



NEWSLETTER

Providing excellence in certification of laboratory professionals on behalf of patients worldwide.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Susan Johnson,
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This is my first message as Chair of the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) Board of Governors (BOG), and I am honored and privileged for the opportunity to serve our constituents in this role. I am excited to work with the dedicated volunteers who support certification and the ongoing competence of laboratory professionals to help deliver our mission to “provide excellence in certification of laboratory professionals on behalf of patients worldwide.” I am also appreciative of the opportunity to learn from our past chair, Susan Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)^{CM}. Thank you for your leadership in bringing several key initiatives forward in support of certification and the laboratory profession! More on these initiatives in the coming months.

As a manner of introduction, I am AABB’s representative to the BOG. I have been actively involved in AABB, most recently through the Publications Committee and serving as the Professional Engagement Program (PEP) Ambassador. In these roles, I am able to promote education and engage individuals, especially those early in their careers, to get involved. I have also served two terms on the AABB Board of Directors, giving me experience in governance. Prior to this new role on the BOG, I served for five years and was actively involved in launching the BOG’s social media efforts, starting with ASCP Board of Certification Facebook group. If you’re not following, check it out!

At the start of a new decade, it is more important than ever to continue to work to support the value of certification. This is one of the initiatives I previously mentioned, which was led by Susan Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)^{CM} and the Value of Certification Subcommittee, consisting of Dana Duzan, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Elaine Francis, EdD, Alexandra Harrington, MD, FASCP, Lee Hilborne, MD, MPH, FASCP, DLM(ASCP)^{CM}, Patty Eschliman, MHA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM} and Executive Director Patricia Tanabe, MPA,

MLS(ASCP)^{CM}. A Request for Proposal titled, “The Value of Medical Laboratory Science Education and ASCP Certification for Medical Laboratory Professionals,” was issued in December. Proposals must be designed to conduct research that examines the efficacy of certification and medical laboratory science education for testing personnel who work in clinical laboratories. The deadline for letter of intent submission is January 31, 2020, proposal submission is March 2, 2020.

The most important work of the BOC is done by the examination committees, groups of 6-8 experts in the various disciplines of laboratory medicine. These individuals contribute countless hours and effort into maintaining item banks that are true measures of knowledge and skills in the appropriate content areas. Chairs from each Examination Committee attended the September BOC BOG meeting to present motions to simplify and clarify eligibility requirements and provide a summary of their past year achievements.

Finally, at the September meeting, the BOG said good bye to Patty J. Eschliman, MHA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, David Chhieng, MD, FASCP and Lee Hilborne, MD, MPH, FASCP, DLM(ASCP)^{CM}, all actively involved members of the BOG who will be greatly missed. Kathy Hansen, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Scott E. Aikey, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM}, Sui Zee, MD, FASCP, Helen Bixenman, MBA/H^{CM}, CHC, CG(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM}QMLC^{CM} and Susan Beck, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} received well-deserved Distinguished Service Awards for their many years of service on the BOG. We look forward to working with new Board members, Dana Altenburger, MD, FASCP, Geoffrey Allen Talmon, MD, FASCP and Patti J. Walton, MT(ASCP) and with the entire BOG, exam committees, and BOC staff to support our certification activities along with continuing efforts to show the value of certified laboratory professionals to ensure patients receive the best quality care.

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UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The ASCP Board of Certification Board of Governors met in Phoenix, Arizona, from September 14–15.

Route changes and additions

Editorial changes were made to many eligibility routes to simplify and clarify language and also for consistency. Updated eligibilities can be found on the website at www.ascp.org/certification.

In addition, new eligibility routes were added. For both the United States and International Histotechnologist, a route was added that allows for someone with HT(ASCP) or HT(ASCP^I) certification, a baccalaureate degree and experience to be eligible to sit for the exam. In addition, a route was added to the Medical Laboratory Scientist, MLS(ASCP) to more clearly recognize military training for eligibility to sit for the exam. These routes are now available for application. www.ascp.org/certification

New BOC Board of Governors Members

The Board of Governors welcomed four new representatives at the BOG fall meeting in Phoenix.

