



ASCLS-ND

# The Connection

January 2012

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## President's Message

Alice Hawley  
ASCLS-ND President

"Hi" from the new Florida of the North – or at least that is what it felt like - until today. This winter really has been one for the record books. Years ago I would have been very disappointed to not have snow for Christmas but as I live for more years (I think Mary Nagel called us "seasoned" professionals) I was appreciative for the mild weather that allowed family to come home and not have to worry about that unpredictable winter driving. How about you? Christmas is over, hopefully the winter will be short (and hopefully no ND floods this year!!!) and the next big, "don't forget" opportunity to mark on your calendars is the ASCLS-ND Spring Meeting in Bismarck.

You know how it is – during the winter you never see your neighbors because everybody stays inside their cars, garages and houses. In the spring then it is time to get reacquainted all over again. Well, the ASCLS-ND meeting is kind-of like that – an opportunity to touch base again with fellow laboratorians from all over the state as we meet to experience some great education, some great vendor opportunities, some great net-working and some time to just hang-out with old friends again. Will you be there?

One of the most important parts of our profession in my mind is our recognition of the importance of continuing education. It was very interesting at the national meeting as we talked with representatives from other states in discussion about the issues of state licensure. Do you realize how good we have it here in ND? I am so proud of our laboratory professionals in ND. They are some of the best in the country. There are many states where the high standards we have put on our roles in patient care here in ND are unheard of. Part of that expertise in our labs is because our lab professionals pursue education and I am proud that ASCLS is one of the premiere sponsors of those educational opportunities.

So, will I see you in Bismarck? Do you need more CE credit for state licensure this summer or national certification? The ASCLS-ND state meeting can help meet those needs. Might you be interested in having ASCLS-ND come to your area to present some education? We have speakers who are willing and just need someone at the other end who is willing to help facilitate with a location, etc. If that is something that is of interest to you, just let me know – [alice.hawley@sanfordhealth.org](mailto:alice.hawley@sanfordhealth.org). Our goal is to help bring education to all areas of the state because we are a lab family and every one of our laboratory professionals is important.

Have a great winter hibernation and I look forward as we have the opportunity to "Spring" forward into another year of CE opportunity at the ASCLS-ND state meeting - and another year of being some of the greatest lab professionals around!! Here we come - Bismarck or Bust....



## Region V Report

Deb Rodale  
ASCLS Region V Director

### What's New in Region V?

Region V has an amazing group of very dedicated, talented, and giving ASCLS members. Whenever there is a challenge or a need, ASCLS members step up to “make it happen”.

**Continuing Education:** Region V has a long standing history of providing top-notch state meetings as well as the bi-annual Tri-State meeting. 5 years ago the Region V President's Council appointed a task force to evaluate the Tri-State meeting and to determine how to revamp it for the future. From that discussion the annual Region V Symposium was born. With the 2004 laboratory certification change requiring on-going continuing education, the task force felt it was important to look to providing more opportunities for continuing education. It was further determined that creating an annual meeting to be held the same time each fall would complement the Spring meetings held in the states. From the success of the first Region V Symposium held in Rochester, MN came the idea to create a “Destination” meeting where the Symposium can be held in the same location every year. Many Region V members have helped develop and implement the vision with our first 2 meetings, but a lot of credit goes to Lezlee Koch, who was instrumental in creating the vision, the theme, and the structure, as well as the tools that make it easy for committee members to follow each year. The 2012 Region V Symposium will be held in Alexandria, MN at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. This move will provide an opportunity to hold our meeting in a more resort-like setting. The Arrowwood offers a fantastic indoor water park, spa facilities, 18-hole golf course, mini-golf, horse-back riding, or opportunities to sit around a campfire or simply relax in their lounge. Come for the meeting, stay for the fun (Social Networking!)

