

The Palmetto Probe

South Carolina Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

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Award Winning Professional: Deborah Brock, MHS, MT (ASCP) SH

By Tiffany Whittle

At the national meeting in Orlando, Florida, our very own society member and new region III director-Deborah Brock, was reward with a grant for her children's series "The Adventures of the Lab Explorers." The first Book in her series is called "Sometimes When You Feel Bad." It is about what happens to children when they don't feel well, go to the doctor and have blood drawn. It introduces four characters that work in the Lab and tells how they help you feel better. Each character will star in their very own book in time.

Deborah has done a fantastic job explaining our profession to children. She works at Trident Technical College, where as she is a specialist in hematology and teaches. If you wish to visit her site or order books please visit www.labadventures.com

CONGRATULATIONS DEBORAH ON A JOB WELL DONE!!!!

A Note from the President



"There is nothing permanent except change." (Heraclitus) I have always been resistant to

change, but the more I experience it the more I realize that it is ever-present and I have to live with it. I believe that most laboratorians are similar to me, resistant to change.

When I think of the Clinical Laboratory I see change all around me. There are changes in staff, changes in procedures, changes in technology, and changes in legislature. As a profession we need to be aware of all changes that affect us as Clinical Laboratory Scientists. That is where our professional society comes in. We give change a united voice and our vision as professionals. It is our collaborative effort through SCSCLS that brings about change for the betterment of the profession. Whether that means writing a letter to Congress about licensure or the shortage of professionals we have, mentoring a student that will one day fill our shoes, or even "advertising" our profession it is something we must do. I would like to encourage each of you be an active participate in SCSCLS, so that there will be a united voice of change.

And remember: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there" (Will Rodgers)

Tiffany H. Whittle, MT (ASCP)
SCSCLS President

SCSCLS 2005-2006 budget



Category Name	Totals
All of the categories not mentioned below have a budget of \$0	

Income	
210 - Active Members	830
410 - Advance Magazine	450
601 - Spring Meeting	1,530
701 - Checking Interest	7
FROM Janus Money Market	3,222

FROM Janus -Divinc	50
Expenses	
110 - President Exp	150
130 - Secretary Exp	50
210 - Membership Development Exp	100
220 - Constitution and Bylaws Ex	50
232 - Student Bowl/ activities	350
260 - Awards Exp	152
261 - Scholarships Exp-MLT & MT	1000
271 - Newsletter Exp	250
401 - Region III Dues Exp	300
442 - Ntl White Ele- PAC donation	50
501 - Reg III Exp	300
503 - National Delegation Exp	2,300
601 - Spring Meeting Seed Exp	500
710 - Postage Exp -Probe mail	500
Total Income	6,089
Total Expenses	6,052
Difference	37

Meeting Highlights

By Terri Leszczyszyn

SCSCLS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

Held: March 31, 2005



TREASURER'S REPORT: Terri Leszczyszyn reported and submitted to the group and the Board, the Treasurer's report. It was accepted and approved. The current balance is \$9227.62 with \$3,222.46 in the Janus Money Market account for a total of \$12,450.08. So we are stable and doing well. The income minus expenses so far for this year is \$1,796.61 but there are designated funds we must pay (especially from the National meeting this year).

The proposed budget was reviewed. Since we have no financial committee, Terri prepared next year's budget based on our history. It was decided the White Elephant gift for ASCLS silent auction would become a donation to PAC from our state.

COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarship: Ruby could not make it, so Michelle Mantooth read her report. Marcia Wood was honored for her longevity. Omicron Sigma paperwork was late to honor these individuals at the national

meeting but SC honored Mary Brecki, Traci Briggs, Deborah Brock, Flossie Rose-Drociuk, Terri Leszczyszyn, Janis Livingston, Vivian Smith, Ruby Sonnett and Tiffany Whittle. No scholarship award was given this year as no one applied. Keys to the future were Traci Briggs and Tiffany Whittle. SC also honored Janis Livingston, Frank Majewski and Darlene Raynor. The Donald O. Cox Vendor Service Award went to Van Stubbs who was very thrilled and surprised. Lastly, Tiffany Whittle was the honored SCSCLS Member of the Year and she deserved it, especially for this CCC work.

It was decided two scholarships (an MT and MLT) would be given out each year. Applications are Jan 15 for MLT and July 15 for MT.