Dana Altenburger, MD, FASCP

American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Fellow Representative
Pathologist with Advocate Health Care in Illinois

Amanda Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM)

American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Representative
Associate Director, Clinical Microbiology Laboratory and Associate Professor, Pathology at Loyola University Medical Center in Illinois

Patti J. Walton, MHSA, MT(ASCP)

Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA) Representative
Director of Laboratory and Pathology Services at Williamson Medical Center in Tennessee

Geoffrey Allen Talmon, MD FASCP

American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Fellow Representative
Assistant Dean for Medical Education, College of Medicine and Vice Chair, Medical Education; Department of Pathology and Microbiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center



Dr. Altenburger



Dr. Harrington



Ms. Walton



Dr. Talmon

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Front row (right to left): Dana Duzan, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Alexandra Harrington, MD, FASCP, MT(ASCP); Michael Sovocool, MHS, PA(ASCP)^{CM}; Susan Graham, MS, MT(ASCP)SH^{CM}; Laura Bilodeau, MD, FASCP; Susan Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Susan Johnson, MSTM, MT(ASCP)SBB^{CM}; Kathleen Finnegan, MS, MT(ASCP)SH^{CM}; Patti Walton, MHSA, MT(ASCP); Denise Anamani, MA, I(ASCP)MB^{CM}; Lena Spencer, MA, HTL(ASCP)QIHC^{CM}; and Dana Altenburger, MD, FASCP. Second row (right to left): William Finn, MD, MASCP; Catherine Gebhart, PhD, D(ABHI), MB(ASCP)^{CM}; Amanda Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM); Thomas Alexander, PhD, D(ABMLI); Vicki Freeman, PhD, MASCP, MLS (ASCP)^{CM} SC^{CM}, FACB; Elaine Francis, EdD; Linda Smith, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}BB^{CM}; J.R. Constance, MHA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Deanna Iverson, MHS, MLT(ASCP)SCT^{CM},HTL; Amy Groszback, MEd, MLT(ASCP)MB^{CM}; and Joan Polancic, MEd, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}.

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BOC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2019

The 2019 BOC Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) Service Award Luncheon on September 14, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona.

2019 recipients include:

Susan Beck, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Kathleen Hansen, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

**Helen Bixenman, MBA/HCM, CHC,
CG(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM},QLC^{CM}**

Sui Zee, MD, FASCP

Scott E. Aikey, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM}

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to volunteers who have served the ASCP Board of Certification for a minimum of six years, on either the Board of Governors or a Board of Certification committee. Awardees must have made significant contributions involving extra time and effort toward the BOC mission to provide excellence in certification of laboratory professionals on behalf of patients worldwide.



Right to left: Susan Beck, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Kathleen Hansen, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Helen Bixenman, MBA/HCM, CHC, CG(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM},QLC^{CM}; and Sui Zee, MD, FASCP. Not pictured: Scott E. Aikey, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM}

2019 BOC BOARD OF GOVERNORS SERVICE AWARDS

The Board of Governors Service Award recipients reflect the excellence and dedication of the BOC's 150 volunteers. It is through such volunteers that the BOC can fulfill the mission to provide excellence in certification of laboratory professionals on behalf of patients worldwide.

In 2019, four volunteers received the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) Board of Governors Service Award for their noteworthy contributions during their tenure as a committee or Board member. These honorees are:

Denise E. Anamani, MA, I(ASCP)MB^{CM}

Served on the Molecular Biology Examination Committee from 2009–2018 and served as Chair for 2013–2017 and Vice-Chair from 2010–2013. In 2019, she was elected to the Board of Governors as the Association of Genetic Technologists (AGT) Representative.

Virginia Q. Reyes, MEd, MT(ASCP)SBB^{CM}

Served on the Blood Banking Examination Committee from 2012–2018 and served as Chair from 2016–2018 and Vice-Chair from 2014–2016.

Lori A. Schmitt, HT(ASCP)QIHC^{CM}

Served on the Histotechnology Examination Committee from 2011–2018 and served as Chair from 2016–2017 and Vice-Chair from 2011–2016.

Jason A. Yuhas, CG(ASCP)^{CM}

Served on the Cytogenetics Examination Committee from 2009–2018 and served as Chair from 2011–2013.