**Leadership Development:** Several years ago, ASCLS created a Leadership Academy with the goal of providing an opportunity for ASCLS members to receive training that would help develop them into future leaders. The leadership Academy encompasses a full year of education and activities that include 3 face-to-face meetings supplemented with monthly conference calls. This is a great opportunity for ASCLS members; however the limited number of “slots” open to a large pool of applicants from across the country reduces the opportunity for Region V members to participate. There is also the cost factor of financially supporting attendees to attend the face-to-face meetings at the national venues. Seeing the challenge and opportunity, a group of Region V members have come together to create a Leadership Academy concept that would be available to Region V members and held within Region V. This will increase the “opportunity” as well as provide a more cost-effective solution. A special thanks to previous Leadership Academy graduates Shannon Jongeward, Jessica Peters, and Charlotte Romain for helping guide the development of this program. Additional thanks to JoAnn Nickles, Jean Bauer, Lezlee Koch, Dawn Michelson, Tracy Roth, Susan Lopez, Alice Hawley, Lori Hemish, and Jeanette Putnam.

**Legislative Visibility:** One of the greatest challenges in today's legislative arena is trying to get your voice heard in amongst all the other voices and craziness that has become our national politics. ASCLS has been at the forefront of laboratory organizations within the legislative arena. The ASCLS Legislative Symposium creates an opportunity for laboratorians to visit the Washington, DC offices of their congressional representatives. Region V has an amazing number of attendees at this event every year including many students who get an opportunity to see and learn about the legislative process first hand. Region V is also active in their individual states local governance. Licensure efforts were successful in North Dakota many years ago, while Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin continue their efforts. All this activity takes time, resources (people and financial) as well as great deals of patience.

Region V members understand the “challenge” and the importance of the “need”. Working together we can “make it happen”!

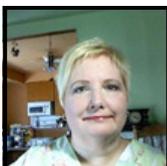
*It is truly an honor to be representing Region V in ASCLS. I enjoy hearing from our members (or non-members) and can be reached at [drodahl@earthlink.net](mailto:drodahl@earthlink.net)*

Sincerely,  
Deb Rodahl  
ASCLS Region V Director  
651-779-8906

## Member Spotlight

ASCLS-ND members are great at what they do, but they don't just do lab work! We're going to spotlight a different member every newsletter to give a face to clinical laboratory.

### Mary Bowder, Jamestown



Mary is the lab manager of the Jamestown Regional Medical Center, a brand new facility that went live July 31<sup>st</sup>. Originally from Alexandria, MN, she got her MLT degree at Alexandria AVTI before getting a computer programming certificate from UND Devils Lake and finally her BS in CLS from the University of North Dakota. She is a brand new ASCLS member that we're excited has joined our ranks.

Mary and her husband have one son, Seth who is 24 and a 2 year old Chiweenie dog, Clover. Clover is the real love of her life and Mary spends lots of time with her walking. Mary also enjoys riding bike, reading, and crocheting. One of her newest hobbies is beading which is evident at JRMC where nearly half the female workers wears a beaded lanyard made by Mary.

Mary and her husband will be moving shortly. The two just bought a new home and will be leaving the confines of Ypsilanti (a town of about 100) to their own quite home in the country. However, Mary would love to travel even farther. While she has not traveled much, she would love to be able to call herself a season traveler someday.

### Fun Facts

Gustave Eiffel, designer of the Eiffel Tower, enjoyed a successful career as an architect despite having dyslexia and a paralyzing fear of heights.

In a very early draft of Raiders of the Lost Ark, Indiana Jones carried brass knuckles instead of a bullwhip.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was so convinced the White House was haunted that she kept a vial of holy water on her nightstand.

The lion used in the original MGM movie logo killed its trainer and two assistants the day after the logo was filmed.

The face of Uncle Sam, the fictional personification of the United States, was modeled after a door-to-door salesman from Canada.

The famous red phone used by The President in many movies isn't actually in the Oval Office. It's in the [Pentagon](#).

