

New Member Biographies

Michele Butina - Lawrenceburg, KY was nominated by Elizabeth Kenimer Leibach and Hassan Aziz. She is employed at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Butina has mentored many students first as faculty and then as MLS program director. She is a 2009 graduate of the ASCLS Leadership Academy and, in 2010, she was named ASCLS-GA Clinical Laboratory Scientist of the Year. She has served as ASCLS-GA District Director and ASCLS-KY President. She continues to expand her involvement with professional activities as member of the Region IV Leadership Development Committee member; ASCLS Abstract Review Committee member, co-chair, and chair; Integration of CEAC and Abstract Review Committee Task Force member (2013) leading to Abstract and Proposal Review Committee member (2014); and CLEC Program Committee member, 2007 and 2011. In the larger medical laboratory community, Dr. Butina has represented professional issues to members of the national legislature during multiple Legislative Days.

Lacey Campbell – Rock Spring, GA was nominated by Susie Zanto and Barbara Snyderman. She is employed at CHI Memorial Healthcare Systems. As the Student Forum and New Professional Board Member, Lacey brought the concerns of the students and new professionals to the ASCLS Board, and worked with the Board to address their issues. She works tirelessly on student and new professional fundraisers, and was a member of the New Professionals Committee Restructure Task Force. Lacey understands the importance of investing in our youth and enhancing the profession by providing scholarships to support educational endeavors. Lacey was asked to fill a vacant position on the E and R Board of Trustees, and she was a great addition to this Board. She also serves as the Host Liaison for the Annual Meeting this year in Atlanta. Her nominators referred to Lacey as an outstanding young woman with a huge list of accomplishments for someone so new to the profession.

Joni Gilstrap – Billings, MT, was nominated by Debra Shell and Susie Zanto. She is a Consulting Technologist at Billings Clinic in Billings, Montana. She has worked to insure the success of many changes and projects in Region VIII, especially the transition of hosting the Intermountain States Seminar to Region VIII, and the development of a successful Region VIII Leadership Academy. She has been active legislatively in Montana with testimony about licensure in the state. Joni currently serves on the ASCLS Board of Directors representing Region VIII. In 2008, she was named Montana Member of the Year.

Andrea Hickey – Dundee MI, was nominated by Suzanne Butch and William Hunt. She is the PACE and Membership coordinator for ASCLS. Andrea began her involvement as a student member and has chaired or been a member of a variety of state level committees. The year she was chair of the Annual Conference Committee, the meeting was an educational as well as a huge financial success. Less than 10 years after joining ASCLS, she was elected President of the then Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. She has been active in the legislative arena by attending both state and national Legislative Days. She has maintained a relationship with her state legislative representative. At the University of Michigan, Andrea was very active in promoting the profession working on our National Medical Laboratory Week Committees and encouraging others to join ASCLS. She has received state, regional and national recognition of her activities including the Key to the Future, multiple Omicron Sigma awards, the Michigan society's Pam Agren Inspiration Award and the Donna Duberg Mentorship Award.

Carey Loveland – Bath, MI, employed at Michigan State University, was nominated by Lynne Williams and Roslyn McQueen. Carey has been President of the Michigan society and Executive Secretary for the past 13 years. She single-handedly rewrote the Handbook for the Michigan state society,

and although not an educator, she chaired the Mock Exam competition that the state runs for students for the past 6 years. Carey is a passionate advocate for the profession, has actively worked with the Michigan legislature to promote licensure and has received nearly every award from ASCLS-MI that the society bestows.

Stephanie Mihane – Aurora, CO, employed at Kaiser Permanente, was nominated by Barbara Brown and Charlie Francen. Stephanie is a graduate of the first Leadership Academy and has been an instructor at subsequent Academies. Stephanie has taken what she learned in the Academy, shared it, demonstrated it, and lived it. Currently, Stephanie is co-chair of the national Awards Committee and being mentored to become the Credentials Committee chair in the next couple years. At the state and regional level, Stephanie has been involved in almost every position, including twice as President. She was named Colorado Member of the Year in 2009. She has also been active at IMSS which is now part of Region VIII.

Perry Scanlan – Clarksville, TN, was nominated by Suzanne Campbell and Bernadette Rodak. Dr. Scanlan is MLS Program Director at Austin Peay State University. He is actively involved in ASCLS-TN as demonstrated by his many positions at the state level including duties as chair of the scientific assembly, finance committee, membership, scholarship selection committee, new professionals, and annual laboratory conference co-chair. Additionally, Perry has served four years as a board member, president-elect, president, and past-president for ASCLS-TN. Dr. Scanlan is currently in his second term as the clinical practice editor for the *Clinical Laboratory Science* journal. As a member of the editorial board, Perry has also co-presented many continuing education sessions at the ASCLS annual meeting and the Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference. Perry served as a clinical practice manuscript reviewer for four years prior to his appointment as the clinical practice editor. In his short time as a laboratory professional, Dr. Scanlan has 27 professional presentations and 13 professional publications. His contributions to the promotion of the profession also include numerous public relations events. These include science fair and academic judging and public service microbiology presentations at Ft. Campbell.

David Thrash – Hattiesburg, MS, employed at Forrest General Hospital, was nominated by Scott Aikkey and William Hunt. Throughout his career, David has aspired to numerous leadership roles in all levels of ASCLS. On the state level, David has planned numerous State meetings, having been the Chair or Co-Chair at least 3 times while holding other positions in the state society. In addition David has been active on the Region III Triennial Meeting. This experience led him to be nominated to be on the ASCLS National Annual Meeting Steering Committee for one year. In addition to working on Society Meetings, David has also held numerous elected positions at the State and Regional level having served as Mississippi's State President, Secretary, Treasurer and as a general Board Member. David has volunteered outside of work and ASCLS at various Wellness Fairs and Blood Drives as well as given numerous talks and presentations. He has also received numerous awards and recognitions from all levels in ASCLS. For his activities David has been recognized with an ASCLS Board of Directors Certificate of Recognition for being the interim editor of ASCLS Today and received the ASCLS Theriault Award for the Development of Significant Materials in the Area of Media and Equipment.

Kim Van Ahsen – Des Moines, IA, the client services manager at UnityPoint Health in Des Moines: Iowa Methodist Laboratory was nominated by Kyle Riding and Renee Setina. Kim has excelled in her nearly ten years of volunteer activity at the state, regional and national levels in ASCLS. Kim was named ASCLS-IA Member of the Year twice – in 2007 and 2013. Kim has helped to advance the profession by presenting numerous talk on POCT for several groups, including CAP. Kim is a graduate of the Leadership Academy's second class from 2008-2009. Kim worked on developing an important toolkit that could be used by emerging leaders. Since her Academy graduation has served as a faculty member each year and advanced her activity with the Academy by becoming Vice-Chair of the group in 2013 and subsequently chair in 2014.