



**American Society for
Clinical Laboratory Science**

History and Organization of ASCLS-Montana

History

**“Those who
cannot remember
the past are
condemned to
repeat it.”**

**George Santayana
The Life of Reason
Vol. 1, 1905**

Montana Past Presidents

1971	Shirley Steinlicht	1995	Sonja Bennett
1972	Jean Gowdy	1996	Mary Ann Heagney
1973	Ida McKnight	1997	Donna Gollehon
1974	Francis Wright	1998	Susie Zanto
1975	Eleanor Griffin	1999	Dorothy Ahler
1976	Mary Minish	2000	Rhonda Craver
1977	Carryl Meyer	2001	Carrie Biskupiak
1978	Mary Minish	2002	Jeannine Pembroke
1979	Lynn "Fred" Buyan Williamson	2003	Brenda Hieman
1980	Judy DeVreis Koppang	2004	Barbara Hudson
1981	Ed Adams	2005	Carol Schneider
1982	LaMae Henry	2006	Brenda Flynn
1983	Ed Adams	2007	Dorothy Ahler
1984	Paul Lamphier	2008	Linda Masin
1985	James Schriock	2009	Joni Gilstrap
1986	Carryl Meyer	2010	Vicki Rice
1987	JoAnne Schneider	2011	Vivian Schaffer
1988	Bill Schulz	2012	Amy Steinmetz
1989	Pam Stewart	2013	Susan Keeney
1990	Bob Frisbee	2014	Ashlee Ketchum
1991	Deb Hanson	2015	Brenden Collins
1992	Edwina Wilkins	2016	Amy Steinmetz*
1993	Susie Pullman	2017	Amy Steinmetz
1994	Anne Weber	2018	Ashlee Ketchum*

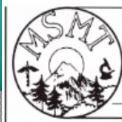
Logos over the years



Summer 1992

Montana Laboratory News

- Licensure Push
- New Logo Contest
- Printed minutes of Annual and Board Meetings
- Printed new members, births, board departures



MONTANA LABORATORY NEWS

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Summer • 1992

Billings Meeting Huge Success

Montana State Meeting - Brenda Heiman

The MSMT 1992 State Convention was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Billings on April 8-11. The theme for this year's convention was "Extinction or Distinction—Will We Survive?"

The meeting was a resounding success. A total of 167 people attended and 16 new members joined MSMT. Fourteen workshops were offered in addition to the five general sessions. ASMT President Judy Davis was on hand to participate in the Licensure Roundtable Discussion. She was also available during the cocktail hours hosted by the Licensure Committee. The Licensure Committee is to be congratulated on sponsoring Ms. Davis to come to our State Meeting.

The exhibits were also a great success. Over 30 exhibitors participated in this year's meeting. The

food was fabulous, and the games and contests were enjoyed by everyone. Ardell Lundgren, Great Falls, had the best "extinct" costume, and Shelly O'Connor, Butte, won with the best "distinct" costume as Diane Fossey. There were lots of other wonderful costumes as well. The Planning Committee made their spectacular debut as the Flintstones when they arrived in their "Fred-mobile". Numerous door prizes were donated and were given out during the exhibits. The Banquet was also well attended. Entertainment was provided by Troy Bohrer and Kim Stullberg from Billings.

We think our goals to educate, inform, and entertain were certainly met. We hope everyone returned to their respective laboratories and shared information and their experiences from their stay in Billings. Thanks for coming.

Idaho Hosts IMSS

Set your sight for a "FOCUS ON TOTAL QUALITY" and plan to attend the Intermountain States Seminar (IMSS), September 10-12, 1992. Idaho hosts this year's meeting and we're in "training camp" getting ready for the "Jackson Games". Our speakers are "pumping up" for a very dynamic schedule. The Social Committee is going "cross country" to provide lots of fun entertainment. CLMA is combining talents with IMSS for the first time this year



with a "medal winning" workshop the day before the regular IMSS meeting. BRING YOUR TORCH AND WE'LL MEET IN THE STARTING BLOCK! For more information, if you are not an ASMT/CLMA member, or live outside the Region VIII area, and would like to receive a pre-registration packet, please contact: Jamie Palmer, Publicity Chairperson, 1756 Northern Pine Dr., Twin Falls, ID, 83301.

Licensure Raffle Winners

The Laboratory Licensure Raffle Drawing was held June 6 with the following lucky winners:

- Carol Colgan Watercolor: Sue Casey from Helena
- Dresden Plate Quilt: Linda C. Davison from Helena
- Charging Bull Pen & Ink: Anne Harrell from Great Falls

Over \$2500 was raised to help fund the ongoing efforts for passage of the Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act. Thanks to all the supporters who donated, sold, and purchased tickets for this important cause.

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1993 – Licensure!!!!

HOUSE BILL No. 241
Introduced by Strizich, Franklin, J. Rice, Vogel, S. Rice, Ryan, Wiseman, Christiaens, Harper, Hansen, Kadas, Wilson, McCulloch, Driscoll, Harrington, Dowell, Smith, Eck, D. Brown, Cocchiarella, Toole, Squires, Barnhart, Simpkins, Menahan, Doherty, Wyatt, Harp, Tuss, Klampe, Raney, Bird, Rye, Simon, Bohlinger, Pavlovich

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSURE OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

This bill was received by the Governor this 13 day of April 19 93
by Marc Racicot Governor
Approved 4-16-93
Marc Racicot Governor

Governor Racicot signs the Licensure Bill



First BCSLP, Fall 1993

First board of
MT Board of
Clinical
Laboratory
Science
Practitioners
appointed



Joanne Schneider, Sonja Bennett, Kay Crull,
Dr John Pullman, Eileen Flynn, public member

Montana 1994 - 1999

- Feb 1994: BCLSP proposed first licensure rules
- June 1994: Board consolidation proposal killed
- May 1995: MT Board of Nursing rules that only "waived" testing is in the scope of practice of LPNs
- LPNs allowed to grandfather into BCLSP licensure; must obtain required CEUs
- Nov 1997: MSU allowed to implement a 3 + 1 program with UND
- Fisher Healthcare and NLTN Traveling Seminars
- November 1998: MTSCLS Webpage goes live

Montana 2000 - 2006

- Summer 2000: New Logo (COLOR!)
- September 2001: ASCLS-MT was host state for IMSS when 9/11 occurred. Anne Weber was General Chair of IMSS. Meeting was still held, showing the flexibility and resiliency of clinical laboratory professionals
- Spring 2001: MT Board of Nursing modify RN's scope of practice to include all unwaived tests. Lawsuit by MTSCLS that this was illegal denied by Judge McCarter. Appeal not filed.
- Spring 2003: Became ASCLS-Montana
- Nov 2003: ASCLS-MT Listserv established
- Summer 2005: PDs and SOPs written for all positions

Past Montana Delegations



Other ASCLS-MT Moments



Montana 2006 - 2010

- Spring 2007: Last hospital-based CLS program in state closes
- Spring 2007: MUS MLS Program approved by legislature; accepts first students in Summer of 2007
- Spring 2009: State Senate Bill 287 threatened the clinical laboratory profession. *Consumer freedom and access to services* was defeated

Montana 2010 - Present

- October 2013: State Legislative panel review of licensing boards to assess if licensing is necessary, and if Boards could be combined. Unanimous decision to retain the license and the BCLSP.
- 2014: Strategic Plan of ASCLS-MT under guidance of President Ashlee Ketchum
- July 2014: Susie Zanto is installed as ASCLS President, first national president from Montana
- Spring 2018: MMLS program is 10 years old, and has graduated over 100 new MLS!

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