*Is Your Information Up-to-date?*

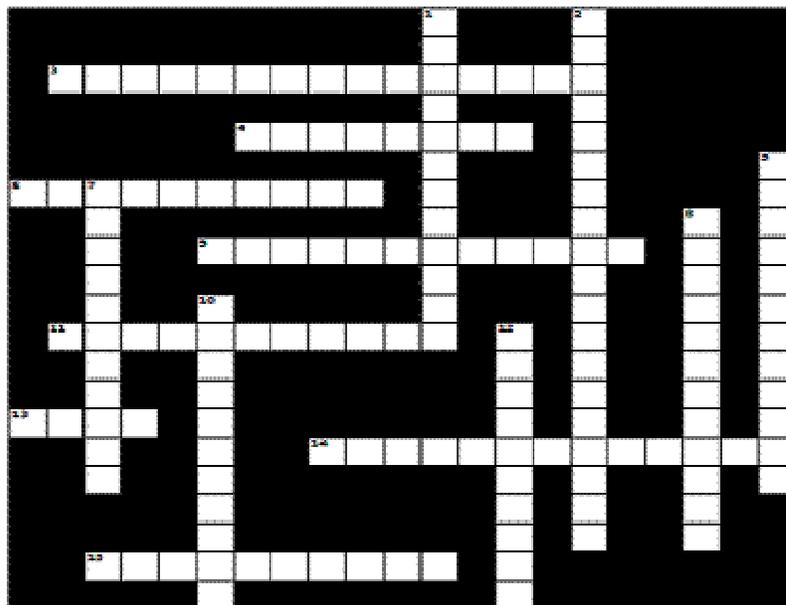
**Please take a moment to make sure your information is current. You can do this by going to the website at [www.ascls.org](http://www.ascls.org)**



## Student Report

Jennifer Wadeson  
ASCLS-ND Student Rep

It's official; I am now a licensed Medical Laboratory Scientist! After completing my boards this past October I decided that instead of the usual student report I would create some sort of fun review to help other students study prior to taking their boards. I was thinking that for each newsletter there could be a different department to focus on, so this time the review will focus on hematology!



- | Across  | Down  |
|---|---|
| 3 Factors 2,7,9,10, Protein S, and Protein C  | 1 Red blood cell feature most characteristic of pernicious anemia         |
| 4 Fused lysosomes that are seen in blast cells of acute myeloid leukemia                            | 2 Characteristic red blood cell morphologic feature in lead poisoning     |
| 6 Species of malaria with the highest rate of complications and mortality                           | 5 Cell fragments involved in hemostasis                                   |
| 9 Decrease in all cell lines  | 7 Cells that produce antibodies and lymphokines                           |
| 11 Neutrophilic inclusions found in patients with infections, burns, pregnancy, trauma, or cancer   | 8 Fragmented red blood cells found in patients with HUS, TTP, and DIC     |
| 13 Anticoagulant of choice for preparation of blood smears for manual differential leukocyte counts | 10 Denatured hemoglobin inclusions that are readily removed by the spleen |
| 14 Most common granulocyte in normal adult bone marrow  | 12 Cells that are tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase positive            |
| 15 Red blood cell about 5 um in diameter that stains bright and shows no central pallor             |   |

## Board Meeting Minutes: November 30, 2011

**Teleconference Meeting Attendance:** Alice Hawley, Toscha Larson, Nicole Hager, Linda Ray, Brooke Solberg, Leola Olson, Mary Coleman, Shannon Jongeward, Terri Hintz

### Secretary's Report

- Shannon made a motion to accept the April 2011 Board Meeting Minutes, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried and minutes approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- Deposit of approximately \$18,000 from Minot spring meeting.

### Old Business

- ASLCS-ND members providing lab education to those in our community not in the laboratory field
  - o Leola checked on options in Bismarck.
  - o Karen Peterson from UND has a contact at UND Center of Rural Health. They said they could come to our state meeting and discuss what they do and how they could support the lab getting out information about the profession. Board members should look at their website. ruralhealth@und.edu Center of Rural Health also has a speakers bureau.
  - o Altru, Grand Forks, and Fargo-Moorhead have speakers bureaus where our member speakers and topics could be listed.
  - o Terri had the idea to pursue through Grand Forks continuing education. She was working with Dak-Minn Blood Bank, considering maybe doing this next Fall.
  - o Could each board member identify someone that would be willing to present on a laboratory topic? Communicate a list to Alice by the end of December.

