session, but was disapproved by the P.A.C.E. Committee for the following reasons:

- (1) CCEU Guidelines require records of all attendees be kept for 20 years.
- (2) The P.A.C.E. Committee felt the members would become lax in sending in CEU recording forms if a transcript was not routinely provided.

The ACT Team presented a check for \$15,000 to ASMT collected by volunteers from Arizona. Thanks to all of you who donated and

participated in the raffle.

The ASMT Commissions will take the responsibility to develop policy. The Board liaison will participate and submit written reports to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will approve, set priorities and implement programs, allocate human and monetary resources, establish schedules, etc. The Commissions have a purpose to coordinate entities of the Society.

Commission on Accreditation

- 3 ASMT representatives to NAACLS
- 2 ASMT representatives to Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
- 1 ASMT member of each of the Review Committees on NAACLS

Commission on Certification

- 5 appointed representatives to NCA until such time as integration of NCA with ASMT

Commission on Standards and Education

- 3 members/advisors of the Competence Assurance Council
- 1 representative to NCA (Coordinating Representative)
- 4 nominees from the Scientific Assembly
- 2 representatives to the Education and Research Fund, Inc.
- 1 member of the Student Forum (The Chair)
- 1 member of the P.A.C.E. Committee (The Chair)
- 1 member of the National Program Committee (The Chair)
- 1 representative to NAACLS

Commission on Professional and Economic Affairs

- 2 members of the Government Liaison Committee
- 3 members of the Committee on Professional Affairs
- 1 member of the Membership Development Committee
- 1 member of the Awards Committee
- 1 member of any subcommittee, task force, etc., established under the aforementioned committees

Commission on Long Range Plans and Research

- 5 Board Liaison to the other commissions
- Society Vice President as Chair of the Board Planning Committee and Board Liaison to the Planning and Scope Committee

Commission on Related Organizations

- 1 official ASMT representative to each of the affiliated organizations:

American Hospital Association
American Society for Allied Health Professions
American Society of Hematology

CAP Workload Recording Committee
Panel of Consultants, Council on Medical Education
Forum on Allied Health Data
International Association of Medical Laboratory Technologists
National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards
National Council of Health Laboratory Services
National Fire Protection Agency - Laboratory Division
Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board -
Advisory Council
Medical Device and Laboratory Product Problem Reporting Program

These are the commitments to the Society, the changes to the individual services, the involvement of the constituent societies, and the responsibilities of members. Please contact your Regional Director with your questions first, during this transition of refining of essential services and restructuring of our partnership with the Education and Research Fund.

In New Orleans, we were "Designing The Future" with challenges that must allow us to continue to focus on the collective good for ASMT.

ASMT NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the following positions to be elected at the 1987 ASMT ANNUAL MEETING.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE (Two to be elected).

DIRECTOR, REGION II
DIRECTOR, REGION IX
DIRECTOR, REGION X

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- REGION IV
- REGION V
- REGION VII
- REGION VIII
- REGION X

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE (One to be elected).

AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (One to be elected).

Contact your regional nominations committee member for the appropriate information and forms or contact:

Sandy Arndt
8940 N. Mohawk Road
Bayside, WI 53217

(B) 414-931-4032 ext. 4445
(H) 414-351-3254 after 5 p.m.

The deadline for nominations is **OCTOBER 15, 1986**

LICENSURE

By Julie Stauss, R.D.
NDDA Legislative Chair

The field of nutrition and dietetics has seen many "experts" from all walks of life make promises of miracle solutions to dietary problems. It's hard for the consumer to know how to seek reliable dietary counseling. Licensure of dietitians and nutritionists can give the consumer an easy way to identify a qualified practitioner.

This was the main reason that the North Dakota Dietetic Association decided to pursue licensure. We also felt licensure could provide legal recourse for incompetent and unqualified practitioners and would ensure minimum standards of practice.

We used the Summer and Fall of 1984 to plan our strategy and get a bill ready for the 1985 legislature. We had lots of opposition from a variety of sources and yet, to the amazement of many people, we were able to get our bill passed in our first attempt.

