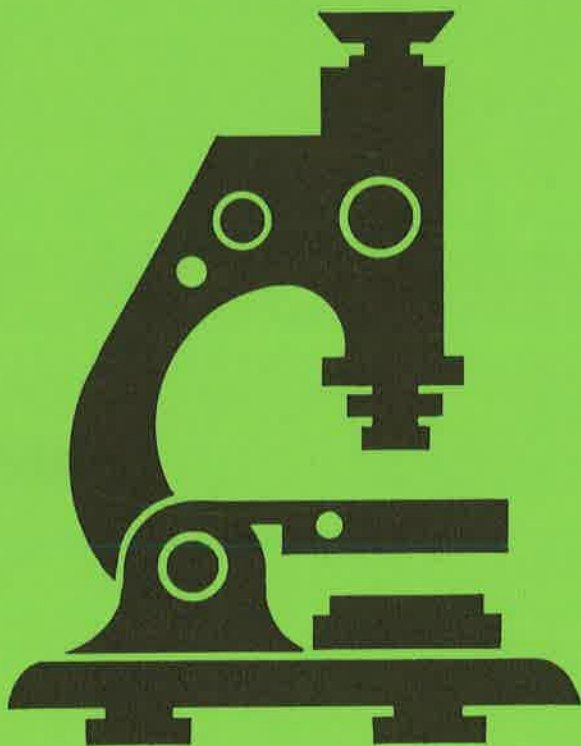


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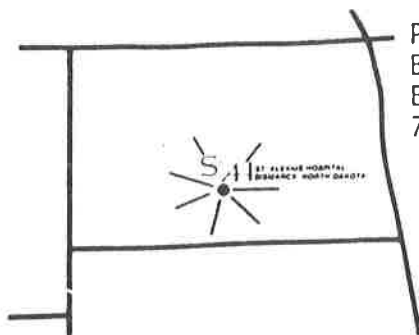


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IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

"A Touch of Class"--the 1987 North Dakota Society for Medical Technology state convention will be held in Fargo Wednesday through Friday, April 22-24 at the Doublewood Inn. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

The convention will be highlighted by an excellent program with speakers from North Dakota and Fargo's rich medical atmosphere and with workshops on immunofluorescence and utilizing your own resources to find the right job.

Wednesday's activities include tours to the Heritage-Hjemkomst Interpretive Center in Moorhead, the area's newest and most exciting tourist attraction. A special exhibition titled "The Promise of America" begins there in April. Special transportation aboard an authentic doubledecker bus from England is included for convention participants. A brochure from the Heritage-Hjemkomst Interpretive Center is enclosed. Take advantage of this special offer! Also on Wednesday, the exhibit area will be open for tours in the afternoon and fun and games in the evening.

Thursday, the day begins with "class" reunion breakfasts and the keynote address by Dr. Robert Geston on "How to Survive in a Truly Competitive Medical Environment". The state meeting will precede a luncheon buffet in the exhibit area. The day will be topped off with a banquet and entertainment by the Cabaret group from the Fargo-Moorhead Community Theater.

The program schedule and registration forms are included with this letter. All events are open to members and nonmembers. At the convention, information about becoming a NDSMT member will be available. The difference between nonmember and member convention fees can be applied toward membership.

Let's show "A Touch of Class" and make the 1987 North Dakota Society for Medical Technology state convention a success!

Please post this letter for others who may be interested.

Mary Jo Langenwalter
Chairperson, Registration Committee
NDSMT 1987 Convention Committee

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FOR
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*"Touch
of
Class"*

