

**KCCLMA Board of Directors Ballot April 2010**

**\*\* Vote by faxing your ballot back to ATTN: Connie Broers (785) 505-2650 or by casting a vote at the annual meeting.**

**\*Results will be announced at our Annual Meeting, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**- see [www.kcclma.org](http://www.kcclma.org) for meeting details\***

**Please place an "X" by your choices—vote for 4 nominees for BOD and 1 each for officers.**

**Bios are on the pages following the ballot—thanks for your participation!**

**Nominees for BOD: (Vote for 4)**

**\_\_\_ Sandy Claussen, MT(ASCP), CPHQ; Laboratory Education/Safety Coordinator; CMH**

**\_\_\_ Jim Debrick; Hospital Territory Manager , Western Region; ITC**

**\_\_\_ Julie Guess, MT (ASCP); Hematology Supervisor, University of Kansas Hospital**

**\_\_\_ Laurie Osbahr, MT (ASCP); Account Executive, Biosite**

**\_\_\_ Ashlea Servi; Director of Laboratory Services at Lee's Summit Medical Center**

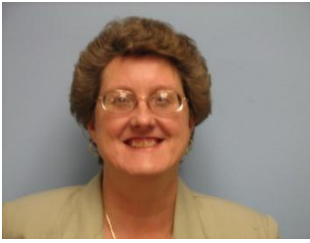
**Nominee for Treasurer: (Vote for 1)**

**\_\_\_ Vicki Parsons; Assistant Director, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Kansas Hospital**

**Nominee for Secretary: (Vote for 1)**

**\_\_\_ Holly Hamilton; MT, ASCP, LIS Coordinator, Lawrence Memorial Hospital**

## **Sandy Claussen, Nominee for BOD**



My career in healthcare began in 1975 at Trinity Lutheran Hospital where I received my clinical training as a medical technologist. I worked there for 24 years with responsibilities as a staff medical technologist, evening shift supervisor, Lab Safety Manager, Lab Quality Assurance Coordinator and Program Director of the School of Medical Technology. I also spent 4 years at Research Medical Center where I functioned as the QA/QI/Safety Manager for all of the Health Midwest labs. Prior to coming to Children's Mercy Hospital as the Education/Safety Coordinator, I took a chance and worked in managed care for 2½ years at FirstGuard Health Plan (a Medicaid Insurance provider) as a Quality Improvement Project Manager. While at FirstGuard, I passed the CPHQ (Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality) exam. I have been at Children's Mercy Hospital for almost 3 years where I have responsibility for coordinating staff educational programs, including new hires and students; for providing consultation and coordination in the development of laboratory section competency materials and programs; and for serving as a key player in lab safety related activities, including representing the laboratory on several hospital safety committees.

## **Jim Debrick, Nominee for BOD**

I graduated Pittsburg State University in 1975 with a BS in Biology and Chemistry minor, and then attended Tulsa University and received a BS in Nursing in 1978. I worked 5 years as a Critical Care Nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, and then transitioned to the vendor business in 1982 as a Clinical Specialist for a Medical Distributor in Kansas City. I have worked with 4 manufacturers over the past 28 years that focus mainly on Cardio-vascular diagnostic devices, and my relationship with the Kansas City CLMA began in 1992 as the Biosite representative. I have enjoyed the organization and people, plus it has been a great personal learning experience for the laboratory related services. I would look forward to helping in any way I can to promote the goals of the local chapter. Thank you.

## **Julie Guess, MT (ASCP), Nominee for BOD**

Hematology Supervisor  
University of Kansas Hospital  
CLMA member since 2004

I attended the University of Kansas, graduated with a degree in Medical Technology and have worked at KU Med since. I decided to become a Med Tech when I was 17 and watched my first bone marrow. I started out working in a core lab (before it was called that), transferred into the hematology lab working part time and am now back in the Core Lab as a supervisor. This is a career that helps people each day and teaches me something every day. I became involved in CLMA in 2002 when I became the Hematology Supervisor. I have attended Think Lab in 2004 and 2009 and always take away great information and meet wonderful people. CLMA provides both a professional and personal link to people who understand what you do and can relate to the rewards and frustrations of your career. I would like to work on the CLMA Board and continue the great work they do providing helpful and timely information through their programs, scholarships to national events and networking opportunities. I have the time and experience to become more involved with our local CLMA chapter.

## **Laurie Osbahr MT (ASCP) , Nominee for BOD**

I received my B.S. Medical Technology from the University of Nebraska in May 1997. My clinical experience includes working in the blood bank at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, in virology at St Louis Childrens where I was involve in the Service Excellence Committee trained Lab Medicine Residents as they rotated through Virology department. I then entered the industrial side of laboratory medicine in 2002 and worked 5 years for Becton Dickinson: BD Diagnostics. I joined BioSite as a Technical Consultant in 2007 and was named Field Coach in September 2009 – became a mentor for new hires and managed their field training phase of new their new hire training. I was promoted to Account Executive January 2010.

