

Minutes ASCLS-IN 3/2/26

Zoom Virtual Board Meeting 6:00 P.M. EST

In Attendance: Barbara Spinda, Leah Ames, Biz Fisher, Nick Brehl, John Witt, Jennifer Hayes, Megan Sobolowski,

Attachments included with agenda:

- 10/6/25 Meeting Minutes

Reports of Officers

Secretary (Biz)

- Biz motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 10/6/25. Leah seconded the motion.
- Biz reported the annual state health survey and leadership roster was reported to the national society are on time. She also made the following reminders:
 - Reminder: all members can vote for national officers during the 2026 JAM for the 2027 officers. Make sure all of your member information is current and correct in your member profile and that your membership dues are paid.
 - All state officers: make sure your membership dues are paid by July 31, 2026 or you will not receive communications and cannot hold office.

Treasurer (Nick)

- Nick reported no significant changes. ~ \$1,000 in scholarships had been paid out.

Past Co-Presidents (Biz & Leah)

- Biz summarized the information from the national ASCLS Interim BOD meeting held on January 20, 2026.
- Biz gave a summary presentation on the proposed process for assessing the health of state societies. The assessment will place state societies in one of three categories: thriving, at risk, and dormant. The proposed changes will be voted upon by the national HOD at the JAM in 2026 with implementation in 2027 if approved.
- The presentation included a SWOT analysis of surrounding state societies and scenarios under the new proposal. The surrounding societies appeared to be healthy with the exception of Illinois. Certain apparent indicators might put the society at risk. It was decided to draft a communication to the state president to schedule an informative meeting about the new proposal by the national organization. Biz will draft the communication to Celia, the ASCLS-IL president for review by the ASCLS-IN board.

President (Barbara)

- Barbara submitted a proposal to the national organization to waive student membership fees (developing professional fees). This was declined. There are an estimated 60 students in Indiana.

John Witt, the membership chair will explore raising the money for student memberships. Nick explained how students can register for membership without being charged by setting up a group and submitting the list to national. National would charge our state society for approved students. Indiana would pay with the raised funds.

- Indiana budget bill updates: Barbara indicated there is no change, but this has affected how degrees are named and categorized.
- Current Officers and Committee Chair appointments for 2025-2026 are listed below.

ASCLS Member and Board Positions 2025 - 2026
President: Barbara Spinda
President-elect: Razan Okar
Past presidents: Leah Ames & Biz Fisher
Secretary, Website & Publications Committee Chair: Biz Fisher
Treasurer, Networking Event Chair & Bylaws Chair: Nick Brehl
Political Action Committee Chair & Govt Affairs Committee Chair: Megan Sobolowski
PACE Chair: Leah Ames (with Razan Okar & Andrea Stone)
Scholarship Committee Chairs: Barbara Spinda & Meghan Wurst
Membership & Leadership Development Chair: John Witt
Student Forum Chair: Julie Garder

- Next meeting for the election of officers will be targeted for April. This allows time to submit the leadership roster in May to national. A poll will be created by Biz and sent to the state BOD.
 - The following positions are open:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Term Limit</i>
President-Elect	1 year or until the election of a successor
Secretary	1 year or until the election of a successor
<i>Committee Chairs</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Event • Bylaws • PACE • Government Affairs • Website & Publications • Student Forum • Membership & Leadership Development • Scholarship • Student Delegate 	No limit

Political Action Committee (Biz)

- Biz explained the activities by the ADLM with regards to AI and CLIA regulations. ADLM maintains that responsibility, accountability, and regulation needs to be framed for use in laboratory medicine by the CMS. This would require the reimplementation of CLIAC which provides essential consultation in matters of laboratory medicine from a variety of professionals in industry and medicine.

- ADLM recommendation to the CMS to reinstate CLIAC [ADLM Urges HHS to Reinstate CLIAC Advisory Committee | myadlm.org](#)
- ADLM recommendation to the CMS to incorporate AI regulations in CLIA [ADLM supports FDA effort to develop regulations for AI medical devices | myadlm.org](#)

Membership (John)

Scholarship (Barbara)

- Barbara indicated about 5 or 6 students were awarded scholarships.

Other Meeting Items (Anyone)