APRIL 22-24,
1987

SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 1987

7:30 - 8:00	Registration		
8:00 - 9:00	<u>Bloodbanking for Small Labs-M. Ubbelohde SBB Supervisor, Fargo Clinic Meritcare Blood Bank</u>	<u>WORKSHOP:</u> Immunofluorescence and Autoimmune Disease-Aspects of Antinuclear Antibody Testing-Susan Retka Technical Training Manager-Kallestad	<u>Critical Care Ethics</u> Carla Hanson-Clinical Nurse Specialist St. Lukes Meritcare <u>Pediatric Endocrinology</u> Dr. A. Kenien, Pediatrics Fargo Clinic Meritcare
9:00 - 10:00	<u>WORKSHOP:</u> EXCEL: Reach Out and Get That Job-LaVonn Steiner MS Program Director School of Med Tech St. Alexius, Bismarck President, INNER PLUS		
10:00 - 10:30	COFFEE BREAK		
10:30 - 11:30	WORKSHOP Continues	WORKSHOP Continues	<u>The Gift of Life: Organ Donation and Transplants-</u> P. Newman, RN
11:00 - 12:00	LEND Meeting		
11:30 - 1:00	LUNCHEON		
1:00 - 2:30	WORKSHOP Continues	<u>Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia-Dr. Blain Amidon OB-GYN</u> Dakota Clinic-Fargo	<u>Alzheimers & Other Dementias</u> Dr. R. Meiches, MD Geriatrician, Fargo Clinic Meritcare Laboratory Differentiation
2:30 - 2:45	COFFEE BREAK		
2:45 - 4:00	<u>Phlebotomy</u> Patty Mastel Phlebotomy Supervisor Fargo Clinic Meritcare	<u>Coagulation Case Study</u> <u>Common Blood Disorders of Children-Dr. J. Tillisch, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology</u>	<u>Eating Disorders Panel</u> <u>Anorexia and Bulimia</u> Dr. Nancy Bologna PhD Dr. David Abbott MD Yvonne Eissinger RN
4:00 - 5:00	Multimedia Presentation on Norway Dr. Coffey, Pathologist, Fargo Clinic State Board Meeting Education Assembly Meeting		
5:00 - 7:00	Tours: Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center Exhibit Area		
7:00	Fun Night in Exhibit Area--Games and Hors D' Oeuvres		

SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY APRIL 23, 1987

7:00 - 7:30	Registration		
7:30 - 8:30	Reunion Breakfasts		
8:45 - 9:30	How to Survive in a Truly Competitive Medical Environment-Keynote Address Dr. Robert Geston--Family Physician, West Fargo Medical Center		
9:30 - 10:00	COFFEE BREAK		
10:00 - 11:00	NDSMT State Meeting		
11:00 - 12:00	Licensure Meeting		
12:00 - 1:15	Luncheon in Exhibit Area	Past Presidents Meeting	
1:15 - 2:30	<u>Hematology Case Studies</u> Dr. J. Baldwin, Pathologist Fargo Clinic	<u>Why lab tests are not always the same-</u> Dr. Patrick Nugent, Biochemist Fargo Clinic Meritcare	<u>Student Papers</u>
2:30 - 2:45	COFFEE BREAK		
2:45 -	<u>Employer Policies-</u> S. Kildahl-hiring, firing, affirmative action (2 hours)	<u>Case Studies in Bloodbanking-D. Breen</u> Bloodbank Supervisor McKennen Hospital	<u>Cost Effective Microbiology</u> Dr. E Renner, PhD Microbiologist VA Hospital, Fargo (1.5 hours)
6:30	Social Hour		
7:30	Banquet		

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY APRIL 24, 1987

7:30 - 8:00	Registration		
8:00 - 9:00	<u>Emergency Burn Care</u> J. Hoss, Manager, ER St. Lukes Meritcare Trauma Center	<u>Communication in the Workplace</u> -B. Garske Personnel Director St. Ansgar/St. Johns	<u>Effects of Renal Failure & Dialysis on Body Chemistry</u> Dr. B Danielson, Nephrologist VA Hospital, Fargo
9:00 - 10:00	<u>Abuse of Street Drugs and Testing</u> -K. Labrosse, PhD, Medtox Laboratory Director	<u>Why do You Want to Go to Russia</u> -R Hill Program Director St. Joseph's School of Med Tech, Minot MT tour of Russia	<u>Marketing Your Lab</u> H. Danielson Walthalland Assor. Medical Marketing
10:00 - 10:30	COFFEE BREAK		
10:30 - 12:00	<u>Student Papers</u>	<u>Cosmetic Surgery</u> Dr. S. Asp Otorhinolaryngologist	<u>Disease of Alcoholism & Addiction</u> -Dr. J.Lind Fargo Clinic

REGISTRATION FORM: Mail to Mary Jo Langenwaller, 1109 N 3rd St, Fargo, ND 58102
 Return by April 10, 1987 (A \$10 late fee will be charged)
 Call me with any questions concerning registration-701-293-0134 after 10a
 before 4p

Wednesday - Friday--all three days includes Wednesday & Thursday luncheon
 and speakers

