

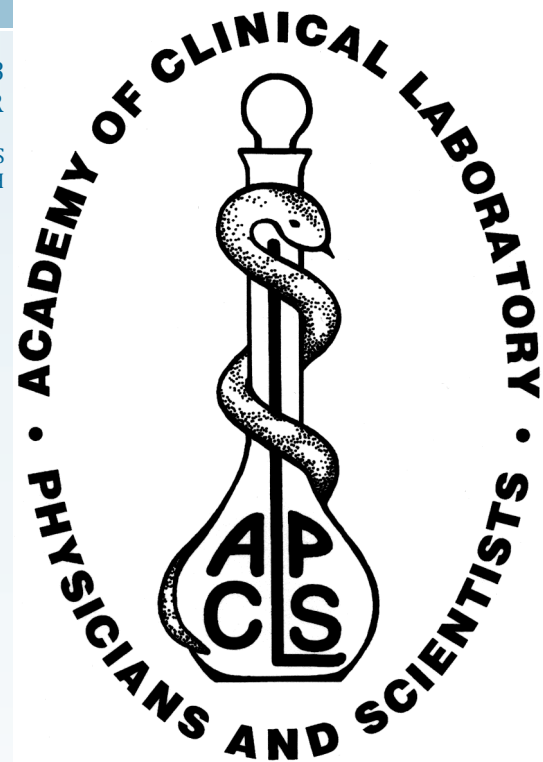
PRESIDENT'S LETTER —Neal I. Lindeman, MD

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am deeply honored to serve as the President of ACLPS for this year, and I am greatly looking forward to the opportunity to help to guide the direction of this precious organization. Like many of you, I expect, I am a member of somewhere between 4 and 73 different professional societies, and each of them has its own strengths and characteristics. For me, a big part of the charm of ACLPS is its closeness. We are more of a community, and less of a bureaucracy. Our meetings and working groups provide interpersonal interactions that enable *bona fide* relationships and partnerships to develop, and to transcend the immediate matters at hand. My involvement with ACLPS over the past decades has enriched me both personally and professionally, and it is my hope that it will continue to do so for all of you, as well.

There are a few things I have in mind as concrete goals for the year. As I mentioned at the annual meeting, my main goal is to maintain the health of the organization, and I'm pleased to say that we have an outstanding roster of conscientious and talented colleagues working on the Executive Council and additional working groups, committees, and task forces, that will ensure that the organization survives - nay, *thrives* - during this year, despite the strange suggestions I may propose. Please refer to this website (www.aclps.org/officers.html) for a description of these talented leaders of our profession, and I urge you, further, to look at the offices that are coming up for re-election, and considering adding yourself as a candidate. We want YOU, and YOUR ideas, experiences, and perspectives, to help shape the future of our organization and our specialty.

In more concrete terms, one of my goals for this year is to increase the involvement of ACLPS with other organizations in Pathology, and to try to harmonize our organizations somewhat. There are many different societies in our specialty with, at times, conflicting agendas, and I think the cacophony of positions espoused by our different organizations



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54th Annual Meeting

May 30—June 1, 2019

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

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has neutered our effectiveness, and rendered us vulnerable to external forces, such as regulatory agencies and payers, that seem wont to change the way we practice medicine. I had the opportunity to participate in the "Pathology Roundtable" on behalf of ACLPS at the annual meeting of APC this summer - this is a meeting of the leadership of most of the Pathology organizations - and there was consensus that we should put aside our differences for the benefit of the specialty. Along those lines, ACLPS remains a voting member of the "Intersociety Pathology Council," and also enjoys a new MOU for continuing partnership with ASCP (thanks to my predecessors, Alex McAdam, Marisa Marques, and Karen Frank). I am working on developing similar collaborations with some of the other organizations in our specialty, including the potential to offer sessions at other societies' annual meetings and teaching activities (and vice-versa) to maintain a more visible and active profile for our colleagues.

Another goal of mine for the year is to increase our educational activities for residents and fellows, and to provide new opportunities to engage with our junior faculty members. I will be working with Elizabeth Frank, Jon Genzen, Stacy Klutts (and anyone else who wants to listen) about adding an "education day" on the last day of the annual meeting, specifically aimed at providing teaching opportunities for junior faculty members, and providing learning opportunities for residents and fellows. Some have portrayed this as a "CP board review," and while I think there could be an opportunity to provide some of that kind of educational content at what is an opportune time for pathology trainees who are sitting for the board examinations, the goal I have in mind is richer in scope and perspective. I am excited to work on this, as I think it will be an excellent opportunity for many of our members who are still defining their roles between completing training and being old, and also an opportunity to showcase our specialty to trainees who might be in a department that does not place a high priority on CP training and, therefore, might not realize just how awesome Laboratory Medicine is!

