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# What is ASCLS?



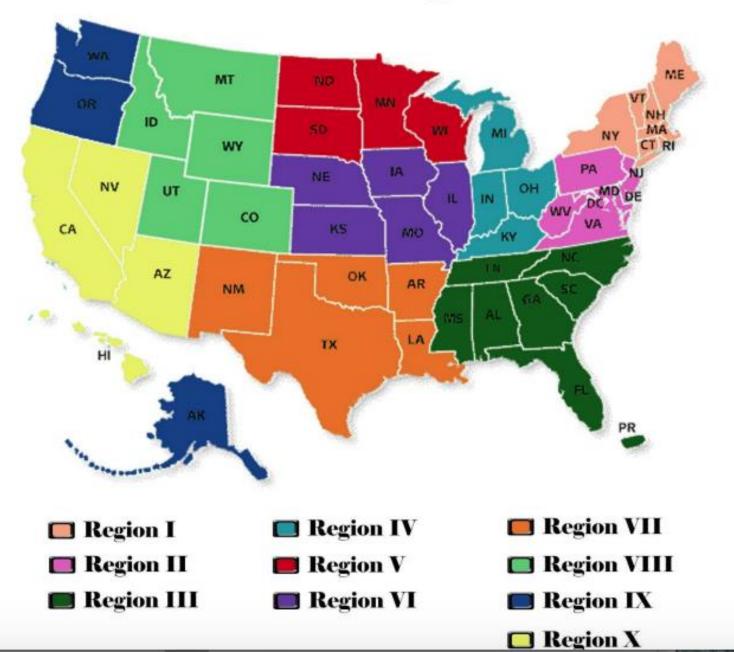
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

Website: ascls.org

What's ASCLS?

- Laboratory professional society
- Grassroots organization formed in 1933
- Gives a voice to all medical laboratory professionals to help advance our interests
- Provides leadership opportunities, scholarships, research grants, professional awards, educational conventions, etc.
- Join at the state level
- 10 regions

# **ASCLS Regions**



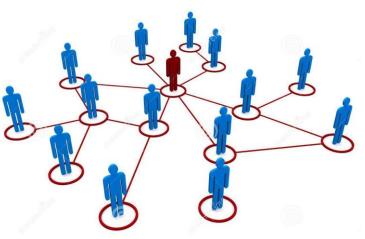


# Benefits of membership



### Networking

- Meet other laboratory professionals from around the state or country
- Attend vendor expos and ask questions about instrumentation
- Ask colleagues from other facilities about validations, borrowing supplies, etc.
- It's not always what you know, it's who you know!
- Social events
- Friendship



# **Benefits of membership**



### **Continuing Education**

- Discounted rates for State, Regional, and National conferences
- Live continuing education provides an opportunity to ask questions and network with other laboratory professionals.

## Staying Informed

- ASCLS Member Community Forums
- Clinical Laboratory Science Journal
- National and State Newsletters

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# Benefits of membership cont.



#### Legislation

- ASCLS can keep you informed on issues that affect our profession
- Members talk with legislators yearly on Capitol Hill to fight for issues affecting the lab

#### Leadership Academy

- Regional and National levels
- Learn and develop skills to become a leader in the lab and ASCLS

### **Scholarships**

- Thousands given away each year
  - Undergraduate
  - Graduate
  - Research grants



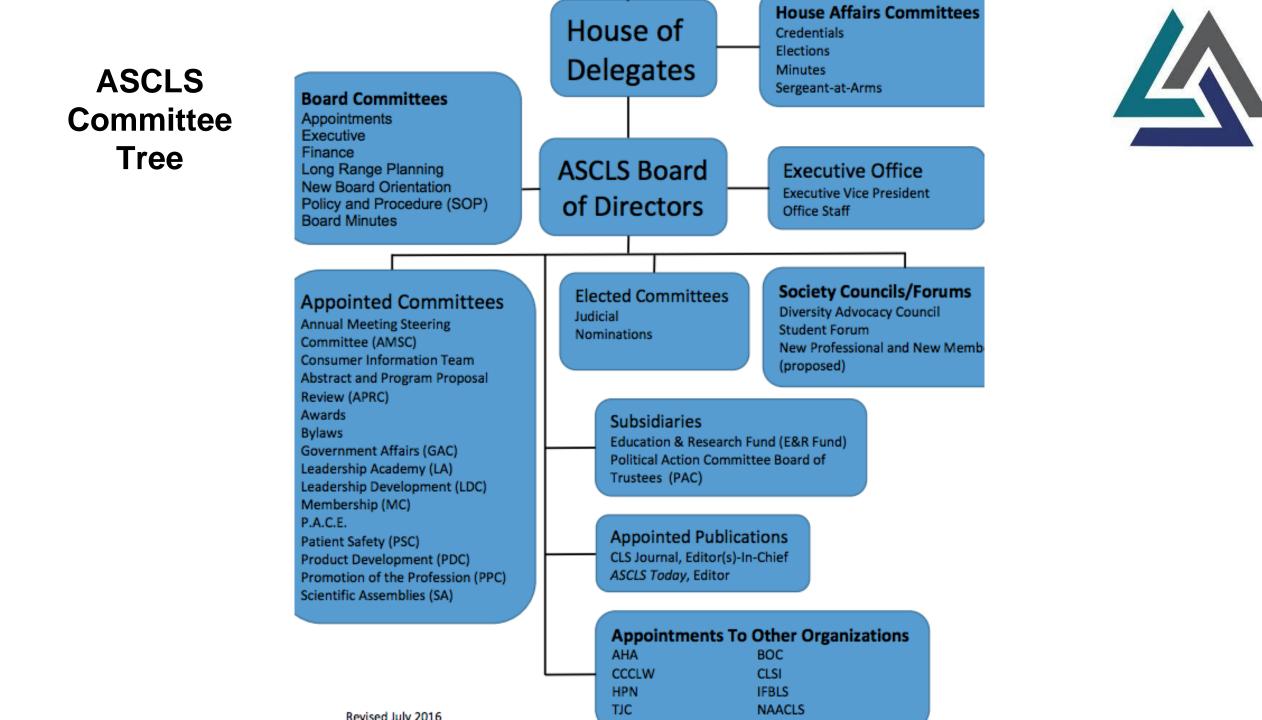
# How can I get involved?

### Many opportunities

- Publications: ASCLS Today and Focus newsletters
- Local, state, regional and national committees
- Planning and attending conventions
- Facebook groups
  - ASCLS (National page)
  - State page
  - Regional page
  - ASCLS Ascending Professional group
  - Medical Laboratory Science: Hidden Heroes
  - Various interest groups (ie. Blood Bank Interest Group)
- Communities and Forums







# Membership



### How to join/renew

- Join or renew online at
- http://www.ascls.org/membership/join
- <u>https://members.ascls.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=151</u>

Membership category	Cost to join	Cost to renew
Developing Professional (student)	\$24 (plus state dues)	
Ascending Professional	\$60 (plus state dues)	\$48 (plus state dues)
Professional	\$108 (plus state dues)	\$96 (plus state dues)
Emeritus	\$24 (no state dues)	
Community	\$72	\$60

# You are the future of the profession!



- Opportunities for leadership and career development await you
- Your talents and passion influence the organization
- You can be as active as you want
- You are the "missing piece" to the ASCLS puzzle
- Welcome to the lab family!





