Trustees: George Fritsma (AL, 2016, 2, Chair), Mary Ann McLane (DE, 2016, 1, Vice-chair), Lisa Hochstein (NY, 2015, 1, Secretary), Carol Shearer (KS, 2015, 1, Industry Representative), Lacey Campbell (TN, 2015, 1), Sally Pestana (HI, 2016, 2), Bunny Rodak (IN, 2014, 1), Rebecca Rogers (TN, 2014, 1)

Liaisons: Elissa Passiment (ASCLS EVP), Shellie Smith (ASCLS Board Liaison), Kathy Wesseler (Silent Auction)

Meetings
• F2F: Friday, August 2, 2013, Houston Texas
• Conference call: Thursday, October 10, 2013
• Conference call: Thursday, January 30, 2014
• Conference call: Thursday, July 11, 2014

Trustees and Liaisons
• Lacey Ann Campbell (TN, 2015) filled the unexpired term of the late Michelle Kanuth and was welcomed to the E&R fund Board of Trustees during our 1/30/14 conference call.
• We thank Rebecca Rogers for serving as trustee through August 1, 2014.
• President-elect Susie Zanto re-appointed Prof. Bernadette Rodak to a second term as trustee. Bunny accepted and will serve through July, 2017.
• PE Zanto re-appointed G. Fritsma as chair and Mary Ann McLane as vice-chair, 2014–15.
• PE Zanto re-appointed Mary Ann McLane as Awards Committee liaison and re-appointed Carol Shearer as Industry Liaison for 2014–15.
• PE Zanto invited Dr. Louann Lawrence to join the E&R Fund BOT. Dr. Lawrence accepted the appointment as trustee beginning August 1, 2014, her term to extend through July 2017.
• Sally Pestana announced she is running unopposed for the ASCLS Region X Director position and, assuming she is elected, will be unable to continue as a trustee after August 1, 2014. PE Zanto has contacted a potential replacement to fill Sally’s term through 2016. We thank Sally for her service.
• PE Zanto appointed Joni Gilstrap (MT, Region VIII Director) as our ASCLS BOD liaison for 2014–15.

Finances
• Per our 3/31/14 financial report, our assets are stable. Our fall audit yielded no unexpected comments.
• $1000 for the continuation of the Kleiner award has been received from Ms. Judy Kleiner.
• $3000 for the I. Dean Spradling award was contributed by Mr. Sumner Spradling, Infolab, Inc.
• $1500 each for the Southern and the Kanuth scholarships was received from Kay Southern and Jim Kanuth, respectively.
Silent Auction

- Kathy Wesseler and Bernadette Rodak presented an updated Silent Auction protocol during our 10/10/13 conference call implementing an on site committee led by Kathy and Bunny. They invited Leadership Academy graduates Lacey Campbell (2014–15 trustee), Tula Castillo, and Lisa Bakken to serve. Kathy has agreed to continue as silent auction chair through July, 2015. She and Bunny have arranged a contribution drop-off room for the Chicago convention and have emailed state presidents. They will provide signage and will take donations at the registration desk and will ensure item prices are consistent and meet the $50 minimum.

Publicity

- Retired trustee Dan Southern prepared an article for the August, 2013 ASCLS Today about the students who attended the 2013 Legislative Day, sponsored by the 2012 I. Dean Spradling E&R Fund grant. All the awardees wrote about their experiences.
- George Fritsma wrote article for the October ASCLS Today requesting scholarship contributions.
- The 2014 award program was announced in an October 2013 ASCLS Today article.
- ASCLS Past President Linda Smith, PhD provided a fall Clin Lab Sci journal issue editorial describing the life and contributions of Michelle Kanuth and the scholarship established in her name by her surviving husband, inviting subscribers to contribute.
- EVP Elissa Passiment sent an email to all members in December inviting contributions to the E&R Scholarship programs.
- George Fritsma sent an email to all members about E&R Fund grants and awards in January.