Finally, I just want to thank you, again, for your efforts and interest in our organization. Anyone who has read this far down this newsletter must be dedicated to our specialty (or horribly bored), and for that I thank you, and we all thank you, sincerely. Please keep that interest, come to our meetings, join our teams, and help our specialty to live long and prosper.

Thank you,
Neal

ACLPS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 1, 2018
Houston, TX

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm CST by Dr. Alexander McAdam
- II. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from June 2, 2017 Annual Business Meeting, which were included in Fall 2017 ACLPS Newsletter. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- III. Report from Executive Council. Dr. McAdam presented the Executive Council report. Dr. McAdam highlighted the Executive Council's work to revise the Young Investigator Award program and ACLPS grant program to insure sustainability. ACLPS also recently completed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ASCP. The MOU modernized our previous agreement with ASCP, established cost-savings, and more clearly defined roles and activities related to the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP)*, which serves as the official journal of both ASCP and ACLPS. ACLPS has also worked to revitalize social media outreach, and now has an active presence on Twitter. The efforts Drs. Carey-Ann Burnham, Tina Lockwood, Suzanne Thibodeaux, and Yachana Kataria in this effort were acknowledged. ACLPS can be found on Twitter using the following address: @ACLPS_
- IV. Report from the Nominating and Awards Committee. Dr. Marisa Marques presented the Nominating and Awards Committee report. Dr. Marques requested that membership provide potential nominations for future Cotlove award speakers. She then announced the 2018-2019 ACLPS Ballot. Dr. Jonathan Genzen provided a call for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations advanced. It was emphasized that members could also include write-in nominations on the ballot. Ballots were distributed to Active Members at the Annual Business Meeting, completed during the subsequent presentations, and returned for tabulation prior to the end of the meeting.
- V. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Genzen presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Dr. Genzen reminded the membership that *AJCP* was the official journal of ACLPS and ASCP, and members were encouraged to submit high-quality research for publication in the journal. Members were also encouraged to consider writing ACLPS review articles. The ACLPS/ASCP MOU enables members of ACLPS who are not members of ASCP to request free online access to *AJCP*. A survey will be distributed this summer to allow members to request such access. As noted in a recent email to membership, *AJCP* is also conducting a search for a new Editor-in-Chief. ACLPS members who have a strong interest in serving as a journal editor are encouraged to apply. Dr. Genzen acknowledged the recipients for the 2018 Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Research Grant Awards:

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Dr. Thomas Durant from Yale University, and Dr. Thea Brennan-Krohn from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Dr. Genzen then noted that a survey would be distributed this summer related to member interest in having ACLPS develop an online membership management system, which may include access to an online directory and more streamlined online dues payments.

The ACLPS Finance and Investment report was then provided. Dr. Genzen provided a financial snapshot showing approximately \$1.24 million dollars in capital. He noted that it takes approximately \$70,000 to fund ACLPS activities per year, while membership renewals and donations provides \$30,000 in revenue. The difference is funded by the interest and investments which are dedicated to the Young Investigator Awards program. Ensuring that these activities are sustainable includes responsible use of funds, investment management, sustaining and enhancing membership, and member donations. Dr. Genzen acknowledged efforts related to these activities, including oversight from the Executive Council and work from the ad hoc Enhancing Membership Committee led by Dr. David Jaye.

- VI. Membership Committee Report. Dr. Genzen provided the Membership Committee Report on behalf of Dr. Petr Jarolim who could not attend this year's Annual Meeting. Immediately prior to the Annual Meeting, ACLPS had 266 Active Members and 187 Associate Members. At the May 31, 2018 Executive Council meeting, 16 new Active Members and 62 new Associate Members were confirmed. Dr. Genzen requested that graduating residents and fellows please provide updated contact information to ACLPS, so that we can continue to send ACLPS related updates to them in their new positions.
- VII. Program and Finance Committee Report. Dr. Neal Lindeman provided the Program and Finance Committee Report. Dr. Lindeman acknowledged the contributions from all members of the Program and Finance Committee this past year. Particular gratitude was extended to Drs. James Musser and Katherine Stockbauer, as well as the entire Houston Methodist team for the excellent balance of speakers, outstanding facilities, and strong registration numbers related to the 2018 Annual Meeting. The work of Dr. Jorge Sepulveda in coordinating the PES-YIA program was also acknowledged. Planning is underway for the 2019 Annual Meeting by local hosts Drs. Elizabeth Frank and Jonathan Genzen at the University of Utah / ARUP Laboratories. ACLPS is also working to incorporate additional educational sessions as part of the 2019 Annual Meeting, designed to provide education and networking opportunities for residents and fellows. More information will be provided at a later date from the 2019 local hosts. Dr. Lindeman then acknowledged the Secretary-Treasurer for stewardship

