



NEWSLETTER

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

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



**Susan Harrington,
PhD, D(ABMM),
MLS(ASCP)™**

The ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) Board of Governors (BOG) meeting in Baltimore last fall was something of a homecoming for me as I had lived there for many years. In addition to conducting the regular business meeting, we celebrated the 90th anniversary of the BOC with a traditional steamed crab dinner at a local seafood restaurant, a new experience for some which was, for the most part, enjoyed. Getting to the crab meat required a live demonstration, a small mallet and a bib. Steamed crabs are something of an acquired taste! A highlight of the weekend was presenting the Distinguished Service Award to Karen Brown, MS, MLS(ASCP)™. Few could surpass Karen in her volunteer efforts on behalf of the laboratory profession, and it was an honor to recount her accomplishments as she received the award.

At the fall meeting, the Board heard a report of activities from the Chair of each Examination Committee. The work of these teams is truly the foundation of our mission, and the breadth of accomplishment is impressive. The BOG approved a motion to move forward with development of a doctoral-level certification in Immunology since the American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology is no longer offering an examination. This will be our first doctoral-level certification. The BOC is expanding with other new laboratory certifications, as well. The Qualification in Biorepository Science Committee met for the first time in December to begin development of a qualification examination. This steady growth is a testament to our excellent reputation as a certifying body.

The BOC continues to partner with the ASCP Center for Science, Technology and Policy, advocating for certification on behalf of the profession. This year we responded to legislative actions in multiple states and presented our positions on personnel standards for laboratory professionals at the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC) meeting. We will continue to advocate on behalf of laboratory professionals because we are certain that those with specific education

in laboratory sciences and certification are able to provide the best care for patients worldwide. Unfortunately, other healthcare professionals and regulatory agencies don't always share our viewpoint. The BOG is looking for partners who can help us solidify the value of certification through publication of data related to the quality of the work of those who are certified and/or specifically educated in laboratory science. We are beginning to address this effort.

Each year, some BOG representatives rotate off the Board as others join. Sadly, this year, we said good-bye to five amazing volunteers who filled significant roles. I learned so much from them and am so grateful to have benefitted from their wisdom and experience. Three were representatives of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS): Kathleen Hansen, MLS(ASCP)™, Immediate Past Chair; Scott Aikey, MLS(ASCP)™DLM™, Secretary; and Susan Beck, PhD, MLS(ASCP)™, Executive Committee. Helen Bixenman, MBA/H™, CHC, CG(ASCP)™ DLM™, QLC™, Executive Committee, represented the Association of Genetic Technologists (AGT) and Sui Zee, MD, FASCP, Financial Officer, was an ASCP representative. We will miss their contributions to the BOG and hope to see them again before long. As much as we regret these good-byes, we are excited to have new volunteers join us. This fall, we welcomed Denise Anamani, I(ASCP)MB™, J.R. Constance, MLS(ASCP)™, William Finn MD, MASCP, and Joan Polancic, MLS(ASCP)™. We look forward to getting to know them and tapping into their expertise to advance the work of the BOC. The continuous infusion of new volunteers helps to keep the BOG fresh and relevant.

Finally, I wish to say a special word of thanks to Gerry Piskorski, Administrative Director of the BOC, who retired in December. She knows the business through and through and will be greatly missed. We wish you well, Gerry! Thanks to all of the BOC staff and volunteers. Without you, the BOC could not provide the excellence in certification for which it has become so well known.

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ASCP BOC PRESENTS AT THE PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS, INC.'S 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

On Dec. 5, 2018, Patricia Tanabe, MPA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Executive Director, ASCP Board of Certification, delivered a presentation, “The Value of International Certification Toward Career Progression,” to medical laboratory educators, professionals, and students attending the annual Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, Inc. (PAMET) Convention in Manila, Philippines.

Those who attended Ms. Tanabe’s presentation were particularly interested in the BOC Certification Maintenance Program (CMP) and what they would need to do in order to meet CMP requirements for their credential. As such, Ms. Tanabe spent a fair amount of time explaining the CMP process and what an ASCP BOC credential holder could expect in terms of required continuing education and professional development.

The 2018 convention was held Dec. 3-5 at the Philippine International Convention Center. This year’s theme was “Setting New Vision Beyond Borders.” PAMET’s president, Ronaldo E. Puno, RMT, MBA-H, said the theme was both timely and

appropriate. He then stated that “in this era of globalization and integration, there is an urgent need to set our vision on building credentials and on continuous professional development. It is only by being prepared that medical technologists can benefit from the emerging opportunities. It is by equipping our professionals with necessary skills and knowledge that we can best address the challenges ahead of us.”

