NAACLS
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

2019 Annual Report
The NAACLS Mission Statement

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) is committed to being the premier agency for international accreditation and approval of educational programs in the clinical laboratory sciences and related healthcare disciplines. NAACLS provides leadership in fostering innovative educational approaches and actively supports cooperative efforts with other agencies.

NAACLS, in collaboration with its professional organizations, provides comprehensive services including program accreditation, program approval, and continuing education. NAACLS provides these services for educational programs, students, employers and healthcare consumers.

NAACLS is dedicated to peer review as the foundation of accreditation and approval. Volunteers are highly valued and the agency strives to prepare and assist them to provide exemplary program analysis. Such analysis is based upon principles of honesty, fairness, objectivity and integrity.

NAACLS demonstrates commitment to public service by assuring the quality of educational programs. NAACLS will continue to be responsive to the needs of the healthcare community as it strives toward recognition as the premier international accrediting organization in health professions education. (http://www.naacls.org/about-us/mission.asp)


The NAACLS Vision Statement

“Medical laboratories will preferentially seek graduates of NAACLS accredited and approved programs to assure quality, value and innovation for healthcare consumers.”

Adopted September 2009.
Greetings, colleagues! It is time for the NAACLS’ annual “Message From the President.” I understand by the time you read this it will be April 2020, and that is because we were finalizing our financial positions and statements. Below is a summary of some of the top activities during this past year.

With the retirement of experienced veterans and promotions of “new” individuals into the role of program directors, the Board of Directors has expressed concern that additional support is required for our programs. For example, in 2019 we had 64 programs with new program directors which is slightly above 10% and comparing to similar projections in 2017 and 2018 (54/611 and 80/608 respectively, that’s a near 33% increase for the last 3 years. Thus, NAACLS continued to offer timely workshops and articles and to plan for new ones based on frequently asked questions. Various published articles such as “Volunteer Week – The NAACLS Site Visit: Tricks-Of-The-Trade” to “Volunteer Week – The Importance of the Self-Study Summary Page” were written to help both the site visit team and the program for a successful site visit process. In addition, we have continued to offer excellent workshops near the headquarters and at CLEC of which many were to “sold out” audiences. These continued events are some of the ways that NAACLS maintains the highest quality on the standard of practices offered in order to maintain successful accreditation and approval processes. To ensure this, our workshop presenters are usually veteran site visitors and/or experienced committee members from the Review Committee on Accredited Programs (RCAP) and Programs Approval Review Committee (PARC).

As always, NAACLS cannot do its job without dedicated volunteers. We continue to seek volunteers to be self-study reviewers, site visitors, RCAP/PARC/DRC committee members, and board members. If you have any interest, please check the information on the NAACLS website. We look forward to others joining the team. One of the benefits of volunteering is learning how others have created high quality programs accredited and approved by NAACLS. A call out for committees was sent in October 2019 and more callouts will soon to follow. This past cycle, there were 2 Board of Director positions, 7 RCAP positions, 3 PARC positions, and 2 DRC positions that came up for elections. Nominations, which include completed Candidate Fact Sheets and CVs, were sent to the NAACLS office by January 15th, 2020. Nominations were also directly emailed to Mark Spence, Volunteer Services Manager. For more information, please visit https://naaclsnews.org/2019/10/17/naacls-is-seeking-nominations-for-board-and-committee-roles-2/.

The Accreditation Management System (AMS) project is currently paused awaiting a board appointed task force to review the current state of the project and its future direction. The initial meeting took place in December 2019 and a second meeting occurred in January 2020 with recommendations to the Board. Rest assured, we will move forward.

In other areas from the Board:
1. Minor edits to the interim report guidelines were approved for clarity and made effective immediately.
2. The DMS preamble (competencies) were again revised to reflect the emergence of next generation sequencing testing and bioinformatics. An important step to this change is the differentiation between the competencies in diagnostic molecular science professionals working in DMS laboratories and those medical laboratory scientists encountering molecular tests in their MLS disciplined laboratories e.g. blood bank, microbiology etc..
3. Approved for release for 30 days public comment were edits to standard II.B, IVA.1.D, and V.D. Results from proposed standards changes will be presented in the coming months.
4. Several policies related to DCLS programs were addressed. For more information, please visit NAACLS News “Board of Directors Update – September 2019” issue: https://naaclsnews.org/2019/10/29/naacls-board-of-directors-update-september-2019/.

We are under unprecedented times with newfound challenges. However, we will get through this together. I wish all of you stay safe and looking forward to meeting you in the near future.

Peter Hu, PhD, MS, MLS(ASCP)SM, CB(ASCP), MB(ASCP)
President, NAACLS Board of Directors
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## June 30, 2019

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**CURRENT ASSETS:**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: $91,397
- Accounts Receivable (Less Allowance $1,800): 59,834
- Investments at FMV: 2,013,157
- Prepaid Insurance, Expenses and Deposits: 105,414

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:** 2,269,801

**OTHER ASSETS:**
- Computer Software in Development: 561,447
- Property and Equipment (Net of Accumulated Deprec): 53,885

**TOTAL OTHER ASSETS:** 615,332

**TOTAL ASSETS:** $2,885,133

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**
- Accounts Payable: $31,912
- Accrued Payroll: 110,500
- Accrued and Withheld Payroll Taxes/Pension: 28,489
- Deferred Revenue: 13,950

**TOTAL LIABILITIES:** 184,851

**NET ASSETS:**
- Unrestricted: 2,700,282

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:** $2,885,133
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