Some of our key elements to our success include:

1. "Grass-roots lobbying. Our members contacted their legislators and even persuaded their friends, neighbors and relatives to contact their legislators urging support for our bill.
2. Membership involvement from the beginning to the end. A task of this size required continued support from all members. Whenever I called and asked for help, members were willing to give their time.
3. Well-written bill. We had

a ten number committee that revised the bill four times before it was presented to the Legislative Council. All members had an opportunity to give comments and suggestions concerning the bill. We worked out a lot of "what if" and "how will this affect" questions before the final draft was printed.

4. Membership education. Our members were kept informed of changes in the bill and most understood what the bill could and could not do.
5. Sponsors. Our main sponsor was Judy DeMers and she put extra effort into getting our bill passed.

The Governor appointed a five member board to oversee licensure of dietitians and nutritionists. They are currently setting up the application process and plan to issue licenses by October 1, 1986. They have the total responsibility for licensure now.

During the time we spent pursuing licensure and since the bill has passed, I have seen both personal and professional benefits for myself and other NDDA members. Professionally, it has increased the public's awareness of the dietitian as the nutrition expert and has brought national attention to North Dakota as a leader in this area. The NDDA members have a better understanding of the legislative process and have realized that they, as an individual, can affect what happens in North Dakota.

Personally, it was a very challenging and learning experience. It was exciting for

me to see members become more confident in a political sense. Hopefully, all of us will continue to be involved in the legislative area.

The process of attaining licensure was just the first step. Our next step is to educate the public to look for the licensed registered dietitian (L.R.D.) and the licensed nutritionist (L.N.) when they are seeking nutritional advice. I am looking forward to it!

OVERVIEW OF PROVIDER STATUS

By A. Wayne Bruce, Ph.D.

I. Background and Description of Provider Status

In July 1985 PACE began awarding CEUs to participants through the provider status system. This represented a major change from the system used from 1974 when PACE became operational.

Prior to 1985, program sponsors were required to fill out a program approval request (PAR) and pay a set fee for each program they wanted to be PACE approved. Approval of the program for PACE CEUs was based on whether the information provided on the PAR met the minimum standards for program quality as set by the PACE Committee.

The major disadvantages of this system were that every program needed a PAR filled out and it was quite expensive for organizations that put on large numbers of programs as each program cost a set fee.

ASMT members and organizations that used PACE extensively requested that ASMT develop a provider status system of approving programs for PACE CEUs.

A provider status system eliminates the need for a PAR

to be filled out for every program an organization wants to award CEUs for. This system allows an organization to pay a single fee for as many programs as they wish to sponsor with PACE CEUs. The ASMT PACE provider system also provides the flexibility of sponsors paying an individual fee per program if they only offer a few programs each year.

With the PACE provider status system started in July of 1985, an organization, group or individual submits a provider status application (one page--brief) each year with the appropriate fee.

On the provider status application, a qualified individual is designated as the provider status administrator. The administrator is the key person in the system as he/she has the responsibility for reviewing all programs. The programs are reviewed to assure their quality and appropriateness; to check that the correct number of CEUs have been assigned; and to make sure that the CCEU guidelines and PACE policies and procedures are met.

The administrator must order a supply of CEU recording forms and a list of numbers that he/she can assign to programs as requests for approval are sent to him/her. The administrator also receives a supply of instruction sheets for the program moderator and a supply of PACE provider signature forms.

On a quarterly basis, the administrator sends the CEU recording forms, program number, and PACE provider signature forms to ASMT to be entered into the computer.

On the local level, the administrator gives the CEU recording forms and program number to the program moderator or speaker. He or she posts

the number and gives the participants of the program each a CEU recording form to fill out. The moderator collects the CEU recording forms from the participants at the end of the program and sends them to the program administrator along with the PACE provider signature form which certifies participants have successfully completed the course.

II. Procedure for Applying for Provider Status

To apply for provider status, simply fill out the one-page provider status application and submit this along with the program administrator's qualifications and the appropriate fee.

Any constituent society, individual, institution, or company may apply for provider status.

III. Criteria and Procedures for Provider Status Approval

In order to qualify for provider status, the criteria and procedures on the following page must be met.

