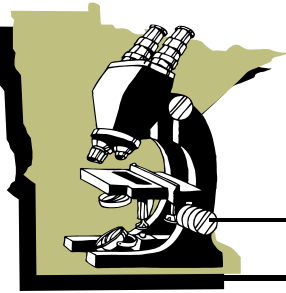


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President’s Address:

Lori Ross, CT(ASCP)

I hope you all are having an enjoyable summer. Fall is right around the corner and the MSC board is gearing up for another fun year. I would like to thank outgoing board member Samy Amirouche and Angela Ziemann for their service and welcome new members, Jessica Orsulak, Klint Kjeldahl and returning member Jennifer Pettengill. The MSC is always eager to welcome new members, especially board members! If you haven’t served on the board yet, I invite you to consider doing so. The time requirement is minimal and it’s a great way to meet other techs from around the state, contribute in a unique way to the field and step out of your comfort zone for just a bit. Any board member will be happy to share their knowledge and experience!

I read an article recently by ASCP president, Barbara McKenna titled, “Personalized Learning in the Era of Personalized Medicine.” She writes about the individualized therapies of the future and how they are going to revolutionize laboratory medicine. She states, “As new knowledge emerges pathologists and lab professionals must develop strategies to stay abreast. For each of us, these strategies will differ, because each of our practices is unique in scope and setting. As a result, our learning also must be personalized.” I found this to be an interesting corollary to our fall interesting case meeting. I believe our best educators can be found among our colleagues as we share the challenges and struggles that are part of our day to day work life. What case surprised you? Made you turn to text books in search of answers or sent you on a wild chase? I invite you to share your experience with your fellow MSC members. So dig through your case file and find the one that made you sit up and in your best Minnesotan accent say, “Well, now, that was interesting.”

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President's Address *Continued from page 1*

Co-chairs Gina and Lindsey have provided the details about submitting a case in this newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you in September!

Lori Ross, CT (ASCP)
MSC President

Welcome to our New Board Members!!

Jessica Orsulak, CT(ASCP)^{CM}, MSC President Elect

Hello MSC members! My name is Jessica Orsulak, and I am excited to be serving as the new MSC President Elect. I received my BS in Biomedical Science from Marquette University in 2005. In 2006, I graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Cytotechnology program via their satellite location at Carle Clinic in Urbana, IL. Since then, I have worked as a CT at Mayo Clinic, taking particular interest in molecular cytology. I currently live in Rochester and share my home with my fabulous 6 year old chocolate lab, Sadie. In my spare time, I enjoy skydiving and relaxing in the outdoors.

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting!

Klint Kjeldahl, CT(ASCP), MSC Board Member

I am currently the Cytology Supervisor for University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview and have been in this position since 2000. I have been a Cytotechnologist since completing training at Mayo School of Health Related Sciences, Cytology Program in 1993 and am certified CT(ASCP). I have a BA in Biology and a Masters in Business Administration.

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University of Minnesota, Fairview

Minutes from the MSC Board of Directors Meetings

2009 MSC SPRING GENERAL MEETING
April 4, 2009 2:15 PM
Radisson Hotel
Bloomington, MN

Call to Order: Angie Zieman calls the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Lindsey Kane and Angela Krueger approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Krueger: The current balance is \$20,861.87. All vendor fees have not been paid. Late fees will be enforced after March 1st. Samy Amirouche and Lindsey Kane approve the treasurer's report.

Fall Meeting 2009: Lindsey Kane and Gina Saccomanno are co-chairs.

Update from Lindsey Kane: Interesting cases to be presented.

Date: September 26, 2009

Location: Stilts Building on the Methodist Hospital Campus

There will be free registration for presenters.

New Business:

Job Openings: Medtox Laboratories

Licensure Update: Jennifer Pettengill: The bill narrowly passed the Senate Health Committee. Lynnette Savaloja and Shelly Semerad testified. The Senate Government Operations Committee passed also. The bill needs to pass the House Licensure Subcommittee and Senate Finance Committee. They probably won't make the April 7th deadline. Thanks to those who responded to action alerts and to Lynnette Savaloja and Shelly Semerad.

