



# IDSCLS FOCUS

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## IDSCLS President's Message

I hope that everyone is rested from the holidays. It's been a good but hectic year so far. In December we got the Scientific Assembly website up and running. Now when you have a question, concern, or suggestion you can email it to [idscl-connections@asclsregionviii.org](mailto:idscl-connections@asclsregionviii.org) and it will go by listserv to everyone who has given us their email. It's a great way to stay connected to laboratory practitioners within the state. We are now busy getting ready for our annual spring meeting. This year it will be in Twin Falls and the theme is "Discovering New Lab Terrain's". It looks to be a great meeting, with lot of great educational seminars, vendors and social events. We look forward to seeing everyone there this year. We have a lot of students in the Med Tech programs around the state this year and they will be very active at the meeting. There will be a poster presentation session and a student bowl, and we look forward to meeting them and hope that they will consider membership with ASCLS.

### Living a "Charmed" ASCLS life by Susie Zanto Region VIII Director

I admit, I have succumbed to the newest craze – the Italian Charm Bracelet. I received one for my birthday last summer, and I have slowly been adding charms. Slowly, because each charm needs to have a special significance. So far, it contains an "S" and a heart charm from my husband, a needle and thread, a bowling charm, and the slot machine charm that I bought with my friends on our trip to Vegas. I have also been known to rub the Bobcat logo and volleyball just before my daughter serves during her MSU matches. My most recent charm is one I had custom engraved – but my charm bracelet couldn't be complete without it. The ASCLS logo just had to be a part of my bracelet, since ASCLS is such an important part of my life.

Now is the time that each of you can become more involved with ASCLS. Nominations for membership on the national committees are due. If you, or someone you know, are interested in being active on the national level, and feel you have the time and energy to commit to bettering our profession and our society, please take the time to place your name into nomination. For more information, check the Leadership section of the ASCLS webpage at [www.ascls.org](http://www.ascls.org) or feel free to contact me at [da\\_zzzz@yahoo.com](mailto:da_zzzz@yahoo.com) or by calling me at work (406-444-2839) or at home (406-442-5776).

I indeed lead a "charmed" ASCLS life, and like the circular bracelet, every time I give my time and energy to ASCLS, the rewards I receive are endless. I look forward to having many others in Region VIII join me in the rewards.

Idaho Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Inc.  
Date: Dec. 29, 2003  
To: IDSCLS Members  
From: Mary Lay, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair  
RE: Call for Nominations for IDSCLS Officers, 2004-2005

Please review the duties of the offices listed below and the list of active IDSCLS members included. Email or mail your nomination for your choice of candidates for the following offices as well as for IDSCLS Member of the Year.

President-elect: Serves for one year; automatically succeeds to the office of President

Editor-elect: Serves for one year; as assistant to the editor, automatically succeeds to the office of Editor for one year

Secretary: Serves for one-year term, can be re-elected.

Treasurer: Currently being served by Heather Gunter, this is a two-year term.

2-year Board Member: Serves for a two-year term. Two Board members serve concurrently; one elected each year.

**Only active and emeritus members may be nominated and elected to offices. From the enclosed names, please excuse: Christy Posio, Holly Weinberg, Heather Gunter, Susan Bower, and Sonja Nehr-Kanet, Please make your nominations and return this form or**

**email the necessary information to Mary Lay no later than February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**

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Sincerely,

Mary H. Lay, MT (ASCP)

Duties of Officers:

- A. **President** is IDSCLS Chief Executive and Board of Directors Chairperson, a member of the IDSCLS President's Council, IDSCLS House of Delegates and Region VIII Council, is Chairperson of the Liaison Committee and ex-officio member of all committees except Nomination and Elections Committee, appoints standing committees, and executes other customary duties defined by Parliamentary Law.
- B. **President-elect** is the vice chairman of the Board of Directors and acts as the chief executive in the President's absence; is a member of the President's Council, House of Delegates and Region VIII Council; is a member of the Liaison Committee and Scholarship Board of IDSCLS; becomes familiar with the President's duties in order to take over that position. Pre-requisite; Society membership for one year.
- C. **Secretary** keeps minutes of all the meetings of the membership and Board of Directors of the IDSCLS and maintains a current file; conducts requested correspondence; notifies Board Members at least ten days prior to the Board Meeting; keeps rolls at Board Meetings.
- D. **Treasurer** collects, receives, accurately records and has charge of all funds of the Society; deposits all funds in a bank designated by the Board of Directors; reports the financial condition of the Society as requested by the President at each Board Meeting.
- E. **Editor** is responsible for the publication and distribution of the official Society Newsletter, serves on the Awards Board.
- F. **Editor-elect** assists the Editor and prepares to take over those duties.
- G. **Board member** duties are delegated by the President, serves as a consultant to the President of Board of Directors issues.

Nominations Form

Name of Person(s) being nominated

Position

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IDSCLS Member of the Year Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Early Morning at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital  
Pictured are Steven Graf and Nancy Osterhout

## Notes from your Editor

Our editor elect Susan Bower brings you our "IDAHO SPOTLIGHT". She is trying to get her feet wet as an editor. I'd like to thank her for her effort. She recently got her first computer at home and has jumped right in to email and editing....Wow I'm impressed. We are continually looking for Idaho ASCLS members to spotlight. So if you have some one who has gone the extra mile send me an email at [cakeves@ihc.com](mailto:cakeves@ihc.com). or [Susanhbower@aol.com](mailto:Susanhbower@aol.com)

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### "IDAHO SPOTLIGHT"



#### STEVEN GRAF

Meet one of our newest IDSCLS members. Steven Graf graduated last June from the medical technology program at Idaho State University, and is currently working at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. The workload in the laboratory maintains all workers in the "generalist" category, as testing is performed for the 24-bed acute care facility and attached 78-bed nursing home facility.

Steven says he "loves the work", being able to practice his skills in all the laboratory disciplines, and working with a great group of people. How did he come to work in Idaho? Steven's family moved to Heyburn from McAllen, Texas, during his senior year of high school, and he graduated from Minidoka High. College days took him first to CSI in Twin Falls, where he received an Associate Degree in Natural Science. One of his favorite courses there was microbiology -- he found he enjoyed looking at things growing on the culture media and the investigative work of identifying them. When his advisor heard that Steven enjoyed working in the lab, he told him about other areas involved in laboratory science, and how he could make a career of that, or even use that education as a stepping stone to pursue other medical interests later if he so desired. The decision was made, and Steven was off to study at ISU. His training at the university, and his internships at Gooding Memorial and Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, convinced him he'd made the right decision.

Steven enjoys the "hands on work", as well as his extra responsibility of being a "job shadow supervisor". The health profession class from high school has about 20 students who spend 4 hours each in the laboratory, and lab supervisor Ann Lee Owens says Steven is good at explaining to them what the lab does, as well as answering their questions and letting them know how they, too, can pursue a career in laboratory sciences. Steven says this association has really made him realize how little the general public knows about what we do in the lab. He thinks one of the important things that ASCLS and IDSCLS should be doing is finding a way to bring recognition of what we do to the rest of the community.

When Steven is away from the hospital, he enjoys spending time with his wife and 2-year-old daughter. There are also lots of aunts, uncles, & cousins in the area to join him in activities outdoors, particularly fishing – bass fishing is his favorite.

## National Medical Laboratory Week



April 18-24 2004

Visit <http://www.ascls.org/conferences/2004NMLW> for some ideas on how your laboratory can celebrate!

## IDSCLS Spring Convention is April 15-17

Red Lion Hotel Twin Falls Idaho

For more information check out the following site.

<http://www.ascls.net>

### Moving???

Be sure to let us know!

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### Calendar of Events

February 26-28, 2004	CLEC Milwaukee, WI
April 15-17 2004	IDSCLS spring convention Red Lion Hotel Twin Falls
July 27-31, 2004	ASCLS Annual Meeting Los Angeles, CA
September 15-18 2004	IMSS Meeting Jackson

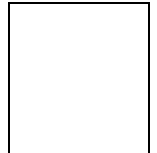
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