IV. Types of Provider Status and Provider Status Fees

There is only one type of provider status available. It is as I have described. However, there are different fees and fee structures:

1. Constituent societies with <300 members--\$300.
2. Constituent societies with >300 members--\$600.
3. Institutions such as hospitals or universities --\$300.
4. Industry--\$750.

5. Also available is a fee per program provider status. This is determined by taking 10% times your category for the large fee and adding \$10. For example, industry pays $.10 \times \$750 + \10 or \$85 per program.

All ASMT constituent societies are required to apply for provider status. If they do not plan on using PACE, they can apply for the fee per program provider status with the permission of the Region V Director.

V. Transcripts:

Transcripts will no longer be sent out annually, but will be available upon request. A modest fee will be charged. The IEU category is being updated to meet NCA category II, III, and IV continuing education requirements.

The American Society for Medical Technology

P.A.C.E.®

Criteria and Procedures for Provider Status Approval

Sponsors or providers of continuing education programs can qualify for P.A.C.E.® Provider Status if the following criteria are met:

1. A qualified person is designated as administrator of the Provider Status who has a working knowledge of educational methodologies and program planning. It will be the responsibility of this individual to be certain all offerings under the Provider Status meet or exceed P.A.C.E.® guidelines.
2. The programs are structured learning experiences and the topic appears in the ASMT *Body of Knowledge Content Outline* or is related to the clinical laboratory sciences. (The ASMT *Body of Knowledge* is available for purchase from ASMT.)
3. The programs have qualified faculty with the background and experience necessary to teach the course.
4. The program objectives are stated and given to the participants. They should be stated in terms of what the participant will be able to do as a result of the program.
5. A time schedule is set up in an orderly and systematic fashion and CEUs are awarded only for instructional and evaluation time. Note: coffee breaks, announcements, and etc. are NOT counted as instructional time. Times are to be reported as decimal equivalents. For example; a 3½ hour program would carry 0.3 CEU. The minimum length for any program is 1 hour or 0.1 CEU and the maximum length for any one day is 7 hours or 0.7 CEU. Laboratory sessions such as role-playing, buzz sessions, preparation of a product, or a technical "wet" session are calculated on the basis of one (1) hour of credit for every two (2) hours of activity. If there is a faculty: student ratio of 1:5 or better and if there is a student: instrument ratio of 2:1 then the laboratory activity may be calculated on a 1:1 basis.
6. The program must provide some type of assessment to determine that the participants have met the stated objectives.
7. Approved Providers are required to follow these procedures:
 - a. Send a copy or draft of the program announcement along with the Request for CEU Recording Forms to the ASMT Executive Office at least 30 days prior to the program offering.
 - b. The program announcement/brochure must include:
 - educational objectives or program description
 - level (basic, intermediate, advanced)
 - schedule or timetable
 - fee (if any)
 - number of CEUs (1 hour of instruction time equals 0.1 CEU)
 - faculty qualifications or credentials
 - the statement "(name of organization) is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASMT P.A.C.E.® program."

P & R
ACTION ALERT

Recently several television shows have portrayed the profession of clinical laboratory sciences in a less than positive light. In fact, they have been showing it as non-existent. We cannot afford to allow a medium as pervasive as television to misrepresent us.

The shows of which I'm speaking are two daytime soaps and one nighttime series. The soaps, "One Life to Live" and "General Hospital", are both in the top five of the most watched shows in their genre. The prime time show, "St. Elsewhere", also has a large following. Altogether they make an impact on millions of people. They provide audio and visual information upon which longlasting opinions and views are based. Opinions and views that will be hard to correct.

Both "General Hospital" and "St. Elsewhere" depict interns and residents as the professionals who perform clinical laboratory testing. They are frequently shown drawing blood and then going to the clinical laboratory to perform the ordered test. On "One Life to Live" the laboratory manager was portrayed as being a registered nurse. Is this the image we are content to leave with the American public?

