

Texas Association for Clinical Laboratory Science

TACLS News

TACLS GOALS

Christie Thompson, Ed.D., TACLS President

On Saturday August 14, the TACLS Board met at UT Southwestern in Dallas to develop the 2004/2005 TACLS goals and supporting activities. These goals and activities are included in this newsletter. Please review them and send comments to me (cthomp@falcon.tamucc.edu).

Planning the goals and activities for the year was the easy part – achieving the goals will take communication, cooperation and work from all TACLS members.

The first goal was:

100% retention of old members and increase membership by 50%.

To achieve that goal, we need some help from you. If you have not sent in your membership renewal, please do that now. If you know other laboratory professionals who are not ASCLS members, discuss the benefits of the organization and provide them with membership information. Share this newsletter, *ASCLS Today*, and the quarterly journal, *Clinical Laboratory Science*, with your co-workers. Share information from the ASCLS and TACLS web sites. If you want to help with membership development or have any suggestions, please contact TACLS membership development chair, Melissa Leaver, at mnedry@hotmail.com.

Remember this is your organization and the success of the organization depends on each member.

Goal #1 Membership

100% retention of old members/Increase membership by 50%

Activities

- Call lapsed members (Sept-Oct)
- Persuade all CLT/CLS educators to become active members of TACLS
- Move student members to FYP and PF1
- Contact inactive districts

Goal #2 TACLS Visibility

Increase visibility of professional organization

Activities

- Publicize change in ASCP certification and need for CE
- Publicize the career ladder
- Provide more CE in local districts
- Increase public awareness/support NMLW activities

Goal #3 Licensure

Begin Licensure activities

Activities

- Develop a personnel licensure plan for the next 3 years
- Increase PAC contributions

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Goal #4 Convention Activities

Support Annual Meetings

Activities

- Find a meeting site for 2007 – Fort Worth
- Support Corpus Christi meeting - 2005
- Notice about Corpus Christi meeting out by September 15
- Support San Antonio meeting - 2006
- Develop method to provide a state wide convention account.

Other comments/Discussion items from the board meeting:

- Update SOP/Bylaws
- Legislative Day support
- Teleconference Continuing Education Programs
- Newsletter articles/support
- Develop scholarship criteria for FYP and new PF1(2) members
- Provide a traveling seminar for Nacagdoches
- Hold a Region VII Meeting (Region VII includes Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arkansas)

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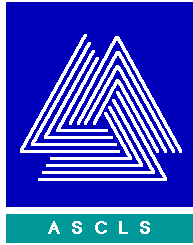
Sandra Cabrera, Convention 2005 Chair



We are planning a great TACLS meeting in sunny Corpus Christi this coming year. It will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2005 – Saturday, April 2, 2005, at the Omni Bayfront Hotel. Please be thinking about topics for presentations. A call for proposals will be in the next newsletter. If you would like to help with any of the activities please contact me at the following e-mail address: cabreras@falcon.tamucc.edu For program issues you can contact either Sandra Heatherly Program Chair at SandraH@cctexas.com or me at the above address.

Mark your calendars early!





ASCLS IN LA—What a GREAT Time!

Becky See, TACLS Past President

Your representatives from The Great State of Texas were worn out when we returned from sunny California and the ASCLS Convention. This year's convention was a huge success. It is impossible for me to review all of the exciting educational opportunities and seminars, so I will just touch on the highlights.

The keynote speaker was a forensic scientist who is a consultant for one of the best shows on TV, CSI. He described how he uses insects to investigate crime scenes. He was entertaining as well as informative. We also learned about Team Leadership giving voice to the ASCLS value – vision which excited the audience to go out and recruit members.

Now for the real exciting news, our TACLS website received the Constituent Society Publication for Web format. Kudos to Dave Falleur and Vicki Freeman for receiving this honor.

Also, the House of Delegates approved giving Dr. Red Duke and Dr. Juan Stern from Houston an honorary membership. Dr. Duke and Dr. Stern were instrumental in helping TACLS with our Public Service Announcement. They volunteered their time and energy to the project.

In many venues we discussed the ASCLS papers on the Career Ladder and Direct Access. If you have not read the papers, please go to the



ASCLS web site (www.ascls.org) and do so. Karen McClure and her committee have worked very hard on the career ladder paper and would like to hear your thoughts.

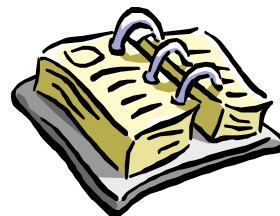
Our annual TnT (Texas-Tennessee Bash) was a success. The party goers had fun and we're ready for next year.

Your representatives need your help. It is time we begin growing our membership and spreading the word of TACLS and ASCLS all over the state. Please contact a member of the Board if you have ideas and would like to help us. YOU are TACLS. Make plans now to join us in Orlando in late July, 2005. There is a kid in all of us and in Orlando everyone can be a kid. See ya at Disney World.



Mark your calendar now

TACLS Fall Board Meeting and CE Program
Saturday, October 9, MD Anderson, Houston



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