

CLSA 2011 State Conference  
We've been there  
and We'll be here

# Turn-Around-Times

Time certainly goes by quickly and I can hardly believe it is 2011. I want to take this opportunity to update you on four current activities of CLSA.

First is our annual conference to be held April 6-8 in Anchorage. The program has a wide variety of educational sessions designed to meet continuing education needs. We have many exhibitors signed up and expect the exhibit hall to be a busy place for contacting vendors and getting information on the latest and greatest. This conference is CLSA's most important event in keeping members of our organization connected and the organization financially viable. I urge all of you to coordinate within your facility the logistics for attendance for yourself or your co-workers.

Heidi Mannion worked diligently last fall to survey laboratory professionals in Alaska for their support or no support of re-introducing a licensure bill during the current legislative session. She sent out the request three different times and of the 524 medical laboratory technicians and scientists working in the state, she received 65 responses. The responses from managers were split for and against licensure. The 56 responses from non-managers were predominantly from rural areas and were against licensure; only 12 came from the Anchorage area. Based on the lack of significant response the CLSA Board decided not to pursue a licensure bill until there is more interest among the laboratory professionals working in the state. After Heidi sent this decision to Senator Davis, she received many more responses. Therefore, I will present new numbers at the general membership lunch meeting on April 8 during the CLSA conference. I urge all of you to encourage members and non-members to attend this meeting to weigh in with their thoughts and opinions on state licensure for our profession.

This year, CLSA will be hosting a fundraising event to benefit Anchorage Project Access (APA). Through a volunteer network, APA has assisted low income, uninsured residents in obtaining access to needed medical care since 2005. It is founded on the premise that all participating patients have a primary care home. In addition to income eligibility, in order to receive services from APA, the patient must have medical need. APA also has a pharmacy component that provides up to \$500 per year for medications. More information about APA can be found at the following website.

<http://anchorageprojectaccess.org/> The letter for getting donated items can be found on the CLSA website. Please try to get at least one auction item for this worthy cause.

We need more new people to serve CLSA as members of the Board of Directors. Many of the current members have served for many years in a variety of positions and very much would like to see participation by others to keep this organization active. Active members enable CLSA to provide the annual conference that has attendance by professionals from across the state. It takes many members contributing their talents to keep an organization vital and viable in meeting the needs its members. Please consider the opportunity to support CLSA by your active participation.

I do thank you for your continued membership in ASCLS and hope to see many of you at the conference in April.

*Gloria*

## 2011 CLSA Conference

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The 2011 CLSA Conference in Anchorage is fast approaching. The conference will be held in Anchorage at the downtown Hilton Hotel April 6-8.

Registration is available online at:

[http://www.regonline.com/clinical\\_laboratory\\_scientists\\_of\\_alaska\\_2011\\_conf](http://www.regonline.com/clinical_laboratory_scientists_of_alaska_2011_conf) or through the mail.

The following categories are available for purchase:

1. ASCLS Member 3 Day Pass
2. ASCLS Member
3. Non-Member
4. Student Member
5. Student Non-Member

ASCLS Members receive a discount and must include their ASCLS number with their registration. If you are not a member of ASCLS, you may want to join in order to realize the savings that members appreciate.

The program is arranged with 36 individual 1 hour sessions. Some courses include more than one session. Please be sure to check each session for courses that are more than one session. If you attend all three days, you can earn up to 18 hours of Continuing Education.

Please review the fee schedule carefully and determine what registrant type best fits your needs.

### CLSA 2011 Conference Fee Schedule

Registrant Type	Before March 23	March 23 or after
ASCLS Member 3 Day Pass (includes free lunch each day -\$30/day savings)	\$350 (18 sessions at the per session	\$375
ASCLS Member/session	\$25	\$30
Non-member	\$35	\$40
Student Member	\$10	\$10
Student Nonmember	\$15	\$15
Lunch	\$30	\$30
Social event April 7	\$60	\$60

#### Fees paid by CLSA.

There is a registration fee of about \$3.50 per registrant.