Member \$50 Nonmember \$80 Student Member \$10 Student Nonmember \$20

Wednesday April 22 Daily Program - includes luncheon and all speakers

Member \$25 Nonmember \$40 Student Member \$ 5 Student Nonmember \$10

Workshop - EXCEL-Reach Out and Get That Job

Preregister for workshop \$4 fee for course book

Purchase course book only \$4 fee

Workshop-Immunofluorescence--no fee, but please preregister

Heritage-Hjemkomst Tour-transportation included \$3

Exhibit Tour-no fee, but please preregister

TOURS HAVE 2 STARTING TIMES SO YOU CAN ATTEND BOTH

Evening Social in Exhibit Area-\$3 for those not registered Wednesday

Thursday April 23 Daily Program - includes luncheon and all speakers

Member \$25 Nonmember \$40 Student Member \$ 5 Student Nonmember \$10

Reunion Breakfast-please indicate which city's table you prefer \$6

Grand Forks Minot Bismarck Fargo

Banquet-London Broil entree with entertainment by Cabaret \$15

Friday April 24 Daily Program-no charge to those registered for Wednesday and/or Thursday

Member \$25 Nonmember \$40 Student Member \$ 5 Student Nonmember \$10

PACE Credit for convention is pending.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (H) _____ (B) _____

MEMBER # _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

Please enclose check for fees. Make checks payable to NDSMT.

Remember the difference between nonmember and member fees is applicable toward membership

INTRODUCING THE NDSMT CANDIDATES FOR 1987

The candidates for each NDSMT office are listed below. An absentee ballot is enclosed as an insert to this issue of the Newsletter for those members who will not be able to attend the State Meeting in Fargo. The absentee ballot must be returned by April 18, 1987 to Myra Johnson.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jeanette Festvog

Employer: Rolla Community Hospital
Rolla, ND

Position: Laboratory Director

No. Years Member: 9

Professional Activities:
Secretary-Treasurer



Jeanne Dahl

Employer: United Blood Service,
Fargo, ND

Position: Technical Director

No. Years Member: 4

Professional Activities:
Scientific Assembly-Immunohematology
Chairman-Region V Meeting



SECRETARY-TREASURER

Patti Thibedeau

Employer: United Hospital,
Grand Forks, ND

Position: Staff Technologist,
Computer Skills Instructor

No. Years Member: 5

Professional Activities:
Region V PACE Administrator
Delegate to National Meeting
Chairman-National Medical Laboratory
Week
Registration Chair-State Meeting
NCA Phlebotomy Examination Board



Darlene Monson

Employer: Mercy Hospital, Williston, ND

Position: Laboratory Supervisor

No. Years Member: 19

Myra Johnson

Employer: Pathology Consultants, P.C.,
Bismarck, ND

Position: Technical Consultant

No. Years Member: 18

Professional Activities:

- Secretary-Treasurer
- Nominations Chairperson
- Program Chair-State Meeting
- Professional and Public Relations
Committee
- Constitution and ByLaws

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

LaVonne Steiner

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Bismarck, ND

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Medical Technology

No. Years Member: 12

Professional Activities:

- Co-Chair-State Meeting
- Program Chair-State Meeting
- Scientific Assembly Committee,
Chairperson for Scholarship,
Education, Biochemistry
- Student Bowl Coordinator



Sr. Dianna Hell

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Hankinson, ND

Position: Chief Technologist

No. Years Member: 23

Professional Activities:

- President-Elect, President, Past-
President, Secretary-Treasurer
- Delegate to National Meeting
- NDSMT Member of the Year
- Committee Chairman: Publicity-
Region V Meeting, Program-State
Meeting, Membership, Ways and
Means, Constitution and ByLaws,
Nominations, and Awards Committee



Jane Winters

Employer: United Hospital, Grand Forks, ND

Position: Hematology Supervisor

No. Years Member: 10

Professional Activities:

- State Contact Person
- Region Contact Person
- Scientific Assembly Chairperson for
Hematology, and Education

Wendy Littlejohn

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No. Years Member: 5

Professional Activities:

State Meeting Planning Committee

United Hospital Orientation Committee
and Lab Cares Committee



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Harvey, ND

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No. Years Member: 20

Professional Activities:

President-Elect, President, Past-
President

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Publicity, Exhibits

State Committees:

Awards, Scholarship, Personal
Relations, Licensure

Delegate National Meeting



Karen Tankersley

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No. Years Member: 10

Professional Activities:

Membership Chairman

State Meeting-Program Chair-
Immunology



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Professional Activities:

State Meeting- Registration
Chairperson

Contact Person, Fargo area

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Chairperson-National Medical
Laboratory Week

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Small Lab Liaison

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Licensure Committee



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No. Years Member: 5

Professional Activities:

State Meeting Planning Committee
United Hospital Orientation and
The Lab Cares Committees

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Jane Robb

The following are recently introduced bills at the North Dakota State Legislature which might be of interest to NDSMT members:

1. House Bill No. 1085 introduced by Representatives Strinden, Tokach would limit the amount of damages for noneconomic loses in medical malpractice cases.

In any action for injury against a health care provider based on professional negligence, the injured plaintiff is entitled to recover noneconomic losses to compensate for pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, disfigurement, and other non pecuniary damage not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars. A health care provider is defined as any physician, hospital, or other person licensed or otherwise authorized to furnish health care services in this state.

Action as of 3-12-87
Passed House.

2. House Bill No. 1136 introduced by Committee on Transportation (at the request of the Highway Department).

If any licensed physician, nurse, technician, or an employee of a clinic or hospital draws blood from any person pursuant to a request of any arresting officer, neither the person drawing the blood nor the clinic or hospital at which the blood was drawn shall be liable in any civil action for damages arising out of said act except for gross negligence.

Action as of 3-12-87
Failed in Senate.

3. House Bill No. 1550 introduced by Representative Dalrymple and Senator J. Meyer.

Each licensed hospital would be required to display a posting of its charges and fees in the main waiting area of the main building. The posting must at least include the average cost, during the previous calendar year. The hospital's three most commonly performed laboratory tests in each of the following groups: blood test, x-ray, urinalysis, and bacterial culture. This also applies to each group of more than one physician practicing together and applies only to tests performed on the premise where the group practices.

Action as of 3-12-87
Failed in House.

4. House Bill No. 1665 introduced by Representatives Stofferahn, Dalrymple, and Senator Wright.

Creates a health care data committee as a standing committee of the state health council to provide information to the public necessary for the enhancement of price competition in the health care market. Under the auspices of the committee, the Health Department in conjunction with the board of medical examiners will publish an annual directory of physicians licensed to practice medicine in the state including whether or not the physician accepts medicare assignments and, if voluntarily supplied by the physician, a schedule of fees charged for services.

Action as of 3-12-87
Passed House.

5. Senate Bill No. 2535
introduced by Senators
Ingstad, Stenehjem and
Representatives Shaft, Gates.

Establishes a health
care data committee as in
House Bill No. 1665 to provide
to the public information
necessary for the enhancement
of price competition in the
health care market. The Health
Department shall maintain a
directory of health related
data bases and their contents
and shall advise state
agencies regarding collection,
c o o r d i n a t i o n , a n d
dissemination of health
related data. The department
shall publish a directory of
physicians as in House Bill
1665.

Action as of 3-12-87
Passed Senate.

REPORT ON ASMT REGION V PERMANENT COMMITTEE

Bonnie Reilly
ND Representative

The committee met in
Minneapolis, MN in February.

Invitations had been sent
to other professional
organizations to participate
in a discussion regarding the
advantages of a future joint
convention of related
professional groups.

The following organizat-
ions sent representatives to
this meeting:

- CLMA (Clinical
Laboratory Management
Association)
- AMT (American Medical
Technologists)
- ACT (American
Cytogenetic Technologists)
- MIMA (Minnesota
Microbiologist Association)

- Minnesota Society of
Histo Technologists

In addition the AACCC
(American Association of
Clinical Chemists) and the
American Association of Blood
Bank local representatives
were interested in the
project but unable to send
representatives.

The group named
themselves "The Midwest
Laboratory Professionals
Planning Group", and set for
themselves objectives to:

- R e c r u i t o t h e r
organizations to participate.
- H o l d p l a n n i n g m e e t i n g s .
- O b t a i n p a r t i c i p a t i o n
agreements.

- C o n s i d e r r e p o r t s o f t h e
planning meeting by boards of
sponsoring organizations.

Discussion also resulted
in the suggestion that spring
(mid April to mid May) would
be the best time for a joint
meeting, and that every other
year would be the frequency.

