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## 2014 Annual Report

### *President*



It was another busy year for MAMLS volunteers as we advocated on behalf of the profession. We celebrated with a number of events that included: National Med Lab Week, the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium, Winnipeg Academy Spring Fling, LABCON 2014 in Saskatoon, MCMLS 2014 in Winnipeg, the MAMLS 2014 AGM as well as Academy AGMs, just to name a few.

There have been some very exciting developments within MAMLS throughout 2014. We continued to work with CMLTM on the importance of regulation of MLAs. I presented a short topic to the students at Robertson College on the importance of MLAs in the profession, and how having MLAs regulated would be advantageous. We also met with the Health Minister to address our concerns about the quality of medical laboratory services being provided in the mobile clinics throughout the province. These concerns were addressed but more work is required by the Board in 2015.

Keeping up with current trends, we started an Instagram account and a Twitter account to help share the wealth of knowledge the profession has to offer. If you have an interesting photo to share, make sure you #maml! The most exciting development was the unveiling of the new website at the AGM on October 21st. The new user friendly website will now be moderated by the Board of Directors and not by an external source. This change required us to develop an IT committee to help with all the additional changes that will occur. If we don't have your email on file, be sure to notify us at [mamlsprez1@gmail.com](mailto:mamlsprez1@gmail.com) so you can enjoy all the benefits the new website has to offer. Another huge change with the website is the addition of Paypal! This will allow easy renewing for our membership!

My year as president has been a truly awarding experience. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for all of their support, encouragement, and knowledge. This opportunity has allowed me to represent MAMLS at various events, as well as begin to address professional topics that I am very passionate about. The year has been challenging and daunting, but also incredibly rewarding – there may be a learning curve, but the newly acquired knowledge is welcomed and so I encourage each of you to consider a term on the Board of Directors. We look forward to the addition of new faces to our professional committee and welcome you to share in our quest for advocacy and excellence.

*Crystal Hutlet-Seafoot*

2014 President

Manitoba Association for Medical Laboratory Science

## 2014 Annual Report

# *Prairie West Academy*

As always, it has been my privilege and my honor to work alongside the hardworking members of your Prairie West Academy executive. We have been very pleased with the addition of Natalie Vojnovic as Director, and we have also added two new student representatives, so the 2014 executive was as follows:

**President:** Roseanna Southcombe  
**Secretary:** Leanne Radford  
**Treasurer:** Jennifer VanDixhoorn  
**Directors:** Kayley Arran, Lori McDonald, Katherine Nicholson, Nathalie Rancourt, Natalie Vojnovic  
**Student Representatives:** Jenna Fullerton and Kyle Vodden

We started this year by supplying funding and judges to the Western Manitoba Science Fair 2014. We provided one prize for each of three age categories for science projects directly related to Medical Laboratory Science, and donated funds to the WMSF for the continuation of the event. It was a record year for the Science Fair, with over 800 projects!

In April we supported National Med Lab Week celebrations in many locations across the Prairie West area, and WML had posters, contests and give-aways.

We held our Annual General Meeting in Killarney at the Blarney Stone on May 20. Dr. Abdi Sokoro presented an interesting and important lecture about hormone imbalances.

In June, Prairie West Academy provided band-aids for the D.A.S.H Tent to stop the bleeding after the stuffed animals had their blood drawn.

PWA held a General Meeting on September 22 at Remington's. It was a very well-attended with a presentation by BJ Kirouak from CBS regarding blood donations.

In early October, PWA hosted a thank you luncheon for people who had volunteered to be a part of organizing Congress 2015. We have a great group of people organizing MCMLS 2015, and I know it will be excellent and educational as always.

At the MAMLS AGM, two Westman area residents received professional awards. Joyce Agar received the Crocus Award for 2014, recognizing her time spent volunteering with MSMLT/MAMLS and advancing the profession with education of all members. MAMLS created a new award this year. The ANC Delaat Award was given to Ann Raymer in recognition of her commitment to the advancement of Medical Laboratory Technology, specifically in Hemopathology.