Membership Development: We have about 155 members. It was decided that Vivian can no longer do this so Darlene Raysor said that she would take on this position – way to go Darlene. The students, PF1 and PF2 will still continue to receive the state pin.

Nominations/Elections: We had no ballot or ballot box this year. We also had no candidates for the numerous open positions. During the business meeting, we nominated and voted in the most urgent positions upon the nominees' agreement to the election process. Tiffany Whittle will be our next President, Crystal Atkinson will be the President Elect, Terri Leszczyszyn will continue as Treasurer, Web Master and Publications Chair, Michelle will continue as PACE Coordinator, Ruby will do Awards and Darlene will do Membership.

Publications Editor & Web Master: We voted to go back to sending a paper version as well as the web site one. This decision was prompted by numerous invalid e-mail addresses and a lack of satisfaction that enough people were being reached via this form of communication. We will send the *Probe* by third class and start with this meeting. It will go out twice a year so it can be considered for awards and will include a letter from the President twice a year. The budget has been addressed for this endeavor.

SCSCLS BOARD MEETING MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

Held: May 21, 2005

TREASURER'S REPORT: Terri Leszczyszyn reported and submitted to the Board, the Treasurer's report. It was accepted and approved. The current balance is \$8,798.35 with \$3,237.81 in the Janus Money Market account for a total of \$12,036.16. It was decided that we would take the profit check that we get from the

CCC and put one third in the money market and the other 2/3 in the account.

We discussed our reimbursement for mileage as changed to 40 cents per mile and the per diem of \$35/day will remain the same. (See SOP's for change.) We also decided not to waive the student membership of \$2.00 for SC.

SPECIAL REPORTS

CCC 2007 & Triennial: It is SCSCLS's turn this time. Michelle Mantooth will chair. NC (Dan Southern) will co-chair with Michelle for the Region III triennial meeting, which will be held at Springmaid in Myrtle Beach. Both states will pay bills and reap profits equally.

CCC 2006 committee has prepared new guidelines to become familiar (with our input).

Bereavements Joyce Lybrand's husband (read her thank you note); both of Flossie Rose Drociuk's parents; and Heather Grant's father.

Region III: Michelle went over Region III meeting notes, etc. It was discussed that ASCP has joined other

laboratory professional organizations in stating that you must get 36 hours continuing education/3 years.

Everyone, who has taken the exam prior to January 1, 2004, is grandfathered in and will not be required to participate in the continuing education mandate.

Michelle could possibly be Region III's new director, but has not fully decided as to agreeing to the nomination by Dan Southern for the position.

Delegation: SC will send Tiffany Whittle, Crystal Atkinson, Deborah Brock, and Nikki Moore to the ASCLS Meeting in July.

COMMITTEES

Bylaws & SOPs: No report. They are being put on the SC web page as a PDF file. The following were changed: mileage rate of 40 cents/mile; \$2 student membership fee; add memorials as bereavement items; addition of Lexington's Medical Center MT school; and officers up-date.

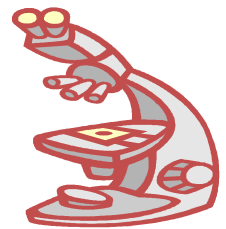
NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be scheduled and announced by Tiffany Whittle.

Fall Festival: A Harvest of Professionalism

Academic Student Center, Midlands Technical College - Airport Campus - Columbia, South Carolina - Friday, September 30, 2005

\$5.00 for Educators and Students

\$10.00 for Professionals



FREE for SCSCLS Members (current member or individuals may join the day of the conference at registration table-information regarding membership available at www.ascls.org)

Registration: Contact Tiffany Whittle, SCSCLS President: thw5303 at alltel.net - 803.359.0790 or Deborah Brock: deborah.brock at tridenttech.edu - 843-797-0094 by Friday, September 23, 2005, with the names and number of professionals who will be attending from your institution.

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Registration and payment

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
***Professionalism 101**: David G. Smith will address a variety of professional issues; Area Manager of Kelly Scientific Resources will be the featured speaker. He will provide information related to Job Seeking Skills.