Conference Schedule

Day	Classroom	Time	Topic	Speaker	
Wednesday 4/6	Classroom 1	8:30 - 9:30	Prostate Health	Resault Peggy	
		9:30-9:45	Break		
	Classroom 2	8:30 - 9:30	Trofile for HIV - Cheryl Gonzalez	Cheryl Gonzalez	
		9:30-9:45	Break		
	Classroom 1	9:45-10:45	Quality Coagulation	Eld/Siemens	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
	Classroom 2	9:45-10:45	Surviving Sepsis - John Ancy	John Ancy	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
	Thursday 4/7	Classroom 1	8:30 - 9:30	TB Screening - Marsha Mulhern	Marsha Mulhern
			9:30-9:45	Break	
Classroom 2		8:30 - 9:30	CLIA Correction Plan - Fran Lehr/Doris Thompson	Fran Lehr	
		9:30-9:45	Break		
Classroom 1		9:45-10:45	Emerging Infectious Disease - Beatrice Pettit/ARUP	Beatrice Pettit/ARUP	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
Classroom 2		9:45-10:45	CLIA Correction Plan - Fran Lehr/Doris Thompson	Fran Lehr	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
Friday 4/8		Classroom 1	8:30 - 9:30	Transfusion Medicine Update - Dr. Ensign/Dr. Teasinga	Dr. Ensign/Dr. Teasinga
			9:30-9:45	Break	
	Classroom 2	8:30 - 9:30	LEAN - Denise O'Conner	Denise O'Conner	
		9:30-9:45	Break		
	Classroom 1	9:45-10:45	Emerging Infectious Disease - Beatrice Pettit/ARUP	Beatrice Pettit/ARUP	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
	Classroom 2	9:45-10:45	Waved and PPIP Testing - Fran Lehr	Fran Lehr	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
	Saturday 4/9	Classroom 1	8:30 - 9:30	Packaging & Shipping - Shellee Smith/Jessica Gould	Shellee Smith/Jessica Gould
			9:30-9:45	Break	
Classroom 2		8:30 - 9:30	LEAN - Denise O'Conner	Denise O'Conner	
		9:30-9:45	Break		
Classroom 1		9:45-10:45	Collavision Digital Pathology - Scott Durbar	Scott Durbar	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
Classroom 2		9:45-10:45	Alaska Health Information Exchange - Bill Sorrels	Bill Sorrels	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
Sunday 4/10		Classroom 1	8:30 - 9:30	Third World Lab Medicine - Scott Durbar	Scott Durbar
			9:30-9:45	Break	
	Classroom 2	8:30 - 9:30	Phlebotomy - Steve Pyle UAA	Steve Pyle UAA	
		9:30-9:45	Break		
	Classroom 1	9:45-10:45	Emerging Infectious Disease - Beatrice Pettit/ARUP	Beatrice Pettit/ARUP	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
	Classroom 2	9:45-10:45	Educating a Nephrologist - Dr. Thomas Wood	Dr. Thomas Wood	
		10:45-11:00	Break		
	Monday 4/11	Classroom 1	8:30 - 9:30	Warlike Blood Management - Kristine Furnia	Kristine Furnia
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### Entertainment:

**Don't miss signing up for our exciting social event.** We will have dinner at the Sour Dough Mining Company. A bus will provide transportation to and from the hotel. After the dinner, *Dance with Aksana*, will provide lively entertainment at the Wild Berry Theatre (just across the street from the Sour Dough Mining Company). Experience the thrill of watching American Tribal Style of Bellydance, Brazilian/African Dance, and Oriental Bellydance.



You can go to the website [www.dancewithaksana.com](http://www.dancewithaksana.com) for more information.