We held a General Meeting on November 24 at the Riverbank Discovery Center. We had a catered dessert buffet and an excellent presentation by Dr. Bernadette Ardelli from Brandon University about Clinical Parasitology. At that meeting we had our election, and all executive members were approved by acclamation. As a result, the 2015 Prairie West Academy executive committee will be:

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I would again ask that should any of our members have an idea or suggestion for a topic or speaker that you would like the Prairie West executive to explore, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is my belief that providing continuing education opportunities is the primary function of Prairie West Academy, but this is only possible with member input and participation. I have very much enjoyed serving you all this year, and look forward to the challenges and rewards of 2015.

*Roseanna Southcombe*

President, Prairie West Academy

## 2014 Annual Report

# *Professional Development*



During my first year as Director of Professional Development, several achievements were accomplished. The number of awards available to the members was increased to four with the incorporation of the A.N.C. Delaat Memorial Award. Below is an update on awards:

**Hilda Fleming Fund** - Five requests for funds were received and three were awarded for a total disbursement of \$1,440.92. The two applicants who did not receive funds were for the following reasons – insufficient documentation and the request for funds was not tuition or conference registrations costs. This continues to be an underutilized source of funding for members' continuing education costs.

### **Crocus Award**

This award is not necessarily given each year. However in 2014, there was a worthy member, **Joyce Agar**, Brandon.

### **Honourary Member**

**Kathy Arnold** was recognized in 2014 for her multiple contributions to our provincial association over her working career as an MLT.

### **ANC Delaat Memorial Award**

This was the first time the association recognized an MLT for contributions to the profession of medical laboratory sciences. **Anne Raymer** of Brandon received this award.

### **Student Awards**

Professionalism Award (Student) – This was presented to **Jamie Bottrell** at the June 2014 MLS Graduation celebration.

Joseph. M Scott (Student) Award – Unfortunately, there were no student applications for 2014.

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An offer of help was given to all Academies to assist in hosting a continuing education event. The Winnipeg Academy did come forward and a MAMLS Grow-OP registration give-away and a Hilda Fleming Book mark was provided for each attendee at the annual Spring Fling.

To provide more services to members, a request for volunteers was placed in the e-Catalyst to help create new professional development opportunities. Two individuals came forward. They will be working with me on plans for 2015. It is with eager anticipation that I look forward to 2015 when all our planning will be shared with the members.

*Bill Younger*

Director, Professional Development

## *Welcome to our 2015 Board Members*

MAMLS would like to thank the outgoing Board members, Michele Sykes, Arlene Ramos and Connie Boudreau. We wish them well in their new endeavours. Congratulations to Michele who is trading in her provincial hat to now wear a national hat as the CSMLS Director for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan region. At the AGM, we also welcomed the following new Board members: Vice President: Jason Tilling and Director, Marketing and Communication: Michael David



**2014 Board of Directors from left to right:** Bill Younger, Arlene Ramos, Crystal Hutlet-Seafoot, Maggie MacFarlane, Roseanna Southcombe and Virginia Leifso.

# A thank you...



Linda Schroeder poses with provincial flags at the CSMLS LABCON2014 in Saskatoon.

## Thank you Hilda Fleming Fund for Supporting My Continuing Education

The CSMLS annual conference LABCON2014 was held in Saskatoon this year. It was close to Manitoba and on the way to Edmonton where my children now live.

A quick review of the lecture and workshop line up showed many topics relevant to my practice as a supervisor in the pre-analytical area of Health Science Centre's core lab.

The CSMLS pre-conference workshop on Quality Question Writing was of particular interest as my department is preparing to include written tests for our staff's initial training and ongoing competency.

There were so many other relevant lecture topics as well covering risk management in phlebotomy, the value of incorporating cognitive processing concepts in training material, reducing pre analytical error, ethics and so much more.

Excited I booked my vacation days around congress and a visit to Edmonton to see family. Road trip! Thank you Hilda Fleming Fund for supporting my continuing education.