Changing these misrepresentations of our profession will require effort on everybody's part. All of us must be willing to write letters to the networks airing these shows explaining the inaccuracies and educating them about the who and what involved in the practice of the profession of clinical laboratory sciences. We cannot accept their excuses of artistic freedom or dramatic

license. Other allied health professions have insured that they are portrayed fairly. Isn't it time we stand up for ourselves and do the same?

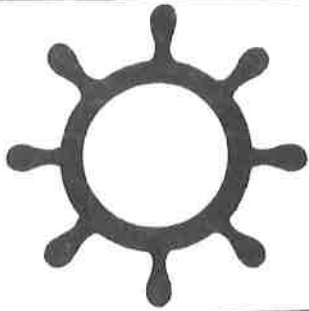
Before beginning your letters there are a few tips to review. First, use plain paper or personal stationery and not society letterhead. Tell them you are an avid viewer but disappointed that they didn't research the area of the clinical laboratory more thoroughly. Give them some information about yourself and the profession such as your job title, your job responsibilities, and your educational background. Encourage them to utilize accurate portrayals of our profession. Most importantly, enlist as many clinical laboratory practitioners as you can to write letters of their own. It is not only the content of the letters which makes the impact but also the number of letters received at one time.

Don't waste another minute. Address your letters to the following:

"St. Elsewhere"
c/o NBC-TV
3000 W. Alameda Avenue
Burbank, CA 91505

"General Hospital"
c/o ABC-TV
1438 N. Gower Street
Los Angeles, CA 90028

"One Life to Live"
c/o ABC-TV
1330 Ave. of the Americas
New York, NY 10019



RIVER CITY RALLY

DEAR SPRING MEETING ATTENDEE,

THIS IS JUST A REMINDER TO PLAN ON ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASMT REGION V THIS SEPTEMBER. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE RADISSON HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER IN LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.

THERE WILL BE SEVERAL HIGHLIGHTS AT THE 'RIVER CITY RALLY' THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS. AMONG THEM ARE.....

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ON ARRIVAL NIGHT; A PYRAMID CLUB CELEBRATION
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A GRAND ASSORTMENT OF WORKSHOPS AND SPEAKERS
TO ADDRESS CURRENT TECHNICAL, PERSONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL ISSUES.

WATCH YOUR MAIL, STATE NEWSLETTERS, AND LABORATORIES FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS FOR THE 1986 REGION V MEETING. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

"The Region V Permanent Committee
and Rotating Committee"

REGION V LACROSSE MEETING

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10:00 p.m.

Lv LaCrosse

7:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:55 p.m.

Arrive Mpls. Airport

11:20 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
7:20 p.m.

Round trip bus fare: \$19.30. Show your ticket at registration desk for a full refund of \$19.30.

MEETING TIMES -- SEPTEMBER 24, 1986 - WEDNESDAY

Region V Council Meeting: 7:00 a.m.

States' Meetings: 4:00 p.m.

Region V Business Meeting: 5:00 p.m.

SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER!!!

23RD ANNUAL INTERMOUNTAIN STATES SEMINAR

September 11, 12 & 13, 1986

Jackson, Wyoming
Host State - Montana

Lynn M. Williamson
3005 - 7th Ave. No.
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 453-6098

MANAGEMENT

James Sharp, MD, Cost Accounting...A Working Workshop
Vince Mahalik, American Scientific Products, Management Skills
Gary Nielsen, CLS, Computer Applications in the Laboratory
Annamarie Barros, M.A., "Establishing A Pay for Performance System Under DRG's"

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Lynne Garcia, M.S., "Parasitology and the Compromised Patient with an Update on AIDS"
Michael Rinaldi, Ph.D., "Practical Aspects of Clinical Mycology"
Abe Fox, Jr., MD, "Practical Diagnostic Immunology for Bacteriology"

INTERNAL MEDICINE/CHEMISTRY

Dwight Hiesterman, MD, "Functional Anatomy of the Kidney; What does the Kidney do all day (and night); and Ugh! Another UA"
Kenneth Eden, MD, "A Big Mac Tours the Gut: Clinical Correlation in GI Physiology"
Diana Voorhees, M.A.; Karen Nielsen, CLS; & Gary Nielsen, CLS, "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Clinical Laboratory Correlation"
Nick Heather, Ph.D., "Clinical Chemistry Evaluations: Techniques and Statistics"

