



2020 - 2021 ASHI Board Candidates

President-Elect

Annette M. Jackson PhD, D(ABHI)



Annette Jackson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at Duke University and serves as Chief of Clinical Transplantation Immunology Research and Director of the Clinical Transplantation Immunology Laboratory. Annette began her HLA career as a technologist in the Clinical HLA Laboratory at the University of Minnesota, received her PhD in Immunology from Duke University, and continued her HLA Director training at Johns Hopkins University where she remained on faculty to become Director of the Division of Immunogenetics and Transplantation Immunology. She is an active member of ASHI serving on the Science and Technology Initiatives

Committee, the Board of Directors, Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee, ASHI-AST Sensitization in Transplantation: Assessment of Risk (STAR) Working Group, ASHI Regional Education Workshop Faculty, and as an ASHI Inspector. Annette is the current chair of the American Society of Transplantation (AST) Transplant Diagnostic Community of Practice and serves on Banff Working Groups. Annette feels fortunate to be part of this HLA community and working along-side dedicated scientists and clinical staff who are led by a passion for discovery and service. Annette is indebted to ASHI for the knowledge, mentorship, and career development she has received over the years and is honored to be the President-elect nominee.

Vice President of Operations

Walter Herczyk, MT(ASCP), CHS(ABHI)



Walter Herczyk is currently the Director of Laboratory Services at Gift of Life Michigan and has been an active member of ASHI for more than 20 years. His professional contributions include Co-Chair of the Technologists Affairs committee from 2013 – 2015, member of the Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee for many years, ASHI inspector, Commissioner, Co-Chair, Program Director and Inspector Training Coordinator for the Accreditation Review Board from 2004 – 2012, ASHI board member from 2011 – 2014, member of the Finance Committee and then Treasurer for the ASHI Executive Board of Directors from 2015 – 2018. Currently, he is the Vice

Chair for ASHI Awards Task Force, Vice President for ABHI and the OPTN/UNOS Board Histocompatibility Representative.

During his time on the ASHI board, Walt was involved in ASHI's strategic planning sessions and was a leader of the membership/engagement strategic planning task force. Walt's vast experience will be an asset to the ASHI Board of Directors. Moreover, he has found being involved with ASHI, its members and ASHI staff extremely rewarding both professionally and personally.

Doctoral board member candidates – (choose ONE from this category)

Caroline R. Alquist, PhD, D(ABHI)



Caroline Alquist is a transplant immunology and transfusion medicine physician. She is boarded in anatomic and clinical pathology, transfusion medicine/blood banking, as well as histocompatibility and immunogenetics. Caroline is an ASHI-accredited HLA Director and has authored a number of book chapters, abstracts, and manuscripts. Selected as one of ASCP's 2014 40 Under 40 pathology leaders for early career achievements, she contributes to national HLA and transfusion standards as an active member of ASHI, AABB, and ASFA committees. She is committed to collaborative transplant and transfusion research and medical education.

Working at Ochsner Health's Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics lab since 2016, Caroline actively incorporates HLA curriculum into medical student, resident, and fellow rotations and regularly gives both local and invited transplant immunology and transfusion medicine lectures to diverse audiences.

Matthew Cusick, PhD, D(ABHI)



Matthew Cusick is an Assistant Professor and Director of the HLA Laboratory in the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan Medicine. The HLA system has been the focal point of his research interests because it controls the human immune response, whether to transplanted tissue or viruses. His career in transplantation began during his doctoral and post-doctoral work where he pursued a number of basic science questions related to the role of HLA in immune responses by investigating human immune responses to viruses, molecular mimicry, and the mechanisms that could lead to viral persistence.

Throughout his career he has published >30 manuscripts, collaborated extensively, contributed to the educational mission and served in leadership roles nationally. He is an active member of the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics where he serves on various committees and has previously chaired the Quality Assurance and Standards committee. His current research interests are in the area of human T-cell function and immunoregulation with emphasis on the immunobiology of virus infections in transplant recipients.

Taba Kheradmand, PhD, D(ABHI)



Taba Kheradmand is the Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratory Director at the Midwest Transplant Network Organ Transplant Organization (OPO). As the Laboratory Director for an OPO-based lab, she employs her clinical expertise in transplant immunology to provide consultation for pre- and post-transplant risk assessment in solid organ as well as hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for multiple transplant hospitals and transplant programs. Taba is an active member of the ASHI community. She has served on multiple ASHI committees including the Proficiency Testing (PT) program, Bylaws and Publications committees. She has served as a member, as well as more recently, the Program Director of the PT program. Taba also serves as an inspector for ASHI and the College of American Pathologists. She is the Histocompatibility representative for UNOS region 8. As an adjunct assistant professor at University of Kansas School of Medicine, Dr. Kheradmand is also engaged in teaching residents and fellows, nurses and clinicians by providing didactic lectures. Being nominated by her colleagues to serve as an ASHI board member is an honor, and she is excited for the possibility.