Carol Kanneberg Memorial Merit Scholarship Award: The scholarship was awarded to Joshua Blue. He is currently in the Mayo Cytology program in Rochester, MN.

Old Business: The MSC will continue to host Fall meetings due to the results of registrations for this meeting.

Board Member Elections: Absentee ballots will be e-mailed on Monday, and voters will have two weeks to respond. Results will be in the Fall newsletter. Lindsey Kane and Doug Soltis approve the ballot.

Other Business: Benard Maritim won the drawing for Dr. Henry's book. He is currently in the Mayo Cytology program in Rochester, MN.

Next Board Meeting: June/July 2009

Adjournment: Doug Soltis and Chelsi Womack adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm.

2009 MSC SPRING BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2009 4:00 PM
Radisson Hotel
Bloomington, MN

Board Members Present: Lindsey Kane, Angela Krueger, Jennifer Pettengill, Lori Ross, Gina Saccomanno, Chelsi Womack, and Angie Zieman

Call to Order: Angela Krueger and Jennifer Pettengill call the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Jennifer Pettengill and Lori Ross approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Krueger: The current balance is \$20,861.87. All vendor fees have not been paid. Angie Zieman: Late fees will be enforced after March 1st. Jennifer Pettengill and Angela Krueger approve the treasurer's report.

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Minutes from the 2009 MSC Spring Board Meeting *continued from page 3*

Upcoming Meetings:

Spring 2009: Chelsi Womack and Angie Zieman are co-chairs.

Date: April 3-4, 2009

Location: Radisson Hotel, Bloomington by Mall of America, River Birch room

Fall 2009: Lindsey Kane and Gina Saccomanno are co-chairs.

Update from Lindsey Kane: Interesting cases to be presented.

Date: September 26, 2009

Location: Methodist Stilts Building

Spring 2010: TBD – The date will be moved due to past attendance.

Old Business:

Licensure: Update from Jennifer Pettengill: The Bill passed the Senate.

Meeting Planners Guide: Chelsi Womack is in the process of updating the final draft.

New Business:

Job Openings: None

Scholarship Applicants: We received one applicant and reviewed the application and all board members agreed it would be appropriate to issue the scholarship to the applicant.

Next Board Meeting: General Business Meeting, Saturday, April 4, 2:15 PM, Radisson Hotel Bloomington by Mall of America, River Birch room.

Adjournment: Gina Saccomanno and Angie Zieman adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM.

2009 MSC SUMMER BOARD MEETING

July 18, 2009 8:00 AM

Country Kitchen

Cannon Falls, MN

Board members present: Klint Kjeldahl, Angela Krueger, Jessica Orsulak, Jennifer Pettengill, Lori Ross, Gina Saccomanno, Chelsi Womack, and Angie Zieman

Call to Order: Lori Ross calls the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Chelsi Womack will e-mail the minutes from the Spring board meeting and the approval will be through e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Krueger: The current balance is \$16,462.50. The net loss from the Spring meeting was \$232.96. Jennifer Pettengill and Gina Saccomanno approve the treasurer's report.

Upcoming Meetings:

Fall 2009: Lindsey Kane and Gina Saccomanno are co-chairs.

Update from Gina Saccomanno: We have 2 interesting case presentations so far. The deadline to submit interesting case presentations will be August 31, 2009. We need a minimum of 6 presentations in order to have the Fall meeting.

Date: September 26, 2009

Location: Methodist Stilts Building

Spring 2010: Klint Kjeldahl and Jennifer Pettengill are co-chairs.

Date: The tentative date is April 9-10, 2010

Location: Rochester Event Center

Potential speakers: Dr. Weatherby

“Culinary Food for Thought” for Friday

night and Dr. Kipp “Endometrial Cytology”

for Saturday.

Old Business:

Spring meeting feedback: There were many complaints about the facilities.

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Minutes from the 2009 MSC Summer Board Meeting *continued from page 4*

Old Business: *(continued)*

Meetings per year: The future of Fall meetings will be dependent on the outcome of the Fall 2009 meeting. Attendance has been disconcerting in the past few years. Chelsi Womack will look into creating a Survey Monkey survey and sending it to all MSC members for feedback for future meetings.

Licensure: No updates.