HEMATOLOGY

Frankie Gibbs, SBB, "Recognition and Resolution of Transfusion Reactions" a "Damp" Workshop
Keila D. Poulsen, CLS/H, "Variant Morphology in Red Blood Cells"
Marilyn J. Manco-Johnson, MD, Coagulation and Thrombosis

SPECIAL TOPICS

Robert McKenzie, MD, Fun and Healthy Lifestyles
Jean Stockbower, Ph.D., Collection Techniques and Safety
Guy Copeman, R.T., "Basic X-ray Technique and Interesting Clinical Cases for Lab/X-ray Personnel"
Bob Kershaw, Product Manager, E. Leitz Company, Use and Application of the Fluorescent Microscope plus and an Update on Light Microscopes
Lynn Podell, Director, ASMT Office of Government, Clinical Laboratory Scientists and the Government

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKERS

Lynn Podell, ASMT and You
Frankie Gibbs, Highlights of her trip to China - Visiting Bloodbanks
Annamarie Barros, Professional Motivation
Dr. Michael Rinaldi, "Mould, Mushrooms and Medicine"
Dr. Robert McKenzie, "Choices...for Better Health"
Laboratory Application in the Space Program - NASA (tentative)

ASMT COLUMN OF HONOR AWARD

The following information is needed from each NDSMT member in order for our state organization to compete for the National ASMT Column of Honor Award in 1987. The Awards Committee is responsible for collating the information.

Complete the following questionnaire on your activities from January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986. List all activities that you have participated in, no matter how big or small they may be. Send copies of articles, outlines, etc., as appropriate.

Complete questionnaire by February 15, 1987, and return to:

Carmen Rogne
Awards Chairman
3414 Birdie Street NE
Fargo, ND 58102

We need everyone to participate according to national guidelines to win this award.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Keep this form handy and record your activities
AS YOU DO THEM.

I. CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. Did you attend any continuing education programs?
Were they PACE approved? List sponsoring organization.

2. Did you present any workshops/seminars during the year?
Were they PACE approved? List sponsoring organization.

3. Did you speak to any group, give tours, appear on TV, or
participate in conferences? (Date, Topic)

II. PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP

1. Did you serve on any ASMT, Regional, or State committees, board of directors, scientific assembly, or as official representative to affiliate organizations? List all titles and positions.

2. Were you an ASMT nominee? List position.

III. PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

1. Did you write an article, chapter, monograph, etc., for a local, state, or national paper, journal, book, or magazine? A copy of each publication cover must be submitted.

2. Did you co-author any of the above?

3. Were you a member of an editorial board? List publication and position.

IV. PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL ACTIVITIES

1. Have you participated in any of the following activities for the branch society? (Legislation, student activities, public relations, medical laboratory week, fund raising projects, career days, health fairs, etc.) Provide a summary of each activity and include the number of individuals involved in the project, as well as number of hours contributed.

2. Did you participate in other activities to provide innovative ideas for promoting medical technology throughout the year? Provide a brief summary of each activity and include the number of individuals involved in the project, as well as number of hours contributed.
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NEWSMAKERS

A. Wayne Bruce received his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Minnesota March 30, 1986. He was made a member of Alpha Mu Tau, an honorary fraternity for ASMT members, at the annual ASMT meeting in New Orleans.



Wayne Bruce

The three Minot medical technologists pictured below completed the Master of Science degree in Clinical Microbiology at the University of North Dakota this spring.



Becky Hill



Dolores Wood



Corrine Novlesky

ASMT OMICRON SIGMA

Omicron Sigma, the American Society for Medical Technology President's Honor Roll for Outstanding Service, has been established as a means of recognition for ASMT members, at all levels, who have offered their resources, time and energy to the Society.

OMICRON SIGMA -- 1986:

North Dakota

Julie Braaten
A. Wayne Bruce
Nanci Busse
Mary Coleman
Jeanne Dahl
Joan Frey
Eileen Nelson
Janice Nelson
Bonnie Reilly
Marcia Ubbelohde

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