PAMET is an important partner of the BOC and has been a BOC collaborating society since 2006. The BOC often seeks partnerships with organizations with common goals and objectives. PAMET shares the BOC’s belief in building strong international partnerships toward assuring the competency of medical laboratory professionals around the world. The Philippines is also the BOC’s largest international certification market. The PAMET Annual Convention offered the BOC an excellent promotional opportunity for reaching out to approximately 4,000 Filipino laboratory professionals.

As of June 30, 2018, there were 10,844 first-time ASCPⁱ examinees and 7,919 ASCPⁱ certified individuals from the Philippines.

MLS and MLT Practice Analyses Available

The results of the latest Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) and Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Practice Analyses are now available on the BOC website: [MLT & MLS Practice Analysis Report](#)

MLS and MLT Revised Examination Content Guidelines Now Available

Examination Content Guidelines for MLS and MLT examinations administered beginning Jan. 1, 2019, have been revised. The revised content guidelines are currently available on the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) web page under Applicant Resources for each category.

Sharing BOC Examination Information

The ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) monitors the web regularly for copyright violations on web sites that purport to have questions from BOC examinations. Individuals with ASCP BOC certifications who contribute to these sites or share examination items in any manner are in violation of the pledges they sign on the application form and on site prior to taking the examination. Certification will be revoked, and individuals will be barred permanently from taking any BOC examination by violating these pledges. Please be reminded that you should not share information from the examination with anyone.

MY BOC CREDENTIAL STORY CONTEST

As part of its 90th Anniversary Celebration, the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) held a contest inviting all BOC certificants to share their BOC credential stories. Participants were invited to submit stories describing how the BOC credential has impacted their lives. The response was immense. The BOC thanks all of those who shared their stories! Below are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners' stories. And page 4 contains snippets from some of the numerous stories that the BOC received.



First Place — Antonio Insigne, SBB(ASCP)^{CM}, MT(ASCPi)

“My career as a Medical Technologist began in 1990 in the Philippines. At that time, I had an opportunity to work in the Middle East. Life in the Middle East was great, but I knew in my heart that I would not be satisfied until I fulfilled my dream of working in the United States. So, I decided to take my first ASCP examination, the International Medical Technologist exam, MT(ASCP), in 2010, followed by the BB Technologist Certification Examination, BB(ASCP), in 2011. True enough, these BOC credentials provided more opportunities than I ever expected. In 2011, I got an offer from a prestigious immunohematology reference laboratory, which was my first job in the U.S. While at that institution, I encountered all the Immunohematology complex cases that inspired me to [take] the Specialist in Blood Banking (SBB) Certification Examination.

The MT(ASCP) helped me obtain my license as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist by reciprocity in the State of California, and the SBB(ASCP) paved the way for offers in the area of Transfusion Medicine from other reputable institutions across the nation. Right now, I am very satisfied

with my position as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist (Specialist) in a teaching hospital in the State of California. BOC certification boosted my confidence at work, whether I was resolving challenging cases on the bench or delivering my duties as Specialist off bench, or being part of the team that trains the rotating Laboratory Medicine Residents, Transfusion Medicine Fellow, Hematology/Oncology Fellow, and newly hired Clinical Lab Scientists. Also, knowing that I have been certified by the BOC meant that participating in the university-wide Health Improvement Symposium this year was never a struggle for me. In fact, the poster I presented at this symposium was also accepted by the American Association of Blood Banks. The BOC has made me unstoppable.



Second Place — Mahrous Badr, MLS(ASCPi)^{CM}

“Before the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC), I was planning to be a lab supervisor, but I was weak in some lab sections. The BOC helped me to understand most of the laboratory tests and to be strong in all lab sections and to gain more knowledge about different lab tests and to interpret the results.



Third Place—Amy Erickson MT(ASCP)

“When I graduated from Medical Technology school in 1999, I had no idea the path my career would take me. Within three weeks of graduating, I sat for my ASCP Board of Certification test, terrified and stressed beyond my family’s comprehension. I began working at a local hospital laboratory on second shift. About five weeks after checking the mail every day, my letter that I passed my boards arrived. What a relief!! I continued working on second shift to gain experience and eventually decided to move to the local VA hospital. The pay and better hours were big motivators. After having two small children, I decided to move away from the hospital laboratory setting and do something that afforded me the opportunity to spend more time with my children. This is when my teaching career began. I began as a lecturer and now am a program director for a Medical Laboratory Technicians program. All of these things would have never been possible had I not studied hard and passed the MT(ASCP) exam. Thank you for helping me get to where I am now - contributing to the growth of our professional field by teaching and mentoring the next generation of skilled laboratory workers.”