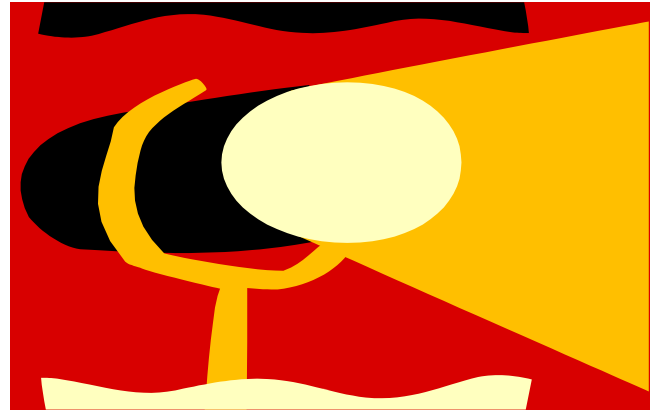
New Business:

Job Openings: None

Newsletter: The deadline for submitting articles to Jessica Orsulak is August 3rd, and the deadline for completion is August 10th.

Next Board Meeting: September 26, 2009 directly following the Fall Meeting.

Adjournment: Jessica Orsulak and Jennifer Pettengill adjourn the meeting at 9:07 AM.



School Spotlight

Mayo School of Health Sciences Cytotechnology Program: A Work in Progress

*Jill Cudill M. Ed. SCT(ASCP)^{CM}
Mayo Clinic Cytotechnology Program Director*

As many are aware, the Cytotechnology program at the Mayo Clinic is taking a year off to retool their program and plan for the future. We don't claim to know what the future might be, but we decided to take a stab at it. Our direction will be a surprise to no one. We have long believed that the strong morphologic skills of cytotechnologists can be utilized in many ways to assist pathologists.

We have involved our technologists in a variety of ancillary testing for many years. The Molecular Cytology and Imaging laboratory was created several years ago, separating the functions of the traditional Cytopathology laboratory, and providing separate leadership. Many cytotechnologists are shared between the labs. The addition of digital image analysis, fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH), immunostaining for Her-2 and ER/PR evaluation for breast cancer cases, and instrumentation for detecting circulating tumor cells have all had a significant impact on the

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ATTENTION MSC MEMBERS!!

2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES are due
January 1st, 2010!!!

Be sure to use the insert and pay by January 1st.

Please make out a check for **\$15, payable to MSC**. Please include your name, address, phone number/email, and work affiliation.

Mail to: Angela Krueger, MSC Treasurer

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way we use our morphologic skills. We've also added pre-screening of acid fast bacilli (AFB) cases for pathologists and identifying tumor areas on tissue cases slated for molecular genetic studies, resulting in savings of pathologist time.

All of these changes have led to the development of extensive education and training for cytotechnologists. The scope of this education can not be incorporated into the existing 12 month curriculum provided by our Cytotechnology program. While we have added exposure to these new areas, graduates are in no way ready to dive into those roles as new employees.

Our proposal to address these educational gaps will include an expansion of six months for graduates, where we can offer further development of screening and diagnostic skills, along with FISH training and exposure to other testing. In an effort to address opportunities for current cytotechnologists, we also envision creating some separate modules addressing specifically FISH training, as that is the test that requires the most time in which to develop competency. With the interest we've seen expressed from cytotechnologists seeking to prepare for the Molecular Pathology certification examination offered through the ASCP, we hope to offer this preparation in our expansion, as well as within a separate module.

Given the interesting economy, this may be a difficult time to propose significant changes, but we are attempting to forge ahead. We remain dedicated to making the changes we feel will best prepare our students for the future, and we hope to also offer opportunities for practicing professionals. Stay tuned....

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Spring Meeting 2010

March 19-20, 2010

Ramada Hotel & Convention Center
Highway 52 (across from Apache Mall)
Rochester, MN

*Wait until you hear what we have
in store for you!!*

***HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR
NEXT ISSUE...***

🌀 **Invitation to the 2010 Spring Meeting**

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The 'Cytologic' is published biannually for members of the Minnesota Society of Cytology.

Do you have an article, advertisement (free for members of the MSC), idea or opinion that you would like to share with the MSC? All submissions are welcome. Contact our Board of Directors!

