

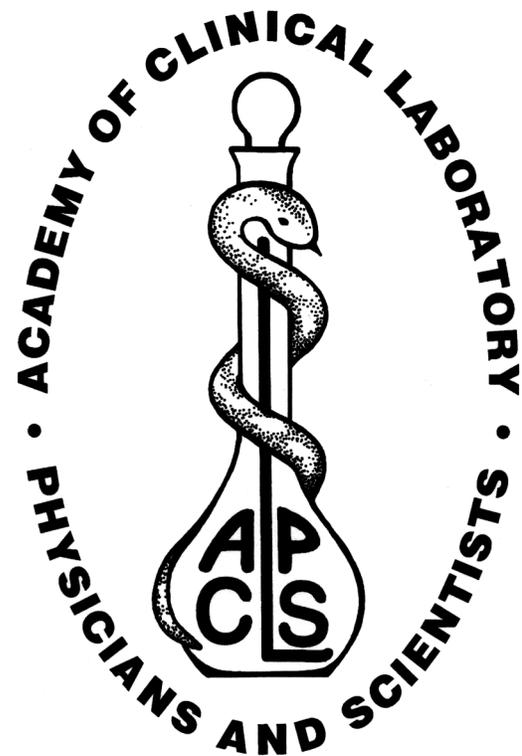
PRESIDENT'S LETTER —Marisa B. Marques

Dear ACLPS members:

It is my honor to have been elected ACLPS President this year, 20 years since my first meeting in Saint Louis. At that time, I was a Pathology resident at UAB and had recently realized that Clinical Pathology or Laboratory Medicine was the right fit for me. Today, I am very convinced that I made the right career choice. I hope our current resident members are able to also find their passion and follow it. From my part, my goal as ACLPS President is to help increase awareness of clinical pathologists and PhD clinical scientists' work, and how we contribute to patient care, even if mostly from behind the scenes. In fact, I would like to urge everyone to show on stage as often as needed, to be proactive in their work environment and reach out to clinical colleagues, fellows, residents, students, or whoever uses the clinical laboratory. What we can offer will surely affect how diagnoses are made or patients are managed. Most people will welcome and thank you for the advice. Better yet, everyone will learn something, including ourselves, and do even better the next time.

First, let me remind you that ACLPS is a small organization of people committed to our field and willing to share their knowledge. If you are not familiar with the governance and the various committees, or would like to volunteer in a particular area, check our website and find the right person to communicate with: www.aclps.org/officers.html.

Speaking of the ACLPS website, an ad hoc committee is discussing how it could be updated and improved. The chair of that group is Noah Hoffman from the University of Washington and he has a dedicated group of volunteers working with him. In addition to his Committee on Software and Website development, Karen Frank also created three others that are starting to work and produce results: The Committee to Design Contributions to the Choosing Wisely Campaign is chaired by Mark Kellogg from Boston's Children's Hospital, the Committee to Assess Potential Collaborations with Other Societies is chaired by Jonathan Genzen from the University of Utah, and the Committee for



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Enhancing Membership, chaired by David Jaye from Emory. All committees have had conference calls with the wonderful administrative support of Becky Lubbers from ARUP. I am very impressed with the work that they have already done in the three months since the annual meeting. I look forward to share their contributions with all of you in the Spring newsletter. In the meantime, if anyone has ideas, please feel free to contact the respective chair. I am counting on these ad hoc committees to help increase ACLPS visibility and recognition as an important player in the healthcare environment of today.

Along those lines, Karen Frank and Robin Lorenz (both ACLPS Past – Presidents) represented us at the Pathology Roundtable in-person meeting in July. This group of 12 Pathology societies includes the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC), ASCP, CAP, AMP, and the American Board of Pathology (ABP) to name a few. Most of the discussion items are very relevant to ACLPS members, such as recent FDA guidance on next-generation sequencing, liquid biopsy, the physician-scientist pathway, regulatory issues related to states and regions, and recruitment of students into Pathology. A report from Karen Frank was sent to all members on October 4th.

In the summer, we were also asked to nominate ACLPS members to fill two upcoming vacancies at the ABP. The Executive Council voted on two outstanding pathologists and we submitted their names last June. We are hopeful to hear that at least one of them will be asked to serve in this important body. Another recent opportunity was for ACLPS to continue our active role in the TRIG (Training Residents in Genomics), the highly successful initiative chaired by Rich Haspel from Beth Israel-Deaconess Hospital in Boston in collaboration with the ASCP. Jonathan Genzen (ACLPS Education Committee chair) identified Ryan Robetorye from the Mayo Clinic in Arizona as the perfect candidate to represent ACLPS at the TRIG group, and Jason Wang from UT Southwestern to work with the newly created UTRIG aimed at medical students. Thank you to all who volunteered to continue growing these important projects. At our recent 51st ACLPS Annual Meeting in Birmingham, the TRIG workshop was again very well-attended and the feedback was

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extremely positive. Similarly, we also appreciate the organizers and faculty of the Clinical Laboratory Analytics satellite meeting, led by Brian Shirts. From the number of people trying to get in and have a glimpse of the meeting in the over-crowded room to their comments outside the room, it was obvious that the program was even better than most had expected. Thank you so much, Brian!