ASCP BOC PROMOTES CERTIFICATION AND CREDENTIAL MAINTENANCE AT AAMLS

The 6th Asia Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists (AAMLS) Congress was held in conjunction with the Association of Medical Technologists in Thailand's (AMTT) 43rd Annual Conference May 29-31, in Ambassador City Jomtien, Pattaya, Thailand.

During the Congress, the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) met with a number of organizations and individuals from across Asia and staffed an exhibit booth to promote BOC certification and the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP).

Regional organizations—such as the Cambodian Association of Medical Laboratory Development (Cambodia AMLD), the Hong Kong Institute of Medical Laboratory Scientists Ltd. (HKIMLS), the Korean Association of Medical Technologists (KAMT), the Malaysian Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences (MIMLS), the Myanmar Medical Technologist Association

(MMTA), the Indonesia Medical Laboratory Association (PATELKI), and the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, Inc. (PAMET)—requested to meet with the BOC during AAMLS because they have been impressed with the ASCP BOC's growing reputation in Asia.

Patricia Tanabe, MPA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Executive Director, ASCP BOC, met with representatives from each organization and explained to them how certification will improve the quality of health care for patients and enrich the laboratory profession in their respective countries.

"An increasing number of institutions from around the world are interested in ASCP BOC certification," said Ms. Tanabe. "These organizations recognize the ASCP BOC as the world leader in the certification of laboratory professionals because ASCP BOC credentials represent the highest standards for quality and continued competency."

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AAMLS's 2019 theme was "Breakthroughs in Medical Technology" and included an impressive number of educational and scientific sessions on topics such as cancer immunotherapy, antimicrobial resistance, precision medicine and laboratory quality systems. Dr. Salakchit Chutipongvivate, AMTT President, said that the 2019 congress' primary focus is promoting and sharing medical science and medical technology knowledge. For Dr. Chutipongvivate, this means sharing advances in technology in Thailand and throughout Asia toward improved health outcomes for patients. The next congress will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 2021, and will be hosted by the Malaysian Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences (MIMLS).

BECOMING QUALIFIED IN IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY **Traci DeGeer, BS, HTL(ASCP)QIHC^{CM}**

One of the questions I am often asked at convention time and by histology students as they advance in their careers is, How do I get my Qualification in Immunohistochemistry? What is the Qualification for Immunohistochemistry, QIHC? The QIHC examination is for anyone who meets the educational standards and has the proper experience to perform immunohistochemistry techniques in a laboratory setting. Today, you find technicians/technologists and scientists in many different types of laboratories with qualifications in immunohistochemistry.

There are four routes to a Qualification in Immunohistochemistry. The first route is designed for those who currently have their ASCP HT or HTL certifications. Using this route, applicants need six months of immunohistochemistry experience. The experience can be in clinical, industry, research or

veterinary in the United States or Canada. It can also be in an accredited lab within the last five years. When I qualified for my QIHC, I used this route with the six months of experience.

The second route is for ASCP-certified technologists/scientists and specialists. The experience needed using this route is 12 months of full-time experience. This time should be a combination of a least six months of routine histology and six months in immunohistochemistry.

The third route is for ASCP-certified MLS and MLT laboratory professionals. This route has an 18-month, full-time experience requirement. The experience must be a combination of at least six months' routine histology experience and 12 months' immunohistochemistry. The fourth route does not require an ASCP certification, but

it does require a baccalaureate degree or higher. The experience required using the fourth route is 24 months. A minimum of nine months of routine histology experience and a minimum of 15 months in immunohistochemistry is required to apply.

Individuals with a QIHC have proven themselves competent in immunohistochemistry techniques. With the addition of companion diagnostic testing to the histology laboratory, the knowledge demonstrated by those with a QIHC is very valuable. That knowledge includes such items as QA/QC of control tissues, staining techniques, immunofluorescence and immunohistochemistry. The ASCP "Procedures for Examination and Qualification" brochure is a wonderful guide for needed experience when considering an application. I would encourage anyone with an interest immunohistochemistry to apply.