Grants

- The E&R Fund grant program attracted 9 applications for the Member Grant and 9 for the I. Dean Spradling graduate student grant (some were submitted to both). Member grants were awarded to Emily Hill, Virginia Commonwealth University, for her proposal, Emerging Pathogens in Cystic Fibrosis Patients at VCU Medical Center and Jean Sparks, PhD, Texas A&M, for Kalanchoe pinnata Preparation in the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes. The I. Dean Spradling graduate student grant was awarded to Ekaterina Syskin, St. Louis University, for Development of a Quantitative Biofilm Assay.
- George Fritsma, Carol Shearer, Mary Ann McLane, and Lacey Campbell were originally scheduled to be grant reviewers; however, owing to our growing volume, Bunny Rodak and an outside reviewer, Dave McGlasson graciously assisted. Mary Ann prepared the final tallies.
- EVP Elissa Passiment managed grant award notifications from the national office and George Fritsma provided follow-up congratulatory letters and awards ceremony notifications.
- Uthayashanker Ezekiel, PhD, 2013 grant awardee for his proposal, “Effect of Bacteriophages on Biofilm Forming Bacteria” continues with his data collection phase and wishes to extend the grant period through June 2015. The trustees requested a concise interim report and unanimously agreed via email to extend his grant period to 7/1/15. The extension incurs no additional expense.
- The trustees received a final report from Delfina Dominguez, PhD on her 2013–14 grant, “Design of a Point of Care Device for the Rapid Diagnosis of Pertussis.”
- The trustees received a final report from Kimberly S. Kennedy on her 2013–14 grant, “The role of antioxidants on tau phosphorylation in Alzheimer’s disease.”

Scholarships

- In August, 2013, Jim Kanuth established an MLS scholarship memorializing Michelle S. Kanuth. Also in August, Kay Southern established an MLS scholarship honoring Dan Southern.
- The E&R Fund approved guidelines for establishing named scholarships during their 10/10/13 conference call meeting.
- Ou 2014 Daniel K. Southern MLS scholarship winner is Linda Duong, University of Tennessee Health Science Center; our Michelle S. Kanuth MLS scholarship winner is Meghan Moore, Oregon Institute of
Technology and our Memorial MLS scholarship winner is Jeyavathsala Kanagaratnam, University of Rhode Island. The Edward C. Dolbey graduate scholarship goes to Regina Wulff, Rutgers University. The Edward C. Dolbey MLS scholarship winners are Amy Beth Fitterer, Providence Sacred Heart School of Medical Laboratory Science; Michele Stretch, University of Nebraska Medical Center, and Bernadette L. Urioste, Colorado Center of Medical Laboratory Science. The Edward C. Dolbey MLT scholarship is awarded to Denise Davis, Arapahoe Community College and Samantha Groves Mississippi Delta Community College. The 2014 total of E&R scholarship awards is $14,000.

Awards

- Mary Ann McLane served as Awards Committee liaison. The Committee updated web site guidelines and provided a detailed set of guidelines for Awards Committee members.
- ASCLS-Georgia manages the Gilbert award, which this year went to nominee Jennifer E. Dawson, MHA, DLM (ASCP) SLS, Georgetown, TX.
- The ASCLS Board of Directors nominates the Mendelson awardees, the plaques for which are provided by Westminster Publications. Mendelson awards are revealed at the conclusion of the House of Delegates.
- Education Scientific Assembly members, assisted by E&R Fund trustees annually review undergraduate student posters to select the best poster. Lacey Campbell and Mary Ann McLane will assist with poster evaluations in Chicago. The primary author of the winning poster earns a $500 award underwritten by the E&R Fund and is introduced at the ASCLS annual meeting awards ceremony.
- Kleiner Award: Bernadette Rodak, Rebecca Rogers, Sally Pestana, and George Fritsma reviewed all articles published in the 2013 edition of Clin Lab Sci. They sent their choices to four Clin Lab Sci consulting editors, three of whom responded with rankings. The trustees and editors found three articles that are award worthy; and by rank order, the winner is author Susan Morris, for the article Morris S, Otto CN, Golemboski K. Improving patient safety and healthcare quality in the 21st century—competencies required of future medical laboratory science practitioners. Clin Lab Sci 2013;26:200–4. The second place articles (tied) are:

We thank our reviewers and most of all, Ms Judy Kleiner, representing the estate of her father, Joseph Kleiner, for who the award is named.

Other Business

- Dan Southern and George Fritsma updated the E & R Fund procedure manual. The update has been forwarded to the Bylaws Committee for review. Changes include combining of the secretary and treasurer positions.
- Susan Leclaire, PhD requested the Fund establish an account to manage deposits from the UMass Dartmouth MLS Student Association. The trustees voted unanimously by email to establish the account and assess a nominal administrative fee.

Respectfully submitted, George Fritsma, 7/13/14