Speaking of the annual meeting, there is a separate report in the newsletter, but I must state here what a great feeling it was to see so many of you enjoying the atmosphere and the sessions. We spent many months trying to ensure that all would go as well as possible. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the organizers did. As usual, the young investigators did an excellent job and were the highlight of the meeting. The other high point is also always the revelation of the Gerald T. Evans awardee during the banquet. This year's "lucky" winner is someone who deserves it very much from many years of dedication to ACLPS and expertise in coagulation: Jonathan Miller. It looked like he was happily surprised and many of us were proud to call him a friend and colleague!

There is much more happening at ACLPS that we will share with you once plans and activities materialize. Furthermore, I tried to avoid stealing the news from the committee chairs that have prepared reports for this issue. They all have exciting things to tell our members. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email me. As I said in the beginning, ACLPS is my home, the society that embodies the values that I cherish as a clinical pathologist.

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We are working to expand the input from all members for the direction of future meetings and initiatives. If you want to volunteer for a committee, let us know.

ACLPS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 3, 2016
University of Alabama Birmingham

I. Dr. Karen Frank called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

II. The minutes of the May 29, 2015 annual business meeting (included in Fall 2015 newsletter) were approved.

III. Report from Executive Council

Dr. Frank thanked the University of Alabama at Birmingham meeting hosts for organizing a diverse meeting with topics that met the varied interests of academy members. She gave a summary of ACLPS activities over the last year that included:

- The creation of the Paul Strandjord Research Grant program
- The use of an electronic abstract submission process
- The creation of four ad hoc committees (Choosing Wisely; ASCP/ACLPS Collaboration; Enhancing Membership; Software/Website)

IV. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. David Grenache reviewed the account balances, revenue sources, and expense categories. The financial strength of the academy remains strong. He pointed out the increased use of the Young Investigator Award Program funds for young investigator activities such as paying the meeting registration fee and limited travel expenses for award winners and the recently created research grant awards.

V. Reports of the standing committees

Membership Committee: Dr. Petr Jarolim welcomed the new members who joined ACLPS this year. He noted that as of today we have 290 active members.

Program and Finance Committee: Dr. Marisa Marques gave an update on the 2016 annual meeting and shared that there were 186 attendees that included 70 trainees. She explained that about half of the revenue comes from registrations and another half from sponsorships. She acknowledged the sponsors of the 2016 meeting. She thanked the expert assistance of Marty Simmons for her help with organizing the meeting logistics and Drs. Frank and Grenache for their efforts. She identified the hosts of the upcoming annual meetings and requested volunteers to host the 2021 annual meeting. She requested ideas for meeting proposals from the membership.

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Education Committee

Dr. Jonathan Genzen summarized the efforts of the Education Committee over the last year that included:

A co-sponsored session on body fluids at the 2015 ASCP meeting. He indicated that ACLPS will also co-sponsor a session on antimicrobial susceptibility at the 2016 ASCP meeting.

The continued publication of “Pathology Consultation” review articles in the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*. Since 2011, 22 articles have been published. He requested topics from the membership and emphasized that collaborative articles across the ACLPS membership and with trainees is encouraged. He thanked the members of the Education Committee for their efforts.

Continued active involvement of ACLPS members contributing questions for the RISE exam. He called for volunteers to write questions.

The creation of the Paul Strandjord Research Grant program that funded three \$10,000 research grants to Margo R. Rollins, Pediatric Transfusion Medicine Fellow, Emory University/Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta; Dr. Wade L. Schulz, PGY2 Clinical Pathology Resident, Yale University/Yale-New Haven Hospital; and Dr. Brenda B. Suh-Lailam, Assistant Professor, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. He announced that the grant program has been approved by the Executive Council for another year.

Dr. Angela Charnot-Katsikas, Education Committee member, told the membership about the “Pearls of Lab Medicine” educational service that is offered by the AACC and called for volunteers to contribute to the series. She encouraged the membership to share this resource with their trainees.

Nominating and Awards Committee

Dr. Harv Rinder thanked the membership for their nominations of individuals for the academy’s major awards and for committee service. He requested that members begin to consider nominees for the 2017 awards. A call for nominations will be sent at a later date. He announced the slate of candidates to be elected and called for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were received and the ballots were distributed.

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VI. Young Investigator Award Program Report

Dr. Neal Lindeman summarized the status of the Young Investigator Award Program. There were 31 young investigator awards given this year. He thanked the judges who participated in the abstract scoring and presentation judging processes.