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this past year. Future activities will involve review of our investment strategy to ensure sustainability and evaluation of optimizing engagement related to financial advisors. It was noted that ACLPS successfully completed our 2017 financial audit, and that a recently matured bond dedicated to YIA program activities was used to cover expenses related to the 2018 YIA program. Dr. Lindeman also stated that the ACLPS Executive Council has evaluated disbursement versus reimbursement strategies for the YIA program awards. The EC has approved reimbursement up to \$750 for travel-related expenses for 2018 and in future years. ACLPS will also cover costs for YIA winner Annual Meeting registrations to the local hosts.

VIII. Education Committee Report. Dr. Angella Charnot-Katsikas presented the Education Committee report. Dr. Charnot-Katsikas noted that this was the 3rd year of the ACLPS Young Investigator Award Grant Program. This latest cycle included 21 grant applications, from 18 different institutions. ACLPS funded two grants at \$7,500 each. A call for applications for the next cycle will be released in late summer. Dr. Charnot-Katsikas then announced that the ACLPS Education Committee is currently recruiting review articles for the *AJCP* “ACLPS Critical Reviews” series. These are educational review articles written on a wide variety of topics in laboratory medicine. 28 such articles have been published since 2011, and there are approximately 7 additional articles in development. Dr. Charnot-Katsikas then acknowledged the 2017 ACPLS co-sponsored session at the ASCP Annual Meeting, and announced that Dr. Erin McElvania (NorthShore) will present an ACLPS/ASCP co-sponsored session at the 2018 ASCP Annual Meeting in October on “*Procalcitonin: The Search for a Biomarker of Bacterial Infection.*” Dr. Charnot-Katsikas concluded by mentioning that the ACPLS Education Committee is calling for volunteers to contribute to the AACC Pearls of Laboratory Medicine series (<https://www.aacc.org/clinical-chemistry-trainee-council>).

IX. Website Committee Report. Dr. Noah Hoffman presented the Website Committee report. Dr. Hoffman reviewed the timeline of ACLPS’ project to re-design and re-organize website-related activities. This included an ad hoc committee in 2016-2017, followed by formal incorporation of an ACLPS Website Committee through a bylaws change at the 2017 Annual Meeting. A draft website has been created. The goal is to have an official go-live timed with postings related to the 2019 Annual Meeting. The objectives of the new website are to modernize its appearance, to provide updated and dynamic content, to streamline maintenance, to emphasize native (html) content, and to allow for expansion of scope and topics in the future. Features provided by the webhost include themes, easy web-based editing, a blog format for new/events, and continuation of posting employment opportunities. Upcoming tasks include feedback on the

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draft site, finalizing content and incorporating more images, identifying content ownership by page and/or section, defining process for performing updates, preparing instructions for updates (include a style guide), and then Executive Council sign-off and transition to the new site.

X. Young Investigator Program Report. Dr. Jorge Sepulveda presented the Young Investigator Program Report. This year's program received 102 submissions from 29 institutions. An "Early Bird" award was given to Dr. Sean Campbell for the first completed abstract submission. 10 judges were used to score abstracts on technical merit, readability, relevance, and originality. Judges scored abstracts in their area of specialty where possible. All abstracts were scored by 2 judges, and a third judge was used when scores differed by more than 1 point. An average of 20-22 abstracts was therefore scored by each judge. Judges were blinded to authors and institutions, and they were not provided abstracts from their home institutions. 100% of submissions were accepted, and 20 PES-YIA awards were made, along with 2 student awards. There were 36 oral presentations and 44 poster presentations. These included 7 which were ineligible for oral presentation (3 faculty, 1 industry, 3 multiple submissions from the primary presenter). Distribution of abstracts by topic included chemistry (n=40), hematology (n=17), microbiology (n=15), transfusion (n=10), molecular (n=6), management (n=5), basic science (n=4), and informatics (n=4). Residents and fellows made up the majority of abstract submitters (n=85). Scoring statistics were favorable, with narrow %CVs demonstrating concordance among judges. After discussion by the Executive Council, considerations for the YIA program for future meetings include: continued use of the Ex Ordo system, score as a single category, transition to 9-point NIH-style scoring, increasing the number of judges per abstract, increasing the total number of judges, and judge assignment based on specialty.