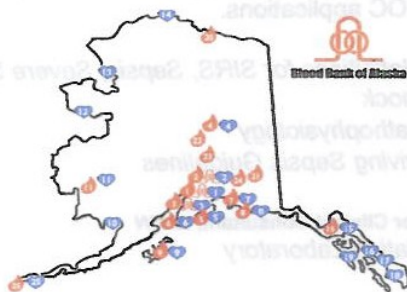
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### For those from out of town:

The downtown Hilton (the conference site) has offered reduced rates for participants attending the CLSA conference. The room rate is \$95 Single/Double, \$115 Triple, \$145 Quad. The link to reserve your hotel is: [www.hiltonanchorage.com](http://www.hiltonanchorage.com). Enter 'CLSA' in the group/convention code or call 1-800-245-2527 and ask for the 'Clinical Lab Scientists' rate. Reservations must be made by March 23, 2011 in order to receive this rate.

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### Blood Bank of Alaska:



#### Save a Life - Give Blood Thursday, April 7

Approximately 3000 people must donate blood each month for the Blood Bank of Alaska (BBA) to assure an adequate supply for our local hospitals. Consider becoming a blood donor. The Blood Mobile will be in the main parking lot across from the Hilton to collect donations from conference attendees. Isn't it time you became a donor?

Following are open positions for this coming election to be held in May. All those elected will assume their responsibilities starting August 1, 2011. All members are encouraged to review the openings to see which might be a good fit for them. Any questions can be directed to Gloria Tomich, [afgak@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afgak@uaa.alaska.edu), or Jill Jefson, [jjefson@pci.net](mailto:jjefson@pci.net).

### President-Elect

This is a 1 year mentored position to prepare for the duties of President. This elected position attends as many CLSA Board meetings as able to learn about current activities of the state organization. CLSA sends this person to the ASCLS conference where President-Elect seminars provide information and activities of the national organization. This position also serves as a member of the Region IX Council and as a member of the ASCLS President's Council at the ASCLS Annual Meeting.

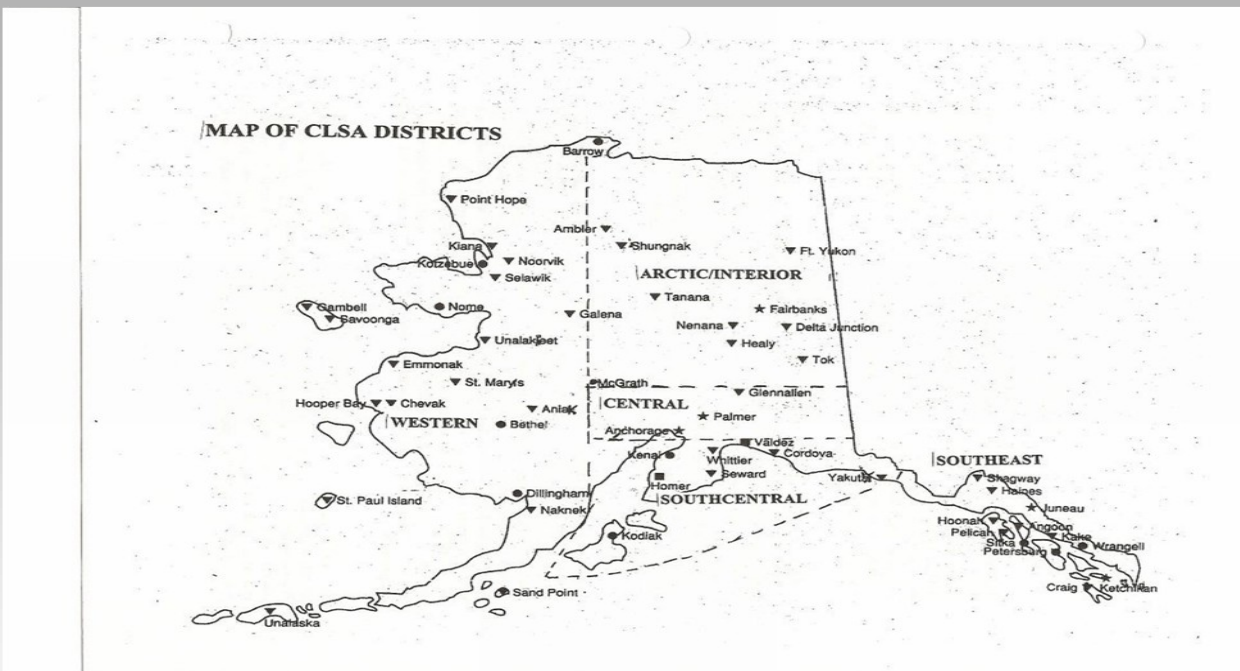
Qualifications: The President-Elect must have been an active or emeritus member of this association for at least one year immediately prior to election to this office.