VII. New business

There was no new business.

VIII. Election results

The results of the election were announced and the following individuals were elected into their respective positions:

- Alexander McAdam, President-elect
- Christopher Stowell, Executive Council
- Alison Woodworth, Executive Council
- Jim Gorham, Nominating and Awards Committee
- Christina Wojewoda, Membership Committee
- Josh Hayden, Education Committee
- Alexa Siddon, Education Committee
- Vera Tesic, Education Committee

IX. Installation of New President

Dr. Marques was installed as the 2016-2017 ACLPS President.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

LAB MEDICINE 2016 REPORT ON THE 51TH ANNUAL ACLPS MEETING

Marisa B. Marques
For the Local Hosts

We sincerely thank everyone for coming to Birmingham to make the 51st ACLPS annual meeting a success! We had almost 190 people from 47 institutions in 25 states, with the University of Washington with the second largest number of people – 19, only behind the host, UAB department of Pathology! Indeed, University of Washington accepted our challenge to host the meeting in 2021 and we are very thankful for that! While we followed the usual format of the previous meetings, we were delighted to collaborate with non-UAB speakers to enrich and broaden the program. Our goal was to include a variety of topics, from basic science to clinical practice, including “hot topics” such as trends in genetic testing, laboratory-developed tests or LDTs, direct-to-consumer tests (DTCs) pros and cons, newer anticoagulants, patient blood management, and diagnostic errors among others. In addition, the Cotlove Award Lecture on 35 years of HIV by Dr. Michael Saag from UAB and the Ellis Benson Award Lecture on red blood cells and the birth of immunology by Stephanie Eisenbarth from Yale, were masterful and inspiring.

Considering that most people associate Alabama with football, we asked attendees to wear their favorite jersey and enjoy themselves and their old and new friends at a Tailgate Party in the hotel terrace on Thursday evening. From the faces of those pictured during the event on the next page and the ACLPS website (soon to come), it looked like everyone had a good time. The weather was hot (June in Alabama, what else to expect!) but it was dry and allowed the party to go on until dusk.

For the breakfast on Friday, we invited UAB and non-UAB faculty members, experts in their area of Laboratory Medicine, to lead informal discussions at their tables (Breakfast with the Professor). Since this was the first time we had this activity at ACLPS, we would appreciate receiving feedback from our members. Please feel free to let us know if you would like this activity to continue and we will let future hosts know.

As it is our ACLPS tradition, we had excellent oral presentations by 58 trainees in 12 sessions on Friday moderated by a faculty member and a resident. During the mid-morning break, 29 poster presenters also sparked conversation and, hopefully, new collaborations. At the evening banquet, the young investigators were recognized by Karen Frank and Neal Lindeman. We also want to thank Neal for his dedication and time to manage the abstract submission and selection process. His new online system worked extremely well thanks to his efforts to make it usable for our needs.

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For the two dozen that got up early on Saturday, we appreciate your participation in the 5K run to benefit the UAB clinic for indigents that is run by medical students (<https://eab.path.uab.edu>). We were able to raise \$575 to help them care for their patients.

Last, but not least, we could not have put the meeting together without the expert and all-encompassing work of Marty Simmons. She was there for every small detail and question that we had to answer prior to, during and since the meeting. Thanks again to all who attended the 2016 ACLPS: “Laboratory Medicine: The Next 50 Years”, and I hope to see everyone in New Haven next June for another fantastic meeting that Alexa Siddon and Christopher Tormey are organizing.



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jonathan Genzen

ACLPS Co-Sponsored Session at the ASCP Annual Meeting

An ACLPS co-sponsored educational session was recently held at the ASCP Annual Meeting on September 14, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV; Mandalay Bay Convention Center. The title of our session this year was “*Antimicrobial Susceptibility and Stewardship: The Laboratory’s Role in Improving Outcomes and Quality of Care (ACLPS).*” Speakers for this session included Dr. Angella Charnot-Katsikas (University of Chicago) and Dr. Carey-Ann Burnham (Washington University). The Education Committee would like to thank these speakers for developing such highly educational and informative presentations!

ACLPS Grant

A call for grant applications is currently open for the **Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grant** program. These grants are for research relevant to clinical laboratory science, clinical pathology, and laboratory medicine. **The deadline for submission is November 1, 2016.** Additional information (including eligibility requirements, Applications, and a Promotional Poster) can be found on the ACLPS website at: <http://aclps.org/grant.html>.

“Pathology Consultation” Articles Wanted

The ACLPS Education Committee is currently recruiting new articles for the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP)* “Pathology Consultation on...” series of case-based review articles for 2017. If you or a colleague is interested in contributing to this series, please contact any Education Committee member, or send an email to the Education Committee chair (Jonathan Genzen; jonathan.genzen@path.utah.edu) for more information and article guidelines.