XI. New Business. No new business was advanced.

XII. Election Results. The ballot of candidates was unanimously approved (73 total votes from Active Members; no write-in candidates; 3 ballots were provided as absentee from members who could not attend the meeting).

XIII. Installation of New President. Dr. Neal Lindeman was presented as the new ACLPS president. He thanked Dr. Alex McAdam for his outstanding leadership during the past year. Dr. Lindeman noted that he would be focusing on increasing ACLPS engagement with other professional organizations as one of the organizational goals for 2018-2019.

The Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm CST.

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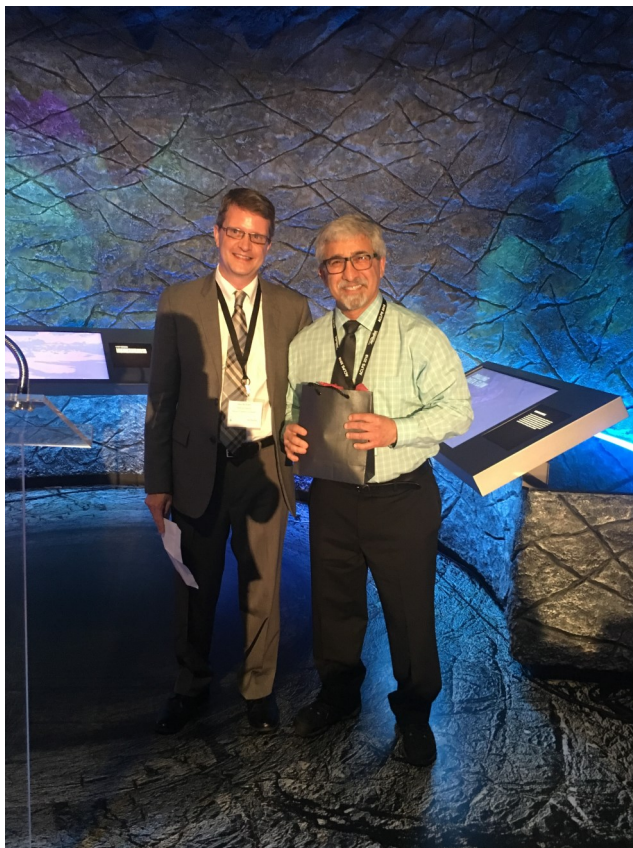
Neal Lindeman and Alexander McAdam



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2018 Young Investigator Awardees



2018 Gerald T. Evans Award Recipient—Dr. Rinder



EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Angella Charnot-Katsikas

ACLPS Co-Sponsored Session at the ASCP Annual Meeting

An ACLPS co-sponsored educational session will be held at the 2018 ASCP Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD. “The Search for a Biomarker for Bacterial Infection,” will be presented by Dr. Erin McElvania (NorthShore University, Evanston, IL) on October 5. We look forward to another highly educational session.

ACLPS Young Investigator Award Grant Program

The 2018 **Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grant** program is now open. These grants are for research relevant to clinical laboratory science, clinical pathology, and laboratory medicine. **The deadline for submission is November 2, 2018.** Additional information (including eligibility requirements, applications, and a promotional poster) can be found on the ACLPS website at: <http://aclps.org/grant.html>.

Last year, we had 21 grant applications from 18 different institutions. The program will fund two grants this year at \$7,500 each. We encourage participants to apply.

“ACLPS Critical Reviews”

The ACLPS Education Committee is recruiting new articles for the American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP) “ACLPS Critical Reviews” series of review articles. These are excellent educational review articles on a wide variety of topics in Laboratory Medicine. Nearly 30 such articles have been published since 2011. If you or a colleague is interested in contributing to this series, please contact the Education Committee Chair (Angella Charnot-Katsikas; angella.charnot-katsikas@uchospitals.edu) for more information and article guidelines.

Question Writers for the RISE Exam

The ACLPS Education Committee is recruiting volunteers to serve as question writers for an Ad Hoc Committee for RISE/PRISE Questions. ACLPS is a collaborating society for the RISE examination, and ACLPS members have been outstanding question writing contributors. The Ad Hoc Committee will help to coordinate question writing activities going forward, and is a great way for Active Members to contribute to resident education. Information on RISE can also be obtained from the ASCP RISE Committee Chair (Jonathan Genzen; jonathan.genzen@aruplab.com) or ASCP RISE staff Jay Wagner (jay.wagner@ascp.org).