10:30AM - 11:00 AM
Break and CSI Activity

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
***CSI: South Carolina**: A look at a few forensic cases from the Columbia, SC area

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
***Case Study Review:** **2:00 – 2:30** **Urinalysis**
 2:30 – 3:00 **Blood Bank**
 3:00 – 3:30 **Chemistry**
 3:30 – 4:00 **Coagulation**

Sponsored by the South Carolina Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (SCSCLS)

* All sessions have been submitted for PACE approval. The South Carolina Society for Clinical Laboratory Science is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E. program. Validation for PACE credit will be located at the registration table. Participants must sign the attendance sheet at each session attended to get credit. The program objectives are as follows:

1. To offer up-to-date sessions on topics in clinical laboratory science.
2. To provide a forum for interaction with other clinical laboratory personnel.
3. To improve professionalism and motivation within clinical laboratory science.
4. To promote the profession of clinical laboratory science.

HR 1175 E-mail

by Tiffany Whittle

Dear SCSCLS Member:

"First I need to introduce myself to you. I am Tiffany Whittle, your new state president. I would like to take a moment of your time to share some information that I have received from a fellow colleague concerning a congressional bill, HR 1175. It addresses the Laboratory Shortage Act. I would appreciate it if you would contact via mail at least one of the representatives I have listed below Lester's email. Just address the need for the representative to support the bill.

Also, below the bill, I listed what it is asking for; that we as a profession receive grants, scholarships, and loan reimbursement. In addition, it mentions the shortage we face as a profession as well national recognition for OUR profession. Feel free to pass this email to other non-ASCLS members. We are a team and **together** we can and will make a difference.

I appreciate your time and look forward to meeting you soon. Feel free to contact me with questions, and I will be contacting you again soon."

Tiffany H. Whittle, MT (ASCP)
SC ASCLS State President 2005-2006
thw5303 at alltel.net

Look for Lester's article in the next issue of MLO magazine.

H.R 1175
3/8/2005--Introduced. Medical Laboratory Personnel Shortage Act of 2005 - Amends the Public Health

Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a scholarship and loan repayment program to alleviate the shortage of medical laboratory personnel. It requires that the Secretary: 1.) When awarding grants and contracts under programs designed to increase the number of allied health professionals, give preference to assisting entities in expanding or establishing programs to increase the number of individuals trained as medical laboratory personnel; and 2.) To issue public service announcements that promote medical laboratory personnel careers.

It directs the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) and in collaboration with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to make grants for training to increase the number of cytotechnologists available for cervical cancer screening. It provides giving emphasis to training allied health professionals, for which Federal payments may be provided. Under a cooperative agreement or grant from the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, you can train medical laboratory personnel in disciplines in which more personnel are needed.

Email from Lester Hardegree:
Colleagues and friends,

Since I have not heard back from anyone to date, I wanted to share with you that I just got off the phone with Rep. Bob Inglis. He called me to discuss HR 1175. We had a good discussion for about 40 minutes while he was driving home from DC. The gist of it was that he had no idea that our profession was separate from nursing. He thought that we were nurses doing lab work. Thus, I had an excellent opportunity

to edify him about our profession and its education requirements/degrees etc. I now ponder if the other Reps. think the same. Rep. Inglis asked me to mail him as much info and documents about our manpower shortage that I desire to his Washington office for him and his staff to digest. I expect to convince him of the need to sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill. Do you know that many years ago the theme for National Med Lab Week was "The Unseen Profession"? Please help me to make a change in that perception (in at least our elected representatives). I need your help. Thanks!
Lester

Representative Henry E. Brown, Jr.
1124 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4001

Representative Joe Wilson
212 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4002

Representative J. Gresham Barrett
1523 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4003

Representative Bob Inglis
330 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4004

Representative John M. Spratt, Jr.
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4005

Representative James Clyburn
2135 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4006

Tiffany Whittle's Letter

August 12, 2005

Dear Member:

Jeff Knowls with Disney stated at the 2005 ASCLS Annual Meeting in Orlando, "You can't improve what you don't measure" As your new president, my goal is to measure and improve our state society with your help.

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Tiffany Whittle, MT (ASCP). I graduated in 2001 from the University of South Carolina with a BS in Medical Technology. I currently work at Palmetto Health Baptist Medical Center in the automated area that includes Chemistry, Hematology, Urinalysis and Coagulation. I work as a bench technologist and am the Clinical Chemistry Student Coordinator. I just recently joined the staff of Midlands Technical College as an adjunct professor of phlebotomy.