The next meeting is
scheduled for Friday, June
26.

STATE NDSMT MEETING

Bonnie Reilly, LASA Chair

Our annual get together
has been scheduled at the
Wednesday noon luncheon where
we can visit at a table
assigned to us. An
increasingly busy meeting
schedule didn't allow time
for a breakfast session.

S u g g e s t i o n s f o r
discussion topics are:

- T h e e f f e c t o f
licensure.
- T h e j o b m a r k e t .
- I n f o r m a t i o n s h a r i n g o n
equipment-What is good.
- S h a r i n g o f y o u r
solutions to problems.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Rebecca Hill

Outstanding Student Technologist Award

This award is sponsored by American Scientific Products and is presented to one student from each of the Medical Technology programs in North Dakota. The award consists of \$100 plus a plaque, which is presented at the NDSMT Spring Meeting.

The award was established in honor of Fred Weick, who is a retired American Scientific representative.



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St. Joseph's



Theresa Brake
Trinity



Jane Hart
St. Luke's



Nancy Buchholz
St. Alexius



Mary Such
UND-United Hospital

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Karen Tankersley
Membership Chair

The move of the offices of ASMT from Texas to Maryland has resulted in some unavoidable problems with the computer printout of the membership Alpha list and billing. Some of these problems have been:

1. The omission of our NDSMT members who reside in Minnesota: Nancy Bussi, Louanna Bell, Linda Folk, Linda Larson, Sharon Leister, Lavonne Malcolm, Marjorie Smith and Karen Williams. We certainly don't want to lose these valuable members!
2. Listing as lapsed our emeritus members: Jean Holland Saumur, Hester Johnson and Sister Moira Paulus.
3. Billing members after they have sent in their dues.
4. Notifying some members incorrectly of lapsed membership.

We will have to be patient and hopefully by now all the omissions and problems have been corrected. I am sorry for any inconveniences any of our members have experienced. A copy of the following letter and a membership form is being sent to all laboratory personnel who are not currently members of ASMT encouraging them to join. One of the rewarding experiences I had as membership chair was the increase in membership due to the rebate program at the state meeting last year.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your membership chair. It has been an enjoyable experience.

Karen Tankersley
Membership Chair

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DEAR LABORATORY SCIENTIST,

How important is your job? If you are like most of us, our job is our profession. It involves about 1/3 of our time - that is a large portion of our lives. It is important to maintain our profession and to have a voice in the legislation that affects our profession.

You can have a voice in your chosen profession through the American Society For Medical Technology (ASMT). The national office is located in Washington D.C. This office is the nation's most successful advocate of the non-physician clinical laboratory professional. ASMT is working to assure legislation that is in your best interest. If licensure becomes an issue in our North Dakota legislature, North Dakota Society for Medical Technology (NDSMT) is prepared to represent our interests on the state level.

ASMT membership also offers:

- 1) Focus on learning; a self instructional continuing education program.
- 2) P.A.C.E. program which verifies ASMT members participation in Continuing Education.
- 3) Several other publications.
- 4) Group rates on:
 - catastrophic major medical insurance
 - life insurance
 - improved professional liability coverage
- 5) ASMT is working in Washington DC to represent our interests in government.
- 6) If licensure will be an issue in our state government, NDSMT will represent our interests on the state level.

ASMT represents our profession in the political and public arenas. It is important that they represent accurate and major viewpoints of our profession. In order to do this, they need all members of our profession as members of ASMT. It is the responsibility of each member of our profession to join our professional society, ASMT.

Be a professional, join your professional society.

These are some of the reasons for joining ASMT and NDSMT. Won't you consider joining us in our professional organization. Please review the enclosed membership application. Thank you for your consideration.