Call for Contributions to the AACC Pearls of Laboratory Medicine

The ACLPS Education Committee is calling for volunteers to contribute to the AACC Pearls of Laboratory Medicine, a series of free (and brief) educational PowerPoints for trainees in Laboratory Medicine around the world. Please visit <https://www.aacc.org/clinical-chemistry-trainee-council> and contact the Education Committee Chair (Angella Charnot-Katsikas; angella.charnot-katsikas@uchospitals.edu) for more information and Pearl guidelines.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

ACLPS is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Ellis Benson Award and the 2019 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 accomplishments in the field of Laboratory Medicine. Nominees must either be under 45 years of age by July 1, 2019 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 at www.aclps.org.

Please submit award nominations by December 15, 2018 with the name of your nominee(s), a current CV and a detailed letter with the reasons why they deserve the award to:

Alexander J. McAdam, MD, PhD
Chair, Nominating and Awards Committee
Alexander.mcadam@childrens.harvard.edu

In addition, we are requesting nominations for several leadership positions to be elected at the 2019 Lab Medicine meeting. Self-nominations are welcome. The positions available are:

President-Elect

The elected individual will serve a four-year term as President-elect, President, Immediate Past-President, and Past-President.

Executive Council

Member-at-Large (2 positions): 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 positions): The elected individuals will serve a three-year term.

Membership Committee

Member-at-Large: The elected individual will serve a three-year term.

Website Committee

Member-at-Large (2 positions): The elected individuals will serve a three-year term.

Nominations for the above positions are also due on December 15, 2018 with the name of your nominee(s) along with a current CV to:

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Funding Announcement

ACLPS is now accepting applications for the

ACLPS Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grants

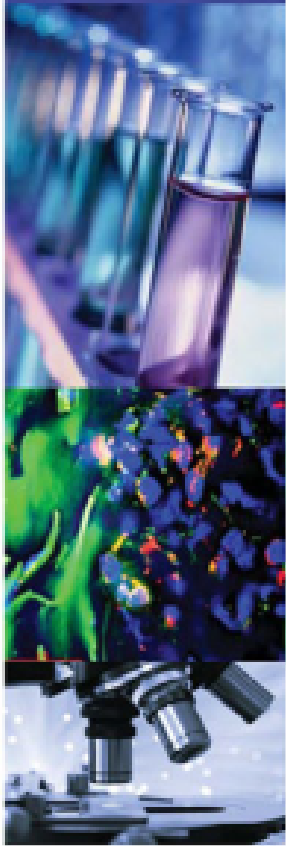
The Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grants are for research relevant to clinical laboratory science, clinical pathology, and laboratory medicine. Proposed research may be clinical, translational, basic science, quality improvement, and/or regulatory.

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 application instructions, please
visit the ACLPS website*

aclps.org/grant.html

Application Deadline: November 2nd, 2018



2019 LAB MEDICINE

The 54th ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted by the University of Utah and ARUP Laboratories in Salt Lake City from Thursday, May 30th, through Saturday, June 1st, 2019. The meeting organizers are developing a broad scientific and educational program, aimed at providing innovative sessions that encompass clinical pathology and laboratory medicine. Topic areas include automation, clinical informatics and analytics, molecular diagnostics, and mass spectrometry.

Events that highlight the ACLPS focus on early career scientists will include the Young Investigator Awards Program oral and poster sessions, research presentations by recipients of the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grant, and the Ellis Benson Award and lecture.

In addition to a stimulating scientific program, the local hosts enthusiastically welcome attendees to the Mountain West and Salt Lake City. The Little America Hotel, in the heart of downtown, has been selected as the conference hotel and will be the location for scientific and educational sessions as well as attendee lodging and a Thursday evening welcome reception. The hotel is 10 minutes from the SLC International Airport and connected to the University of Utah by a light rail line. On Friday, ACLPS attendees will have the opportunity to tour ARUP Laboratories in University Research Park before the ACLPS Awards Banquet, which will be held in the beautiful Natural History Museum of Utah.

The local hosts and planning committee are working to create a Lab Medicine 2019 website to provide online access to program, travel, and registration information. Visit the ACLPS homepage to find a link later this fall. For questions about the meeting, please contact local co-hosts Elizabeth Frank (e.frank@aruplab.com) and Jonathan Genzen (jonathan.genzen@aruplab.com).

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Utah for the 2019 ACLPS meeting.

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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.

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