2019 EXAMINATION STATISTICS FOR ASCP CREDENTIAL

Exam Type	1st Year Certified	Mean	Standard Deviation	Range of Scores	Total Taking Exam	Total Pass	Total Fail	1st Time CAAHEP/NAACLS Pass	2019 Certified
MLS	1931	483	117	100 923	5,093	3,827 75%	1,266 25%	3,172 85%	270,112
MLT	1969	496	130	100 981	3,341	2,562 77%	779 23%	2,333 83%	101,778
PBT	1989	551	114	143 924	3,022	2,714 90%	308 10%	464 95%	66,802
BB	1983	435	96	154 700	125	75 60%	50 40%		3,491
SBB	1954	406	117	144 703	174	92 53%	82 47%	52 68%	5,894
C	1948	392	99	100 772	238	102 43%	136 57%		5,573
SC	1954	445	112	244 694	39	25 64%	14 36%		1,849
CT	1957	516	121	251 775	113	93 82%	20 18%	86 89%	16,282
SCT	1959	492	92	229 570	11	10 91%	1 9%		718
CG	2009	450	89	262 736	170	121 71%	49 29%	19 86%	4,528
DLM	1989	395	80	220 567	45	22 49%	23 51%		1,102
DPT	2003	470	48	385 538	14	13 93%	1 7%		402
H	1971	461	129	113 706	98	69 70%	29 30%		3,916
SH	1968	418	118	200 657	47	27 57%	20 43%		2,794
HT	1948	444	125	100 787	642	397 62%	228 36%	202 70%	26,043
HTL	1980	445	109	101 803	390	267 68%	123 32%	100 83%	5,051
M	1948	416	119	122 744	231	127 55%	104 45%		6,701
SM	1953	395	88	185 682	60	25 42%	35 58%		3,310
MB	2003	494	117	100 872	560	443 79%	117 21%	71 96%	5,393
SMB1	2018	320	106	117 639	46	7 15%	39 85%		9
MLA	2016	430	110	248 849	86	42 49%	44 51%	2 40%	154
PA	2005	569	101	320 858	146	138 95%	8 5%	134 97%	2,552
SCYM	2017	436	139	237 763	53	22 42%	31 58%		970
Other									25,532
TOTAL					14,744	11,220 76%	3,524 24%	6,635 84%	560,956

¹SMB began administering in January 2018

Blue shading denotes all candidates who took exam through CAAHEP/NAACLS eligibility routes.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: ELLEN GOESE

Ellen Goese just celebrated one year with the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC). Starting as an administrative assistant, Ms. Goese now works as an evaluator for the Continuing Maintenance Program (CMP).

Growing up in Chicago's western suburbs, Ms. Goese studied at DePaul University where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and women's and gender studies and a master's degree in women's and gender studies. We took a few moments to get to know Ms. Goese with the following interview:

BOC: What was the most interesting job you've ever had?

EG: My previous job was with a mental health organization. I provided services to people who have severe mental illnesses. I learned a lot from it and have some interesting stories from working there.

BOC: Do you have any hobbies or outside interests, or what is your favorite thing to do when not working?

EG: I do a lot of karaoke. I enjoy singing, as well as playing guitar and piano. I also study astrology and know a great deal about it. (I am a Capricorn, by the way).

BOC: Give us one interesting fact about you.

EG: After starting my job at ASCP, I discovered that my grandmother was certified by ASCP. I also learned that my mom previously worked in our office space when it

was owned by Arthur Andersen LLP. It seems that my family was connected to ASCP before I started here.

BOC: What was the best advice you've ever received?

EG: My grandmother told me to do everything that I wish to accomplish before I settle down. She has always encouraged me to stay true to myself and not to give up my dreams or career for someone else.

BOC: What are you passionate about?

EG: Social justice is very important to me. I want to fight for causes that are feminist, anti-racist, pro-LGBTQ, and support all marginalized communities. I hope that in some way I can make this world better for all people.

BOC: Where's your favorite place in the world?

EG: I visited Ireland over the summer, and I have become a bit obsessed with it. I hope to go back again someday soon.

BOC: What are you currently watching on Netflix?

EG: I'm currently watching season three of *The Crown*.

BOC: What are some of your pet peeves?

EG: Poor etiquette on public transit. The Chicago transit system is bad enough without people blocking the door, blasting music on the train, or taking up extra seats with their bags.



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American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
February 27-29 | Orlando, FL

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AACC
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Fort Lauderdale, FL

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