### District Directors: Arctic Interior and South East

District Directors represent the constituents of their area at the Board meetings for policies and activities of CLSA. The 5 Directors are the Scholarship Committee which reviews applications and selects recipients for either of the CLSA scholarships. The term is for 3 years and may be re-elected for additional terms.

Qualifications: The District Director must be an active or emeritus member of this Society for at least one year prior to election to this office. The District Director must reside within the limited geographical area they represent.

\*\*\* we also need a volunteer to complete the term of Central Director starting August 1, 2011.



# Membership

## Secretary

The main duties of the Secretary are to participate in and record minutes for CLSA Board of Director's meetings and the CLSA Annual Business meeting. The Secretary has voting privileges for all items brought up during the meetings of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall be elected for a term of two years. He/she may be re-elected for additional terms.

Qualifications: The Secretary must be an active or emeritus member of CLSA for at least one year prior to election into the office.

## First Year Professional

This position is a voting member of the CLSA Board of Directors and should attend as many Board meetings as able. The main duty is to represent the needs and ideas of new professionals as they start their career in laboratory medicine and encourage membership and involvement of other new professionals in CLSA/ASCLS. The term is 2 years. CLSA supports the sending of this person to attend the ASCLS conference and to be a delegate in the House of Delegates.

Qualifications: Any CLSA member who has been in the profession 5 years or less including but not limited to the outgoing student representative.

## Nominations & Elections – 2 members needed

The individuals elected to this position will assist the Nominations & Elections Chair with the election process and counting of votes. The elected members shall serve for one year and may be re-elected for one additional term

## Current Leadership Roster

<b>Board Members</b>			
<b>President</b>	Gloria Tomich	<b>Arctic/ Interior Region District Director</b>	Teresa Johnson (2007-2010)
<b>President-Elect</b>	Constance Stager	<b>Central Region District Director</b>	Kim Ruechel (2009-2012)
<b>Past President</b>	B. J. Anderson	<b>South Central Region District Director</b>	Greg Davis (2009-2012)
<b>Secretary</b>	Tony Gregston (2009-2011)	<b>South Eastern Region District Director</b>	Betty Jo Whitcomb (2008-2011)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jill Jefson	<b>Western Region District Director</b>	Bill Doughty (2010-2013)
<b>First Year Professional</b>	Callie Ashcraft		
<b>Committee Chairman</b>			
<b>By Laws</b>	Shellie Smith	<b>PACE Coordinator</b>	Shannon Billings
<b>Government Liaison</b>	David Pierce	<b>Physician Office Lab Liaison</b>	BJ Anderson
<b>Historian</b>	Alicia Morgan	<b>Professional &amp; Public Relations</b>	Sheri Kulhanek
<b>Membership</b>	Mary Lashinski	<b>Scholarships &amp; Awards</b>	District Directors
<b>Nat'l Med Lab Prof Week</b>	Asako Mizobe	<b>Student Member</b>	Allison Theriault
<b>Nominations/Elections</b>	Jill Jefson	<b>Turn Around Times Editor</b>	Constance Stager
<b>Nominations/Elections – Committee member</b>	Toni Collins	<b>UAA Representative</b>	Heidi Mannion
<b>Nominations/Elections – Committee member</b>	Steve Pyle	<b>Web Master/ Education Coordinator</b>	Lorrie Seago