As we begin the new membership year, there are three things that I need your help with:

1. The National Board of Director has charged our society with identifying ways to protect patients through avoidance and detection of errors and how we, as clinical laboratory scientist / technologists, can avoid pre/post analytical errors. If you have suggestions, please e-mail, call or mail me your suggestions. (Need them September 23.)
2. Need your input in identifying ways to improve our society and the efforts of the society. Please offer those suggestions as well. This may include areas of concern that may be directed to our legislators (such as the shortage of laboratory staffing or licensure).
3. Please verify the information regarding your current status, addresses (home, business, e-mail), phone numbers, etc. Please notify me of any changes or additions. If your membership has expired—PLEASE—renew your membership as soon as possible.

Please place the following dates on your calendar:

September 30, 2005

8: 30 am to 5 pm
(12:30 pm)
Midlands Technical
College

A Harvest of

Professionalism
and
State Society
Business Meeting
(Conference Info
posted on ASCLS
website)

December 10, 2005

Time TBD

Location TBD

Business Meeting
and Fellowship
Time

April 26-28, 2006

Ashville, NC

**Carolinas Clinical
Connection**
And State Society
Business Meeting

June 2006

Date TBD

Time TBD

Location TBD

Thank you so much for considering the requests made in this letter and responding. It is through your voice and involvement that we can improve our state society. I



look forward to serving as your new President. If I can be of assistance, please call.

My e-mail address is thw5303 at alltel.net. My address is 2019 Beechcreek Road, Lexington, SC 29072; my phone number is 803-359-0790.

Sincerely,

Tiffany H. Whittle, MT (ASCP)
SCSCLS President

Remember state Licensure. Our state may join soon others in this fight! And don't forget our web site at www.octech.edu/scscls/welcome.htm

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

SCSCLS Leadership Directory for 2005-2006

Position	Name
Treasurer & Finance & Webmaster & Newsletter Editor	Terri Leszczyszyn NO YEARS LEFT
President	Tiffany Whittle
Past-President, Bylaws & SOPs, Nominations, PACE Coordinator, CCC Coordinator 2007 & Reg 3 Triennial	Michelle L. Mantooth, SCSCLS
Secretary	VACANT
Historian/Librarian	Ann Hosford Smith, MA, MT (ASCP)
Awards & Scholarship	Ruby Sonnett
Elections & Pres-Elect	Crystal Atkinson
Student Forum Chair	Unsure Traci Briggs
Government Liaison	VACANT Will E-mentor for this person
Professional Affairs	VACANT
Membership Development	VACANT
Student Coordinator	Pamela Ash
Area I Director	Shirley Adams
Scientific Assemblies	
Administration	Frank Majewski
Biochemistry & Urinalysis	VACANT
Education	Ruby Sonnett
Hematology/Hemostasis	Ann Hosford Smith,

	MA, MT(ASCP)
Immunology/ Immunochemistry	VACANT
Industry and Phlebotomy	Michelle L. Mantooh, SCSCLS
Microbiology	Shirley Adams

Student Member Scholarship Application

The South Carolina Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (SCSCLS) is now accepting applications from student members for a \$500 scholarship. The applications are for Jan 15 for MLT and July 15 for MT. The Scholarship Committee will judge all entries, and the winner will be notified in writing as well as announced in the SCSCLS Newsletter, *The Palmetto Probe*. Moneys received must be used for educational purposes, and the recipient will be responsible for submitting proper forms to the committee indicating that the scholarship was used for financial assistance.

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please complete the form in this mailing and return it, along with all other required information and materials, to the address below.



Ruby Sonnett
754 Dragoon Drive
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Please type or print.

Name _____ ASCLS# _____

Home Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Telephone (H) _____

School Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Seeking a degree in: _____ in year _____

Criteria for Scholarship Candidates:

I Statement of purpose:

In 200 words or less, state the reason(s) for applying for this scholarship. Please attach your response to this application.

II Letters of Reference:

- A. Submit three (3) references satisfying the following specifications.
- B. One character reference, which may be from clergyman, family physician, or etc.
- C. Two professional references, which may be from a teacher, program director, or etc.

III College Transcript:

- A. Submit a transcript including all formal education *following* graduation from high school
- B. Student Status Report: Submit proof of student status if not evident on transcript(s). List membership in Organizations, offices held, honors, awards, publications, etc. Attach all of the above to this application.

I agree that the scholarship money will be used only if I am attending a degree or certificate program in the state of South Carolina and maintain student or active membership in SCSCLS. I will return all money, which has not been used after a one (1) year period, which commences on the date of the presentation of the scholarship. I will submit proper forms to Scholarship Committee showing the use of the money for continuing education programs.

Signed _____ Date _____