### Committee Reports

- By-laws – Leola
  - o Will review after Christmas.
- Government Affairs – Alice
  - o Shannon can continue to send out to members. Alice will check with Elaine to make sure she passes these emails on to Shannon.
  - o Would be good to post this information in each of our labs.
- Membership - Terri
  - o Membership up from 93 to 101 since September.
  - o Terri will get names of lapsed members and communicate with them by email or phone numbers and may ask for assistance from Board Members.
  - o Chris Triske asked if he could step down as area contact. Brooke will ask if anyone at UND is interested.
- PACE/Political Action - Mary
  - o PACE and online organizer renewal fee of \$325 is due.
  - o Mary thought it was fine to help other groups such as APIC with PACE but wasn't sure how many people used it.
- Publication/Newsletter – Shannon
  - o Next newsletter deadline end of December, beginning of January. Shannon will communicate who needs to submit articles.
  - o Nicole is working on a "member spotlight".
- Website – Nicole
  - o Did Board Members review their sections of the website? Alice will send out assignments again to make sure website gets reviewed for updates.
  - o Shannon suggested changing the size of the webpage so it all fits on one page and scrolling left to right isn't needed.
  - o Alice will be sending suggested updates to Elaine and Nicole.
  - o Terri suggested that the logo be added to the front page. Toscha will send the logo to Nicole for use.

### New Business

- Other Educational Opportunities
  - o Both Dickinson and Williston representatives have indicated that they were too busy this Fall to coordinate a meeting, but maybe interested in May or June
  - o Valley City may be interested in January or February
- State Meeting 2012 in Bismarck
  - o Subcommittees are meeting and plans seem to be "on track".
  - o There was a suggestion to do something for a community donation about the meeting – Alice will contact Nikki and Tara.
- Voting Online
  - o There would still be an election at the annual meeting but is there a simpler way to get all members to participate in election online?
  - o Linda Ray can check into how it is done at UND as they conduct online voting.
- Region V Leadership Academy
  - o Minutes from the meeting held at the Region V meeting in Fargo were reviewed - just in preliminary discussions.
  - o Wisconsin has chosen not to participate.
  - o Shannon would be willing to be on a committee to plan and develop. Shannon and Alice will report back to the Board on progress.
- Region V Meeting in Alexandria
  - o ND needs to provide a Vice-Chair and Chair of the Registration. Leola can help with registration but would like help.
  - o Region V Meeting Planning minutes will be shared with Board Members for review to determine if anyone is interested in helping with the meeting.
- Legislative Symposium – March 19-20, 2012
  - o Board Members decided to support the President-elect and First Year Professional, Terri Hintz and Nicole Hager, to attend.
  - o The society pays for expenses but each member has to make their own arrangements.
  - o State senators need to be contacted to set up appointments.

Linda made a motion to adjourn, Nicole 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Toscha Larson, ASCLS-ND Secretary/Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report

### ASCLS-ND Financial Report August 2011-December 2011

Submitted by: Toscha Larson

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$15,719.19</b>
<b>Credits</b>		
	Annual Meeting	\$18,100.00
	State Dues	\$185.00
<b>Interest</b>		\$5.64
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$18,290.64</b>
<b>Debits</b>		
	National Meeting	
	Registration	
	Airfare	
	Lodging	\$2846.25
	Mileage/cab	\$33.00
	Region V Meeting	
	Registration	\$100.00
	ASCLS-ND gifts/awards/memorials	\$30.42
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$3009.67</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$31,000.16</b>

### Answer Key For Crossword Puzzle

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Macrocytosis         | 11. Dohle Bodies  |
| 2. Basophilic Stippling | 12. Hairy Cells   |
| 3. Vitamin K Factors    | 13. EDTA          |
| 4. Auer Rods            | 14. Metamyelocyte |
| 5. Thrombocytes         | 15. Spherocyte    |
| 6. Falciparum           |                   |
| 7. Lymphocytes          |                   |
| 8. Schistocytes         |                   |
| 9. Pancytopenia         |                   |
| 10. Heinz Bodies        |                   |