My Credential Story Contest

"Today I am ASCP BOC-certified and Lead Phlebotomist at my place of employment, all due to the ASCP certification that differentiated me over all other possible candidates."

— **Mary Smith, PBT(ASCP)^{CM}**

"I feel that I can easily move anywhere in the country and not stress about finding a job! What more could I ask for; the BOC has changed my life for the best!!!"

— **Dennis Pilsudski, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}**

"I passed the HT test on my first try. That was 13 years ago. I have kept up my CMEs and also received my Qualification in QIHC. I now have my dream job where I manage a small private lab, which is CAP accredited. I couldn't be happier that I went through the process of getting my HT and QIHC through the BOC!"

— **Gareth Davis HT(ASCP)^{CM}QIHC^{CM}**

"I use the skills that I have achieved through my SC(ASCP) every day of my long career. I even was a member of the ASCP BOC Chemistry Committee for several years!"

— **Molly Holka, MT(ASCP)SC**

"The SCT was a professional expectation that I had for myself. My lab did not really know much about CT, let alone SCT, until I could equate it with the SBB exam. In this way, passing the SCT was a personal badge of honor. The SCT came in handy years later when I became the Education Coordinator, and later Program Director for the Cytotechnology Certificate Program."

— **Michele Smith, SCT(ASCP)**

"But passing this test gave me so much more. I just wished I would have done it sooner."

— **Norma Bowers, PBT(ASCP)^{CM}**

"My BOC credential has allowed me to support myself and my family in a career that I love. I am now fortunate enough to have my dream job as the Program Director of the MLS program at Idaho State University, where I have the opportunity to educate and advise hundreds of students about the benefits of the MLS profession, and the security of BOC certification."

— **Rachel Hulse, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}**

"Always keep your ASCP BOC credential behind your name! You never know..., when opportunity knocks, you want to be ready!"

— **Thelma Engleton, PBT(ASCP)^{CM}**

"They called and I went for the interview. The first thing my now employer asked was if I was certified and I proudly said, "Yes, through the ASCP BOC." The interviewer said, "That is what we need." I started two weeks later."

— **Francine Pierrat, PBT(ASCP)^{CM}**

2018 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 CAAAHEP/NAACLS Pass (%)	2018 Certified
MLS	1931	492	138	100–926	5,410	3,952 (73%)	1,458 (27%)	3,219 (82%)	266,278
MLT	1969	497	132	105–941	3,488	2,653 (76%)	835 (24%)	2,406 (82%)	99,211
PBT	1989	550	124	172–942	3,164	2,804 (89%)	360 (11%)	487 (93%)	64,086
BB	1983	474	100	162–665	92	73 (79%)	19 (21%)		3,415
SBB	1954	406	110	132–717	174	84 (48%)	90 (52%)	41 (62%)	5,802
C	1948	407	109	100–786	246	119 (48%)	127 (52%)		5,467
SC	1954	442	116	256–709	36	19 (53%)	17 (47%)		1,824
CT	1957	512	121	185–791	135	111 (82%)	24 (18%)	102 (87%)	16,189
SCT	1959	512	120	208–684	15	13 (87%)	2 (13%)		708
CG	2009	446	85	179–626	162	117 (72%)	45 (28%)	26 (87%)	4,396
DLM	1989	399	80	200–548	47	24 (51%)	23 (49%)		1,079
DPT	2003	477	99	283–688	25	19 (76%)	6 (24%)		389
H	1971	456	120	185–714	105	70 (67%)	35 (33%)		3,846
SH	1968	388	122	145–590	36	18 (50%)	18 (50%)		2,767
HT	1948	448	128	116–812	640	412 (64%)	228 (36%)	218 (75%)	25,646
HTL	1980	443	112	171–771	429	278 (65%)	151 (35%)	108 (82%)	4,784
M	1948	451	128	131–844	243	163 (67%)	80 (33%)		6,574
SM	1953	421	91	189–616	63	37 (59%)	26 (41%)		3,285
MB	2003	472	132	100–829	682	491 (72%)	191 (28%)	69 (92%)	4,950
SMB ¹	2018	289	90	146–559	33	2 (6%)	31 (94%)		2
MLA	2016	449	122	265–699	70	37 (53%)	33 (47%)	1 (20%)	112
PA	2005	557	99	295–858	149	140 (94%)	9 (6%)	138 (95%)	2,414
SCYM	2017	513	153	207–836	45	32 (71%)	13 (29%)		948
Other ²									25,532
TOTAL					15,489	11,668 (75%)	3,821 (25%)	6,815 (83%)	549,704

¹ SMB began administering January 2018

² Includes AT, CLA, HP, I, NM, SI, SLS, SV and includes certifications transferred from NCA.