On the personal side, I am a certified YMCA Fitness Instructor – Edward Jones YMCA; compete in Sprint Triathlons including an Olympic Distance Triathlon in Lawrence KS summer of 2009, and enjoy baking cakes for family birthday parties, traveling with my husband, swimming, and St Louis Cardinals baseball!

The reason I would like to serve on the Board is I love meeting the people who work in the laboratory—the actual techs that work in the lab. It is important to me to stay current with what is going on in the laboratory. As an industrial partner, I have learned so much about laboratory beyond my experience as a technologist and feel that I could contribute to KCCLMA from both of those experiences.

## **Ashlea Servi, Nominee for BOD**

I am the Director of Laboratory Services at Lee’s Summit Medical Center in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. I am originally from Pittsburg, Kansas but moved to Ringgold, Georgia when I was 10. I attended Dalton College on the HOPE Scholarship before moving to the Kansas City area to attend the University of Kansas Lawrence. In 1998 I began the Medical Technology program at the University of Kansas Medical Center during which I was elected class president. I graduated in 1999.

My first medical technologist position out of college was at Cass Medical Center in Harrisonville, Missouri, a rather small rural hospital south of the Kansas City area. It was a great experience and I was able to practice in all of the clinical areas. Had I been employed by a larger facility I would have been pigeon-holed into one area of the laboratory and have limited my experiences.

In 2003 I began searching for employment closer to the Kansas City area. I accepted a medical technologist position at Truman Medical Center Lakewood. Again I had the great fortune to be able to work in all areas of the clinical laboratory and further expand my skills as a medical technologist. Within a few months I accepted the position of Blood Bank Coordinator and began to focus in on one specific area of the lab. In conjunction with Truman Medical Center Hospital Hill I began rewriting and updating blood bank policies and procedures and improving processes. I also developed a blood bank training program for the pathology residents that were attending the TMC pathology program.

In 2004 I left the Kansas City area and moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi. My father-in-law was starting a distribution company and requested the help of my husband and myself. I was the Human Resources Director, Business Manager, Accounting Director, Inventory Controller, IT Director and the Marketing Director. My many hats and many duties allowed me to gain a vast amount of knowledge and experience that I could not have obtained as a medical technologist. And although the company was eventually dissolved I will never regret my experiences. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005 my family and I returned to Kansas City.

In February 2006 I returned to Truman Medical Center Lakewood as a PRN technologist. Within a few weeks I accepted the Hematology/Blood Bank Coordinator position. I began rewriting and updating the hematology policies and

procedures and improving processes. I assisted in the development of a medical technician training program for Barton County Community College students that were doing their clinical training at Lakewood.

In May 2008 I accepted the position of Laboratory Director at Lee's Summit Medical Center. By utilizing Lean tools and principles I implemented several process improvements in the laboratory thereby decreasing our Emergency Department STAT turn-around-time from 33 minutes to 14 minutes. I have been involved in many Lean Kaizen events throughout the medical center, including bed management and registration. I accepted the additional responsibility of co-Lean Coordinator in July 2009. As such I educate staff members on Lean tools and principles and facilitate process improvements throughout the facility. I am currently enrolled in Lean/Six Sigma Greenbelt for Healthcare at Johnson County Community College.

### **Vicki Parsons, Nominee for Treasurer**

CLMA member since 1992

I started attending KCCLMA meetings in 1991 as a new laboratory supervisor. I have found the meetings to be informational and the networking opportunities to be invaluable. There are a lot of challenges in today's healthcare industry and CLMA has been and continues to be a valuable resource for me.

I have served on the KCCLMA board in multiple capacities, most recently as the co-chair of the education committee. I appreciate the fact that I have been able to provide input in our chapter's activities. I am currently running for Treasurer. Those of you who know me know, I take all matters financial very seriously. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the chapter in this capacity.

### **Holly Hamilton, Nominee for Secretary**

I am the Laboratory Information Systems (LIS) Coordinator at Lawrence Memorial Hospital and a graduate of the University of Iowa with a B.S. in Medical Technology. As a member of the lab management team at LMH, I look to CLMA for leadership tools and networking that I have not been able to find elsewhere. I have been a member of CLMA since 2006 and became active working with the board of directors for the Kansas City Chapter initially helping with the website. Most recently I have filled the temporary position of secretary and would like to continue in this position as documentation and information technology are some of my strengths. My goals with KC CLMA are to help provide educational and networking opportunities that will develop knowledge of clinical laboratory science and management skills. I live with my husband and two children in Lawrence, Kansas, and in my free time enjoy boating, traveling and spending time with family and friends.