# Laboratory Professionals Stepping Up to the Plate



**\*\*2012 ASCLS ND State Meeting\*\***

**Save The Date!!** Radisson Hotel in **Bismarck, ND**  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>

## It's a GRAND SLAM of speaker topics...

- "Oh to be Thin-Overview of Anticoagulation"
- "Making PSA a Better Marker"
- "Developing an Effective Competency Assessment Program"
  - "Cardiac Biomarkers: Linking Your Lab to Outcomes Based Practices"
- "Local Blood Inventory, Now and in the Future"
  - "*Staph Aureus*-This is Your Life! From Commoner To Super Bug in a Lifetime"
- "Key Compliance Challenges for Labs"
  - "5S: Strategic Safety Steps=Spotless Spills"
- "The Laboratory Evaluation of Fertility Markers"
- "The Current Status of *C. difficile* Diagnostics"
- "When Professionals Meet: Bridging the Gap Between Laboratory and Nursing"
- "Screening & Diagnosis of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus"
- "Service Excellence: Positive People, Positive Results"
- "The Nyankande Microbiology Laboratory in Zaire"

For more information contact:

- ◆ **Nikki at [nidillmann@primecare.org](mailto:nidillmann@primecare.org)**
- ◆ **Tara at [tabondley@primecare.org](mailto:tabondley@primecare.org)**

## Lunch with the Exhibitors!

**Tuesday (4/17) 11am – 3pm**

Beckman Coulter  
Becton Dickinson

Cardinal Health

Stago

Sysmex

United Blood Services

**And More To Follow!**

*Block of rooms available for \$91/night.  
Rate available only through March 15th.  
(701)255-6000*

### Become Involved in ASCLS-ND!

Nominate a deserving member or you may nominate yourself for an opportunity to become involved in ASCLS-ND. Nominations will be accepted until March 16, 2012. Please include the name, email address, work phone number, and place of employment of the nominee. Submit nominations by email (preferred): [lindaray199@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaray199@hotmail.com)

The following ASCLS-ND positions are up for election for 2012-2013:

**President-elect:** 1 year term.

- Becomes familiar with presidential duties to transition into the position the following year.
- Assists the President as needed and serves as CEO in absence of the President.
- Develops knowledge of past and present Society activities.
- Chairs ASCLS-ND membership development committee, and serves as liaison to LEND Advisory board.
- Co-chairs ASCLS-ND delegation at the annual meeting of the ASCLS House of Delegates.
- Prepares budget for the following year.
- Attends the Region V council meeting, business meetings, and ASCLS annual meeting.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** 2 year term

- Serves as Secretary at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all ASCLS-ND business meetings.
- Records and permanently files minutes for all meetings.
- Maintains a current list of active ASCLS-ND members.
- Receives scholarship applications from CLS/CLT students by February 1 and submits the applications to the Education Committee Chair.
- Maintains and opens checking and savings accounts for ASCLS-ND as necessary.
- Assures receipt and expenditure of ASCLS-ND funds according to ASCLS-ND policies.
- Prepares and presents Treasurer's Report to annual business meeting and at fiscal year-end.
- Assists the President-Elect in budget preparation for the following year.

**Nominations Committee Chair:** 1 year term.

- Serves as a member of the ASCLS-ND Board of Directors
- Solicits nominations for each available elective position via the newsletter or direct mailing to the member ship.
- Prepares absentee ballots and distributes to the membership two weeks before the ASCLS annual meeting.
- Prepares a display of the candidates' photographs and biographical information to be exhibited in the Registration area prior to the business meeting,
- Conducts the election at the ASCLS-ND annual meeting.

**New Professional Delegate (must be a person in the field for < 5 years):** 1 year term.

- Becomes familiar with issues presented to the House of Delegates.
- Attends all meetings of the House of Delegates and other meetings as requested by the chair of the ND delegation.
- Submits an article for publication in the winter issue of the ASCLS-ND newsletter.

**Delegate:** 1 year term.

- Becomes familiar with issues presented to the House of Delegates.
- Attends all meetings of the House of Delegates and other meetings as requested by the chair of the ND delegation.
- Submits an article for publication in the fall issue of the ASCLS-ND newsletter.