Orange shading denotes all candidates who took exam through CAAAHEP/NAACLS eligibility routes.

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KAREN BROWN, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, RECEIVES BOC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) Board of Governors (BOG) Chair Susan Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)^{CM} presented the 2018 Board of Certification Distinguished Service Award to Karen Brown, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}. The award was presented Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 at a luncheon prior to the Fall Board of Governors meeting.

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is presented to volunteers who have served the BOC for a minimum of six years, on either the BOG or a BOC 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.

Ms. Brown served on the BOG as an ASCP Laboratory Professional Representative from 2008 to 2017. She served as Vice Chair from 2011-2012. Ms. Brown chaired the BOC Governance Task Force in 2012

that, ultimately, recommended a new governance model for the Board that allowed for more continuity in the leadership by the creation of a Chair-Elect position and a two-year term for the BOG Chair.

Ms. Brown was elected as Chair-Elect in 2013, and served as Chair in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. She then served as Immediate past chair 2015-2016.

In addition to her work on various BOC committees, she served on the Research and Development Committee and assisted with the transition of the Program Directors Advisory Group to the formal BOC Program Directors Advisory Committee (PDAC). The PDAC is now a formal standing committee of the Board of Governors where the group lends support to Program Directors in matters related to certification.

Ms. Brown is currently an Adjunct Professor for Medical Laboratory Science in the Department of Pathology at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

The Core Values that Define the BOC:

COMPETENCE

EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

TRUST

INTEGRITY

STEWARDSHIP

BOG Service Awards

Earlier in the year, three volunteers received the Board of Certification Board of Governors Award for 2018. The volunteers were recognized for having made noteworthy contributions during their tenure as a committee or Board member and included the following:

L.J. Atieh, PA(ASCP)^{CM}, served on the Pathologists' Assistants Exam Committee from 2010-2017 and served as Chair from 2015-2017 and as Vice-Chair from 2011-2015.

Marie Pezzlo, MA, MT(ASCP)SM^{CM}, served on the Microbiology Exam Committee from 2011-2017 and served as Chair from 2015-2017 and as Vice-Chair from 2012-2015.

Janie Roberson, SCT(ASCP)^{CM}, served on the Cytotechnology Exam Committee from 2010-2017 and as Chair from 2014-2015 and as Vice-Chair from 201-2014.

Volunteers are the cornerstone of the BOC. It is through volunteers that the BOC can fulfill the mission to provide excellence in certification of laboratory professionals on behalf of patients worldwide.



The 2018 Board of Certification Distinguished Service Award recipient pictured with the 2018 Board of Governors Executive Committee. Front (left to right): Karen Brown, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, and Sui Zee, MD, FASCP. Back (left to right): Laura Bilodeau, MD, FASCP; Susan Beck, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Helen Bixenman, MBA/HCM, CHC, CG(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM}QLC^{CM}; Susan Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Kathleen Hansen, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} and Scott Aikey, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}DLM^{CM}.

BOC VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

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2018–2019 ASCP BOC Board of Governors

Front row (left to right): Susan Johnson, MSTM, MT(ASCP)SBB; Alexandra Harrington, MD, FASCP, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Susan Harrington, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Kathleen Finnegan, MS, MT(ASCP)SH^{CM}; Amy Groszbach, MEd, MLT(ASCP)MB^{CM}; and Denise Anamani, MA, I(ASCP)MB^{CM}. **Middle row (left to right):** Michael Sovocool, MHS, PA(ASCP)^{CM}; David Chhieng, MD, FASCP; Vicki Freeman, PhD, MASCP, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} SC, FACB; Laura Bilodeau, MD, FASCP; Lena Spencer, MA, HTL(ASCP)QIHC^{CM}; Deanna Iverson, MHS, MLT(ASCP)SCT^{CM}, HTL; Dana Duzan, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Joan Polancic, MEd, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; and Lee Hilborne, MD, MPH, FASCP, DLM(ASCP)^{CM}. **Back row (left to right):** J.R. Constance, MHA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}; Catherine Gebhart, PhD, D(ABHI), MB(ASCP)^{CM}; Thomas Alexander, PhD, D(ABMLI); and William Finn, MD, MASCP. **Not pictured:** Patty Eschliman, MHA, MLS(ASCP)^{CDL}^{CM} and Linda Smith, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}^{BB}^{CM}.