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Funding Announcement

ACLPS is now accepting applications for the

ACLPS Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grants

The Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grants are for research relevant to clinical laboratory science, clinical pathology, and laboratory medicine. Proposed research may be clinical, translational, basic science, quality improvement, and/or regulatory.

Grant recipients must either be **in training** (residency and/or clinical or research fellowship) OR **less than 3 years after their first faculty appointment** (any level) at the time of application.

*For more information and to download an application,
please visit the ACLPS website*

aclps.org/grant.html

Application Deadline: November 1st, 2016

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear ACLPS Member,

ACLPS is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Ellis Benson Award and the 2017 Gerald T. Evans Award.

The **Ellis Benson Award** is presented annually to a young physician and/or scientist (member or non-member of the Academy) in recognition of meritorious accomplishment in the field of laboratory medicine. Nominees need to be either under 45 years of age by July 1, 2017 or within 10 years of completion of clinical training.

The **Gerald T. Evans Award** is presented annually to an ACLPS member for outstanding leadership and/or service to the society.

Names of past awardees can be found on the ACLPS website (www.aclps.org)

In addition, we are requesting nominations for the following leadership positions to be elected at the 2017 annual meeting in New Haven:

- President-elect: the elected individual will serve a four-year term as president -elect, president, immediate past-president, and past-president.
- Secretary-Treasurer: the elected individual will serve a three-year term
- Executive Council, Member-at-Large (2 individuals): the elected individuals will serve a three-year term.
- Nominating and Awards Committee, Member-at-Large: the elected individual will serve a three-year term.
- Education Committee, Member-at-Large (3 individuals): the elected individuals will serve a three-year term.
- Young Investigator Awards Program Director: the elected individual will serve a four-year term.
- Membership Committee, Member-at-Large: the elected individual will serve a three-year term.

Please submit nominations before December 12, 2016. Send the name of your nominee(s) along with a current CV and a brief letter of nomination to:

Karen Frank
Chair, Nominating and Awards Committee
karen.m.frank12@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2017 ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted by Yale University in New Haven, CT from Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, June 17. The meeting organizers have developed a broad-based scientific and educational program, aimed at providing insightful and cutting-edge sessions across the spectrum of clinical pathology and laboratory medicine. Each day of the meeting will be associated with a particular theme: Thursday's sessions will focus on *Host Pathogen Interactions & the Laboratory*, Friday's will be centered on *Transfusion Medicine & Cellular Therapies*, and Saturday's theme is *Biomarkers of Immunodeficiency & Disease*.

In addition to these exciting offerings, this year's meeting will have a particular emphasis on early career investigators. The 2017 hosts are pleased to announce a novel session for ACLPS, involving the presentation of three 'research-in-progress' talks by the recipients of the inaugural Paul J. Strandjord Young Investigator Grant. And, as always, Friday morning will be dedicated to the presentation of Young Investigator oral abstracts. The hosts are also happy to announce that a dedicated space for Young Investigator posters has been created, allowing them to be displayed for the entirety of the meeting.

While the local co-hosts of the 2017 annual meeting are striving to create a stimulating scientific program, they also plan on showcasing many of the unique aspects of the city of New Haven for attendees. The Thursday evening Welcome Reception will be hosted at the Yale University Commons, providing a stunning historical backdrop while attendees feast on local foods and brews. The Friday night Awards Banquet will be held at the majestic Peabody Museum of Natural History, allowing attendees to tour many wonderful scientific and biological exhibits over the course of the evening, while enjoying eclectic food and drink.

ACLPS 2017 scientific/educational sessions, as well as attendee lodging, will be at the Omni Hotel in New Haven. The local hosts are in the process of creating a detailed website with program, travel, and registration information – this website will be linked from the main ACLPS homepage and should be available in late Fall, 2016. For any additional questions about the meeting, ACLPS members are encouraged to contact local co-hosts Chris Tormey (christopher.tormey@yale.edu) or Alexa Siddon (alexa.siddon@yale.edu). We look forward to seeing you in New Haven in June, 2017!

Our academy was founded in 1966 and currently has active affiliations with 70 of the approximately 150 academic and community training centers that train pathology residents in clinical pathology.

From its origin, it has followed the mission statement of being dedicated to the advancement of teaching and scholarship in laboratory medicine.

Trainee Travel Awards

The Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI) sponsors an award to reimburse trainee expenses for attendance at member society meetings. The grant program provides stipends for \$500 to support travel to selected individuals with an accepted abstract to the meeting. Information can be found at www.pathologytraining.org/. A Young Investigator name will be submitted for this ICPI travel award by the ACLPS YIAP Director following abstract reviews. Interested individuals are not required to submit any additional paperwork initially beyond the Young Investigator abstract.