**Board Member at Large:** 2 year term.

- Serves as member of ASCLS-ND Board of Directors.
- Serves as committee chair and other leadership roles as requested by the President.

You may also mail nominations to:

Linda Ray  
10077 452<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW  
East Grand Forks, MN 56721

## ***ASCLS – ND MEMBER OF THE YEAR*** NOMINATION FORM

*To be completed by any member of ASCLS-ND*

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Membership in ASCLS for **five years** prior to nomination. Membership must be current at the time of presentation.
2. Nominee must be actively involved in the profession of clinical laboratory science.

### **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

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(name of nominee)

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(street address) (city) (state) (zip)

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(business phone, include area code) (home phone, include area code)

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(E-mail address)

**Please describe in the space below or attach an explanation of why the candidate merits the award.**

### **NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

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(Name of person nominating)

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(street address) (city) (state) (zip)

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(business phone, include area code) (home phone, include area code)

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(E-mail address)

### **MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION by Awards Chair**

Submit nominations to:

Leola Olson  
leoladlo@yahoo.com  
10909 Toulon Dr  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Current ASCLS-ND Member List

Members who have been in the profession for 5 years or less are highlighted in yellow. These individuals are eligible for the New Professional Delegate position. (Please note that with the change in the ASCLS Website design, accurate information has been difficult to obtain. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.)

Jessie Anderson	Georgetown	Terri Hintz	Grand Forks	Melissa Quam	Wyndmere
Liane Anderson	Minot	Erin Holdman	Grand Forks	Elaine Ramstad	Grand Forks
Stacy Askvig	Minot	Sue Hollister	Hunter	Linda Ray	East Grand Forks
Tanya Barker	Grand Forks	Bekki Holzkamm	Hettinger	Tammy Renner	Mandan
Vicki Bickford	LaMoure	Kelly Horvey	Ralph	Delilah Rosecrans	Fargo
Sonja Bloomquist	Moorhead	Raquel Hoskin	Maxbass	Kelli Ruggles	Fargo
Tara Bondley	Bismarck	Julie Hoverson	Cooperstown	Frances Sailer	Grand Forks
Linda Bossert	Minot	Catherine Janikowski	Bismarck	Janna Schill	Grand Forks
Mary Bowder	Jamestown	Haihua Jin	Fargo	Abbey Schneider	Fargo
Thomas Braaten	Hettinger	Shannon Jongeward	Grand Forks	Janice Schue	Grand Forks
Tony Breeding	Fargo	Jennifer Keating	Mayville	Heather Sease	Bismarck
Heidi Brosius	Fargo	Renee Kennedy	Fargo	Tracie Seibel	Bismarck
Nancy Buchholz	Bismarck	Toscha Larson	Grand Forks	Megan Shaffer	Sioux City
Wendy Bulman	Grand Forks	Joshua Lechner	Redwood Falls	Alexander Shepard	Fargo
Maria Ressler	Rolla	Kayla Lee	Park River	Bipin Shrestha	Moorhead
Romel Canapi	Rolla	Cheryl Lee	Jamestown	Samantha Silleck	Fargo
Denise Casey	Goldendale	Cindy Lien	Hoople	Daneil Sivak	Jamestown
Sharon Caswell	Fargo	Evonne Lopez	Grand Forks	Brooke Solberg	Grand Forks
Karen Cisek	Grand Forks	Judy Magnuson	Grand Forks	Matthew Sprague	Fargo
Daniel Clark	West Fargo	Laura Mastel	Bismarck	Amber Stola	Fargo
Mary Coleman	Grand Forks	Sandra Matthey	Fargo	Jim Svihovec	Williston
Mary Dhuyvetter	Noonan	Brandon Mauch	Fargo	Susan Tidball	Beach
Nikki Dillmann	Bismarck	Dawn Michelson	Fargo	Chris Triske	Grand Forks
Josh Ehrhorn	Laporte	Mary Nagel	Bismarck	Angela Jo Uhlich	Bismarck
Rachel Engel	Grand Forks	Jennifer Nguyen	South Sioux City	Catharine Villanueva	Grand Forks
Daniel Fastenau	Bismarck	Carol Nilles	Casselton	Jane Voss	Fargo
Chantal Faul	Student	Leola Olson	Bismarck	Margie Vossler	Bismarck
Jeanette Festvog	Rolla	Janise Pachnik	Grand Forks	Jennifer Wadeson	Fargo
Pamela Fitzgerald	Hazen	Ruth Paur	Gilby	Pala Waswick	Minot
Katherine Grosz	Fargo	Kayla Pazdernik	Grand Forks	Kelley Weber	Fargo
Linda Gylland	Fargo	Patricia Person	Fargo	Kali Weinand	Fargo
Nicole Hager	Jamestown	Kimberly Peterson	Bismarck	Kay Williams	Grand Forks
Patricia Hanggi	Horace	Karen Peterson	East Grand Forks	Renda Wilson	Minot
Jeri Hassler	Minot	Kevin Pham	Fargo	Lori Winter	Fargo
Alice Hawley	West Fargo	Garis Pollert	Northwood	Brian Wittkop	Moorhead
Angela Heinz	Dickinson	Robert Porter	Crookston		
Kelli Helgeson	Fargo	Mindy Pulkrabek	Bismarck		