New Board of Governors Members



Denise Anamani, MA, I(ASCP)MB^{CM}
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2018 – 2019 BOC EXAMINATION COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP VOLUNTEERS

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Vice Chair

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David Chhieng, MD, FASCP – WA

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LONGTIME BOARD OF CERTIFICATION EMPLOYEE RETIRES

In December, the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) said farewell to longtime ASCP BOC employee Gerry Piskorski, MBA. Ms. Piskorski retired after 42 years at the ASCP Board of Registry/Board of Certification. She most recently served as Administrative Director, overseeing the BOC budget and ANSI accreditation activities. Ms. Piskorski served in several roles for the organization, including interim Executive Director. She was affectionately known as the BOC's Director of arts and crafts activities at staff events.

At the October 2018 BOC Board of Governors meeting in Baltimore, the BOG recognized Ms. Piskorski with an official declaration of appreciation.

**WHEREAS: Geraldine Piskorski, MBA, has served the Board of Certification (BOC) faithfully for years, and
WHEREAS: the ASCP BOC is stronger now given her guidance and devotion,
BE IT RESOLVED: the BOG formally recognize Gerry for all her years of service and express gratitude to this BOC champion.**

Ms. Piskorski was honored by ASCP Chief Executive Officer E. Blair Holladay, PhD, MASCP, SCT(ASC)^{CM}, and Board of Certification Executive Director Pat Tanabe, MPA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, at an ASCP staff event on December 13, 2018.

Ms. Piskorski plans to spend her free time reading, painting in watercolors, and volunteering for her local Kiwanis club.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SHAQUAWNNA VINNETT

Last October, Shaquawna Vinnett, joined the ASCP Board of Certification as an International Evaluator. Prior to the BOC, Shaquawna spent eight years in the U.S. Navy, where she worked as a Mandarin, Russian, and Ukrainian Cryptolinguist before returning to Chicago to enroll in DePaul University's Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse Baccalaureate Program.

Shaquawna's love for writing and languages can be traced back to one middle-school summer when she discovered the book, "Notes from Underground," by Fyodor Dostoevsky. After reading the brooding, angst-filled, and surprisingly comical novel, Shaquawna's appetite for dark Russian literature was piqued; her desire to read Dostoevsky in its untranslated majesty cemented.

Through life experiences and intellectual pursuits, Shaquawna's love for writing and language has expanded into a deep appreciation for, and curiosity about the triangular symbiotic relationship between writing, language, and culture. This curiosity was enhanced by her self-proclaimed, part-time job in the military— watching Star Trek (especially when Captain Janeway plays a key role in the story arc).

When not working, Shaquawna occupies much of her free time by writing a science fiction/metaphysical fantasy/theory fiction novel. It was originally intended to be a short story and has since become a "beast" in its own right. One of the chief symbols used in the novel is a weeping willow—the only tree that Shaquawna would consider giving up her human form to become.

Shaquawna's biggest pet peeve is cultural insensitivity.



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MARCH	SEPTEMBER	NOVEMBER
<p>2019 KnowledgeLab Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA) Grapevine, TX March 31 – April 3, 2019</p>	<p>45th Annual Continuing Education Conference American Association of Pathologists' Assistants (AAPA) Chicago, IL August 25 – 30, 2019</p>	<p>ASC 67th Annual Scientific Meeting American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) Salt Lake City, UT November 14 – 17, 2019</p>
JUNE	<p>2019 ASCP Annual Meeting American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Phoenix, AZ September 11 – 13, 2019</p>	DECEMBER
<p>ASM Microbe 2019 American Society for Microbiology San Francisco, CA June 20 – 24, 2019</p>	<p>2019 NSH Annual Symposium/Convention National Society for Histotechnology (NSH) New Orleans, LA September 20 – 25, 2019</p>	<p>61st ASH Annual Meeting & Exposition American Society of Hematology (ASH) Orlando, FL December 7 – 10, 2019</p>
<p>AGT 2019 Annual Meeting Association of Genetic Technologists (AGT) Charlotte, NC June 23 – 27, 2019</p>		
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