Karen Tankersley,
Membership Chairperson 1986-87
NDSMT

ASMT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Members

House of Delegates

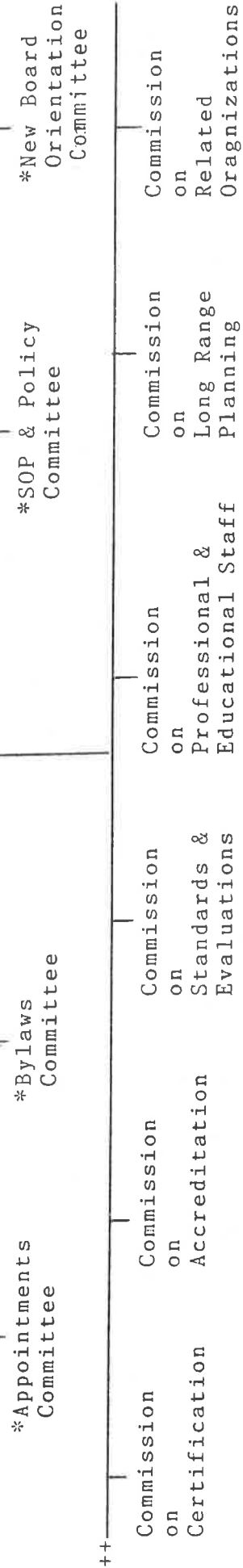
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(Lynn Podell) | Jim Holley | (10 regional Directors,
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*Appointed by the President at Post Board Meeting
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NATIONAL NEWS FROM PRESIDENT JIM HOLLEY

There are several items of information that I would like to share with you at this time.

- One of the most positive happenings of the past year occurred on December 22, in Houston, Texas and that was the ASMT Building at 330 Meadowfern Drive was sold. This action has a tremendous impact on ASMT in that it relieved us of a fixed cost per year of \$161,000 which translates to \$644,000 over the four year lease agreement. This has been one of the most important "fixed costs" that ASMT has had to endure. This is another step in the financial stability of the Society.

- The Internal Revenue Service liabilities were reduced from some \$95,000 to only \$21,000.

- ASMT has now established the appropriate accounts for the conduct of Society business with the First American Bank in the Washington, DC area. The banking firm has also extended to ASMT a line of credit in the amount of \$50,000 in the event we need to use it.

- AZTECH, Inc., the Computer Services Bureau with whom ASMT contracted to handle membership lists as of last fall, is in the process of developing programs for handling P.A.C.E. and FOCUS. The FOCUS activities for ASMT

members and non-members will be handled by ASMT while AMT will handle the ones for their members. More information will be made available to you as soon as the programs are up on the computer. We will no longer deal with ESP for these services.

- ASMT has contacted the services of Thomas M. Driscoll, Inc. to serve as its Meetings Management firm to be in charge of the Annual Meeting and Exhibits. They will be responsible for the development, marketing and management of the annual meeting and exhibits. They are a top notch firm and we expect the Las Vegas meeting in June to be one of the finest ever. Watch for your Preliminary Program in the mail and look for more information about the meeting in ASMT TODAY.

- ASMT TODAY will have a different format in 1987. It will be an 8 1/2 x 11 in., 8 page bimonthly publication. This has been made possible through a substantial donation from Curtin Matheson Scientific, Inc.

- The '86 FUTURES CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS booklet is now available. order the 53 page monograph, "Shaping the Futures of Clinical Laboratory Practice" from the ASMT Executive Office, 3 Metro Center, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20814. Enclose your check for \$10 (for members) or \$15 (for non members).

- The ASMT National Directories are now available for sale in a limited number. They are available to ASMT members only at \$20 (includes postage and handling). You

must include your member number with your order. There is an order form in the November/December issue of ASMT TODAY.

- JOURNAL OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY editor, Diana Mass has resigned. The new editor, Louis Caruana, Ph.D., CLS is an associate professor of Allied Health Education at Southwest Texas State

University. The Journal will be a bimonthly publication during 1987.

- ALPHA LISTS were finally mailed last month. If there are errors in the lists, corrections should be sent to Janet Halpert in the Executive Office. Beginning with

February, the Alpha Lists will be mailed each month to the State Presidents.

- A new accounting program is being installed in the Executive Office. We should be able to have better information on finances of the Society when this is in full effect. In order to provide better control of costs and budget and more realistic plans for activities and programs which are of most importance to our membership, the Office has established an account for the Annual Meeting and exhibits which is separate from the general operating account of the society.

Surgeon
General's
Report
on
ACQUIRED
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SYNDROME



Active involvement in AIDS public and clinical laboratory education and awareness is a special opportunity for ASMT to serve a vital health-care need and enhance the public's awareness of the laboratory professional's dedication and fundamental role in health

services delivery.

As you know, ASMT has jointed with other prominent national health care professional organizations in this very, important initiative. In the coming months, you will hear more about the Society's efforts to educate the public and


ensure that our members have up-to-date technical and scientific information about the clinical aspects of this disease.