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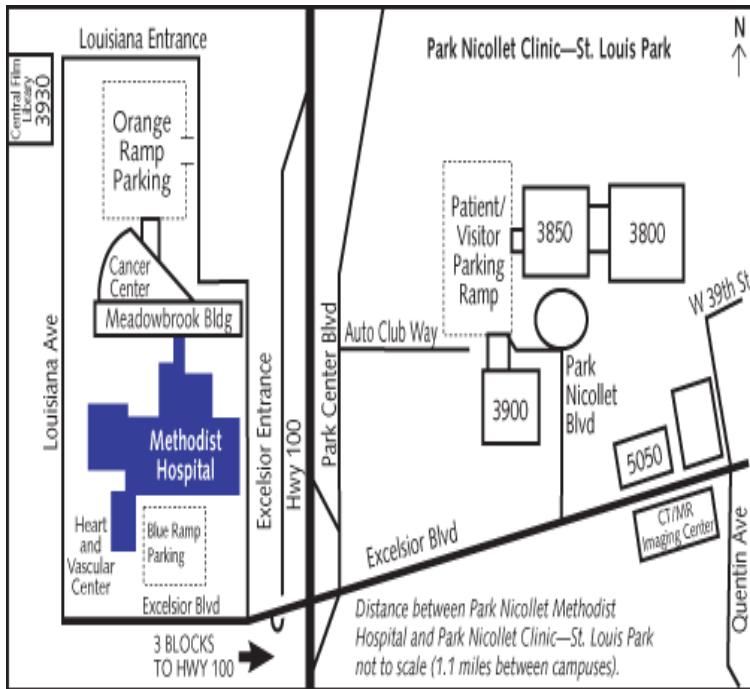
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MSC 2009 Fall Meeting
September 26th, 2009
7:30 AM- 12:00 PM
Stilts Building
6700 Excelsior Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

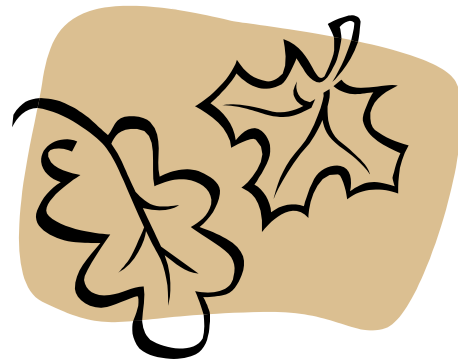
Directions: Take Hwy. 100 to Excelsior Blvd.; go west about one-half mile. Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital has two entrances. One is at 6500 Excelsior Blvd. The other is around the corner. To access it, proceed west on Excelsior Blvd.; north (right) on Louisiana Ave.; and right into the Methodist Hospital and Meadowbrook Building entrance.

Parking: It is available for a fee in the Orange and Blue ramps. Free parking is available in the Red Lot, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, with free shuttle service to the hospital campus.

MSC 2009 Fall Meeting

September 26th, 2009
7:30 AM-12:00 PM

Methodist Hospital
Stilts Building
St. Louis Park, MN



Fall Meeting Agenda

7:30 AM-8:00 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM-8:05 AM: Welcome

8:05 AM-9:45 AM: Interesting Case Conference (Speakers TBA)

9:45 AM-10:00 AM: Break

10:00 AM-11:15 AM: Interesting Case Conference (Speakers TBA)

11:15 AM-12:00 PM: General Membership Meeting

****Attention MSC Members****

More speakers are needed for the Interesting Case Conference. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Gina Saccomanno or Lindsey Kane. The deadline to volunteer is **August 31, 2009**. If there are not enough volunteers found then there will be no Fall Meeting.

Fall Meeting Registration Form

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2009

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 18, 2009

Name: _____ CT__ MD__ Other__ Home Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Affiliation: _____

Please include any special needs: ___Mobility ___Hearing ___Vision ___Diet

	MSC Members	Non-Members	CT Student	New Member or Outstanding Dues	Total Amount Enclosed:
FEES	\$30	\$35	\$10	\$15	

Have you been in the Cytology field for 30 years or more AND are you currently a member of MSC? _____