*Linda Schroeder*  
MLT

# Apply now...

Reminder to our members, applications for the following are now on our website, [www.mamls.ca](http://www.mamls.ca)

## 1. Hilda Fleming Fund for Continuing Education support

### 2. Awards

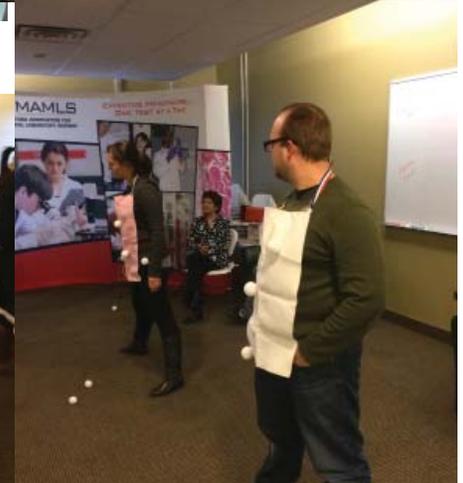
- Honourary Member
- Crocus Award
- A.N.C. Delay Memorial Award

## 3. Joseph M. Scott Award for second year students

Deadlines for submission are identified on each application form. Apply / submit early to avoid disappointment. If you have any further questions, send an email to [mamlsprez1@gmail.com](mailto:mamlsprez1@gmail.com) to the attention of the Director, Professional Development.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here are some familiar faces and events from this year's MCMLS conference and shenanigans during the annual student night. We wish all of our MAMLS members a Happy 2015 and many new opportunities to learn and grow together as a community of medical laboratory



# Final thoughts from the Prez...



I cannot believe my term as your MAMLS president is coming to an end. This year has been a very eventful and awarding experience. Thank you to everyone for their support and advice over the course of the year. Most recently, we were all able to celebrate our profession at MCMLS2014, in Winnipeg. Thank you to the Winnipeg Academy who worked hard behind the scenes to ensure everything went according to plan.

During MCMLS 2014, MAMLS held their AGM. At the AGM, we unveiled the new website and walked the membership through all the new fancy technology we now offer! If you require a user name and password, please email us at [mamlsprez1@gmail.com](mailto:mamlsprez1@gmail.com).

I was also privileged to present the awards this year to our carefully selected recipients. The Crocus Award was awarded to Joyce Agar, the A.N.C. Delaat Profession Recognition Award was presented to Ann Raymer, and Kathy Arnold was presented with a Honorary Member Award. Congratulations to these amazing women for their hard work and dedication to our profession over the years!

As my term as president comes to an end, I would like to welcome the new Board of Directors of 2015! The new MAMLS incoming president will be [Thecla Athayde](#). There will be quite a change over of positions on the Board for 2015, and they will all continue to advocate for the medical laboratory profession. Thank you all again and we will see you in the New Year!

## Crystal Hutlet-Seafoot

January 2015



**At the 2014 AGM Awards Ceremony:** (at far left) Crystal Hutlet Seafoot presents the Crocus Award to Joyce Agar, and (middle) the A.N.C. Delaat Profession Recognition Award to Ann Raymer and Kathy Arnold (far right) is presented with an Honorary Award by Arlene Ramos.

# In memoriam...

## Helen Stanley



MAMLS would like to remember the contributions of Helen by sharing a snapshot of her professional career.

Helen was born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and obtained her schooling there. She worked for a few years as a chemical analyst with the Aluminum Company of Canada in Kingston, Ontario, before marriage brought her further west to Brandon.

Helen Stanley was Westman Laboratory's Education Head, a position she held since the Laboratory was established in 1974. Helen worked in Brandon medical laboratories for over 25 years. Although she worked in all lab areas for various periods during those years, her primary involvements were in Microbiology and student training. She started working at the Brandon Sanatorium (later Assiniboine Hospital) in 1954, moved to the Brandon Mental Health Centre in 1957, and then to the Brandon General Hospital in 1962 to take over the then infant Microbiology Department. She was appointed Student Coordinator in 1969, a position she held until becoming Westman's Education Head. Helen also looked after the editorial duties of the newsletter, Lab-Com.

Professionally, Helen attained both an RT and an ART (Gen.) from the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists. She was very active with the Society on both the local and the national level. Provincially, she served on the Brandon Academy during its earlier years as President, Past President, Director and Chairman of Continuing Education. Nationally, Helen was a member of the CSLT Certification Board from 1976-78, the Chairperson of the Hematology Science Section from 1971-77, and Chairperson of the General Laboratory Forum Science Section 1979-80. In June, 1980, she was appointed Coordinator of Science Sections and, in conjunction with this, served as an ex-officio member of the Certification Board.

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