# Membership

## New Members:

If you are not already a member of CLSA now is a great time to join. Not only will you receive a discount on your conference fees, you will get these great benefits as well:

- Affordable, accessible, and up-to-date continuing education
- Networking opportunities with CLS (clinical laboratory science) peers at conferences
- A single strong voice for CLS in collaborative activities
- Monitor and influence actions in Washington D.C. and Juneau that impact the CLS profession
- Leadership development opportunities
- National Medical Laboratory Week and other public awareness activities
- Annual CLSA and ASCLS conferences with discounts for members
- Group rates on liability insurance and many other beneficial programs
- Professional recognition, scholarships, and grants
- CLS publications such as ASCLS Today and CLSA Turn Around Times

In addition, membership in a professional association distinguishes one as an individual who is passionate about their profession and involved in the promotion and development of that profession.

Want to join ASCLS?	
Go to: <a href="http://www.ascls.org">http://www.ascls.org</a>	
Select: Member Center/New Member/Join Here/New Members Join ASCLS/On-line Membership Application/Continue My Membership Application.	
<b>National Dues:</b> Professional I - \$99 Professional II - \$78	<b>State Dues:</b> \$15
<b>Professional I</b> Includes basic benefits plus the award winning journal, Clinical Laboratory Science	<b>First Year Professional*</b> (Full Voting Privileges) \$45 + State Dues.
<b>Professional II</b> * Includes basic benefits only	<b>Student</b> - \$25 + State Dues

## Student Perspective

Allison Theriault

Student Member

The UAA MLT club is, without a doubt, the most active club in Region IX. All throughout the year, they organize a wide variety of events such as fundraisers and blood drives, maintain active involvement in CLSA, and work hard to promote the profession. Every Halloween the MLT club participates in the UAA Halloween Night, typically hosting a cake walk. This year was a huge success; everyone had a blast and raised enough money to send all student members to a few sessions at the upcoming state conference.

The students also founded the UAA chapter of Institute of Healthcare Improvement. IHI is a club composed of students of all health professions, including medical technology, dental, nursing, public health, and medical, and strives to improve healthcare with monthly workshops and seminars dealing with common hospital issues.

Last spring they held a "Genes In A Bottle" fundraiser, where they taught children about genetics by helping them isolate their own DNA. The fundraiser took place at the UAA Medical Technology lab, bringing about great awareness of the profession. It was so successful that they are hosting it again, on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

I would also like to extend congratulations to Peregrina Robertson, the Alaskan student recently appointed at the Region IX student representative. She is going to attend the legislative symposium in March, and constantly finds ways to further student activity.

## National Medical Laboratory Professional Week 2011



American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
*Voice, Value, Vision*



It's never too early to begin making your plans for National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (NMLPW), which will be held April 24-30, 2011. Let ASCLS give you some ideas for how to celebrate the week and educate others about the important role you play on the healthcare team.

First, don't miss the ASCLS NMLPW Online Store, featuring various items with the official NMLPW logo for purchase. Show your professional pride as you sport the NMLPW logo, or consider purchasing gifts for your lab professional colleagues.

And, check out ASCLS' NMLPW webpage for 2011 for full information and background on NMLPW. This site also provides various tools and tips to help you celebrate and promote the profession during this important week!

Some of the items available for download include:

- The FREE Promotion and Planning Guide — includes many ideas you can use for the week
- A Life Saved: Lab Professionals Make a Difference video — ASCLS' award winning video that highlights the role of laboratorians
- The official NMLPW 2011 logo
- Patient Safety Tips Flyers — created by the Patient Safety Committee to educate patients
- Personal Pocket Lab Guide — created by the Patient Safety Committee for patients to track commonly performed lab tests
- Templates for purchase with which you can print your own supply of NMLPW Tent Cards and Magnets
- A link to the ADVANCE Newsmagazine Lab Week Tool Kit

If you have any questions about NMLPW, you may contact Joan Polancic, ASCLS Director of Education and Project Planning, at [joanp@ascls.org](mailto:joanp@ascls.org) or 202.367.1174.