## 2011-2012 ASCLS-ND Leadership Roster

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Preferred Email</b>	<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Work/Cell Phone</b>
<b>President</b>	Alice Hawley	Alice.hawley@sanfordhealth.org	701-282-2617	701-234-2482
<b>President-Elect</b>	Terri Hintz	thintz@altru.org	701-772-1388	701-780-5146
<b>Past President</b>	Leola Olson	lolson@primecare.org	701-258-5835	701-530-5700
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Toscha Larson	tolarson@altru.org	218-857-3303	701-780-1650
<b>Board Member</b>	Brooke Solberg	brooke.solberg@med.und.edu		701-777-2245
<b>Board Member</b>	Jim Svihovec	jimsvihovec@catholichealth.net		
<b>Nominations Chair</b>	Linda Ray	linda.ray@med.und.edu	218-773-8599	701-777-3687
<b>Student Forum Rep</b>	Jennifer Wadeson	jennifer.wadeson@gmail.com	701-799-8134	
<b>New Professional Rep</b>	Nicole Hager	nicolehagger88@hotmail.com	701-542-3337	701-952-4774
<b>Region V Director</b>	Deb Rodahl	drodahl@earthlink.net	651-779-8906	651-232-3224
<b>State Committee Chair or Key Contacts</b>				
<b>Awards</b>	Leola Olson	lolson@primecare.org	701-258-5835	701-530-5700
<b>Bylaws</b>	Leola Olson	lolson@primecare.org	701-258-5835	701-530-5700
<b>Government Affairs</b>	Elaine Ramstad	datsmar@msn.com	701-775-3426	701-780-5144
<b>Leadership Development</b>	Leola Olson	lolson@primecare.org		
<b>Membership Services</b>	Terri Hintz	thintz@altru.org	701-772-1388	701-780-5146
<b>PACE</b>	Mary Coleman	mcoleman@medicine.nodak.edu	701-775-3664	701-777-2652
<b>Political Action (PAC)</b>	Mary Coleman			
<b>Professional Affairs</b>	Elaine Ramstad	datsmar@msn.com	701-775-3426	701-780-5144
<b>Publication-Newsletter</b>	Shannon Jongeward	shannon@gra.midco.net	701-739-3484	701-780-5638
<b>Website</b>	Nicole Hager Elaine Ramstad			
<b>Scientific Assembly</b>				
<b>Chemistry/UA</b>	Alice Hawley	Alice.hawley@meritcare.com	701-282-2617	701-234-2482
<b>Microbiology</b>	Patricia Person	Pat.person@meritcare.com	701-280-0136	701-234-2112
<b>Lab Administration</b>	Sandra Matthey	Sandra.matthey@meritcare.com	701-297-9171	701-234-2481
<b>Immuno/Immuno-heme</b>	Terri Hintz	thintz@altru.org	701-772-1388	701-780-5146
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### Clinical Laboratory Educator's Conference

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### Legislative Symposium

March 19-20, 2012  
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