Please consider asking your employers to be aware of the report and to consider providing additional copies to their client physicians and patients as a public service.

Every week, our nation's scientists are discovering new information about AIDS. Not only as researchers, but also, and significantly as clinical laboratory analysts of AIDS' myriad opportunistic

infections, your profession is on the front line of diagnosis and treatment. The public deserves to know of the rigorous education that enables you to work safely with AIDS, and of your dedicated service--as phlebotomists, generalists, specialists, educators and managers--in the many roles that directly and indirectly forward medical, epidemiological and sociological knowledge of your disease.

Thank you for your assistance and concern.



THE MIDWEST CONNECTION



This year the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) Midwest Section and the American Society for Medical Technologists (ASMT) Region V will hold a joint meeting September 30-October 2, 1987 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis, MN. The scheduled program will provide continuing education credit for the following groups: PACE, ACCENT and AMA Category I. Contact person: R. Panning, North Memorial Med. Ctr. 3220 Lowry Av. No. Mpls., 55422.

1987 WAMT SPRING CONVENTION

Stevens Point Holiday Inn Holidome
May 7 - 9, 1987

Some topics to be covered:

- Laboratory's Role in Assessing Clinical Diagnosis
- Bacteremia: New Advances
- Nuisance Antibodies in Blood Bank
- Current Trends in Tumor Markers
- Blastomycosis
- Public Speaking - Quality Presentations
- The Development of a Monoclonal Antibody
- Disposal of Nuclear Wastes
- Certification of One and Two Physician Offices
- Retirement Plan Changes
- Laboratory Medicine and Education in Scandinavia
- DNA Probes in Clinical Medicine
- Self-Assessment Skills
- Wellness: Beyond Illness Care
- Oh My Gosh! Do we Really Have Some More Governmental Regulations?
- What Next?
- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Flow Cytometry
- Prostrate Specific Antigen
- Troubleshooting the Automative Coagulation Timer (MLAs)
- Hematology Case Studies
- Principles in Designing an Exercise Program
- The Challenges of Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing
- Rapid Diagnosis of Viruses
- Total Person: Working in Health Care Today
- PAP Smear: Interpretation and Limitations
- Apolipoproteins
- Kinetics of Antibiotic Therapy
- New Thyroid Testing
- HLA and Parentage Testing
- Lyme Disease in Domestic Animals

WAMT 1987 SPRING MEETING
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI
May 7, 8, 9, 1987

Name _____ Telephone No. (____) _____
 Address _____ Bus. Phone No. (____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Employer _____ ASMT Member # _____ Expires _____
 Guest's Name _____ (see General Registration Info)

EARLY REGISTRATION:	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	CIRCLE DAYS	FEES
ASMT Member:	\$30	\$40	\$50	T F S	\$
Non-Member:	\$50	\$60	\$70	T F S	\$
Student Member:	\$10	\$15	\$20	T F S	\$
Student Non-Member:	\$15	\$20	\$25	T F S	\$
Member	\$5	* \$10	\$15	T F S	\$
Non-Member	\$5	* \$15	\$20	T F S	\$
Institutional Pass:			\$100	3 days	\$

*Cost of Lunch ticket only

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 24, 1987. \$5.00 PENALTY FOR LATE OR ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

WORKSHOPS

Registration deadline: April 15, 1987. Please note that you must also pay the general registration fee for the day(s) of your workshop(s). Confirmation notices will be sent to you prior to the meeting. Check workshop(s) below:

- THURSDAY _____ Self-Assessment Skills \$25.00
- _____ MLT Panel Discussion \$25.00
- FRIDAY _____ Phlebotomy Symposium \$25.00
- _____ Targeted Instruction \$25.00
- SATURDAY _____ Urinalysis \$25.00

TOTAL WORKSHOP FEES: \$ _____
 BANQUET: _____ Ticket(s) at \$15.00 each for 7:30 PM Friday \$ _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make check payable to: WAMT 1987 SPRING MEETING

Return Registration Form and Check to:

Susan Flaker-Johnson
2700 Hwy 7
Mausau, WI 54401

Home phone: (715) 845-7828
Bus. phone: (715) 847-2123

Holiday Inn Convention Rates (see attached card):

Single: \$46.00 Double: \$51.00 Triple: \$56.00 Quad: \$61.00

Other motels within close proximity include: Road Star Inn and Hotel B.