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### Scholarship Awards and Grants Available:

The ASCLS Education & Research Fund (E&R) Scholarship Program supports education for students, practitioners and educators. One graduate (\$3000) and 3 undergraduate (\$1500) scholarships are available. Application deadline is April 1. Contact Joe Briden for application at [alphamutajoe@yahoo.com](mailto:alphamutajoe@yahoo.com).

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### Recruitment:

ASCLS wants your opinion:

The ASCLS Member Recruitment Committee would like to collect and compile successful recruitment techniques, ideas or social events used at state or regional annual meetings. **We invite you to complete a short survey at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S2\\_M6PP9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S2_M6PP9) by Monday, February 28th.** The information collected will be posted to the ASCLS website and shared with our membership. Please share your ideas with others in ASCLS by completing this short survey. Together we can show others the value of membership in ASCLS.

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### Activities of Region IX Student Representative

September 2010, marked the start of my journey as the Region IX Student Representative. The month after my election, I attended the 2010 NWMLS, during the symposium I met new people and attended my first Region IX meeting. I gained valuable information from the sessions. In particular, I enjoyed a presentation that emphasized the importance on how techs should be more proactive in finding ways to improve our services to customers. The presenter discussed simple steps to provide a prompt diagnosis saving money and resources for the institution, but most importantly reducing pain and discomfort to our patients.

Before heading to the symposium, I made an agenda of three specific issues that I wanted to address: 1) Investigate P.A.C.E certification for IHI (Institution for Healthcare Improvement) Continuing Education Courses 2) Finding out-of-State research opportunities for students and 3) Finding employers who offered loan reimbursement programs.

Courses that are certified by P.A.C.E have met the required standard for continuing education courses necessary for re-certification and licensure. I met Brenda Kochis member of the Continuous Education Board, to whom I presented my idea of providing P.A.C.E certified IHI CE courses. The conclusion was—that even though IHI is a wonderful organization focused on patient safety, the incorporation of IHI as part of Continuing Education for CLS re-certification is not feasible due to the generalized nature of the courses. The general subject of these courses makes P.A.C.E accreditation difficult and expensive to obtain.

Research is a way that students can contribute to our CLS community. At the NWMLS, I approached several faculty members from different educational institutions and discovered that research opportunities are limited for their own students. Trying to intermingle research opportunities for students from different States is not viable. In my agenda for future symposiums, I will seek research opportunities for students provided by commercial entities.

Ever increasing student debt is a major concern to many students. Employers that offer grants, scholarships and loan reimbursement programs to subsidize past debt are limited. During the 2010 fall semester, Elizabeth Bacom, from the Petersburg Medical Center, visited UAA and provided information on loan reimbursement programs. Students that are hired by the Petersburg Medical Center could receive up to \$10,000 to pay for their student loans.

I noticed that the upcoming generation will be challenged in maintaining our society. I was surprised at the lack of student participation from other States. I am currently working on a presentation “Learn about ASCLS.” I plan to email this presentation to all those students whom are not aware of this exclusive Clinical Scientist Society. Please let me know if there are other ideas on how to involve students

I want to thank CLSA for granting me a scholarship that reimbursed my expenses. Also, I want to thank those Alaskan members that attended the symposium whom made me feel as part of the group.

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### 2011 Legislative Symposium

An ASCLS tradition since 1989 members will meet with their Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill as a unified front. State representatives will receive a guided education in the "how-to's" of lobbying. Everyone will return home from Washington with first-hand knowledge of the political system in action and confidence knowing how they can make a difference.

Alaska will be represented at this year's symposium by Mary L., Dave Pierce, Holly Berg, and Peregrina Roberon.

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## Dates to Remember:

Legislative Symposium	March 21-22	Washington, DC
CLSA Annual Conference	April 6-8	Anchorage, AK
ASCLS Annual Meeting	July 26-30	Atlanta, GA
NW Med Lab Symposium	Oct 12-15	Lynnwood, WA