Doctoral board member candidates (cont'd)

Cathi Murphey, PhD, HCLD, CC(ABB)



Cathi Murphey is the Director of the Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratory at Southwest Immunodiagnostics, Inc. in San Antonio. She has more than 30 years of experience in histocompatibility. Cathi has been actively involved in the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) and currently serves as Chair on the UNOS Histocompatibility Committee. She actively participates in performing matching for the largest single center KPD program in the country.

Non-doctoral board member candidates – (choose **TWO** from this category)

Jody Jennemann, CHS(ABHI)



Jody Jennemann has worked in the HLA community for 33 years. She first came to HLA from a Hematology lab, mostly because she did not want to work night shifts. However, she fell in love with HLA almost immediately. Jody has always enjoyed the more “hands on” approach, and in the early days that was certainly true. She also enjoyed the fact that HLA is ever changing. It certainly doesn’t get boring. Jody first began her interest in being involved in ASHI by becoming a lab inspector. Jody loves doing inspections! She feels that she learns something new in every lab she inspects. Jody’s next foray into ASHI involved the Technologists’ Affairs committee. She really enjoyed being a member of the committee, eventually rising to chair position. She now serves on the Bylaws committee where she’s learning even more. Jody sees each step in her ASHI membership as a learning opportunity. To her, that is one of the best aspects of life in HLA; that the learning opportunities are always there, and the people are always willing to help you learn.

Patrick Kennedy, CHS(ABHI)



Patrick Kennedy is honored to be nominated for the ASHI Board of Directors. He received a BS in Microbiology from Louisiana Tech University in 2007. His career started in the HLA Laboratory at Tulane University in 2007, until he took a supervisory role at Willis-Knighton Health System in 2013. Patrick has volunteered on several ASHI committees in the last few years. He was a member of the Technologists’ Affairs committee, Vice Chair and Chair of the Membership committee, and the Education committee, where he published an ASHI-U module. Patrick has also been a CAP-certified inspector for the past three years.

Carey B. Killion, BS, MT(ASCP), CHS(ABHI)



Carey Killion is honored to have been nominated to serve on the ASHI Board of Directors. She is currently the Transplant Immunology Laboratory Supervisor at IMMCO Diagnostics in Buffalo, NY. She graduated from the University at Buffalo with a BS degree in Clinical Laboratory Science in 2003 and had the good fortune of selecting a senior year elective rotation in the HLA Laboratory under Dr. Thomas C. Shanahan. Upon graduation, Carey worked as a technologist at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, a rewarding and gratifying position that resulted in long lasting professional relationships. When the HLA laboratory joined the OPO in 2004, she was hired and moved to HLA as a Histocompatibility Technologist. In 2007, she took a brief

hiatus from HLA and assisted the OPO in forming a Community Blood Bank as the Laboratory Supervisor. The service is now the main supplier of blood products to nearly every hospital in the 8 counties of Western New York. In 2008, Carey moved back into the HLA lab and never looked back, becoming the Supervisor in 2011.

Carey has been a full member of ASHI since 2006. She currently serves as the Chair of the Technologists' Affairs Committee and is the incoming Chair of the ASHI Membership Committee. She serves as a member of the ABHI CHA/CHT/CHS Examination Committee, a member of the ASHI Communications, Engagement & Marketing Committee, and has written several articles for the *ASHI Quarterly*. Carey is dedicated to the advancement of technologists in the field and committed to increasing technologist participation at all levels. With this nomination, Carey looks forward to the continued opportunity to give back to the HLA and Immunogenetics community that has been so supportive to her in both professional and personal aspects of life.

Anne Marie Pichotta, MPH, CLS, MT(ASCP), CHT



Anne Marie Pichotta is the Clinical Operations Manager at the Stanford Blood Center, currently serves ASHI as Past Chair of the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee, and is an active inspector. She has been recently appointed as a member of the ARB. Prior to joining the HLA Laboratory at Stanford, she was Quality Manager and Clinical Specialist at the UCLA Immunogenetics Center. Anne Marie has loved science since her high school years and won first place in the Orange County Science and Engineering Fair two years in a row, advancing to compete in the final rounds at the California State Science Fair as one of the top high school students in California. She decided to become a Clinical Laboratory Scientist in order to continue performing experiments with the ultimate goal of touching

lives. Upon graduation, she became a Clinical Coordinator in Microbiology. Her passion for mentoring and teaching others led her to accept the position of Education Coordinator of the Clinical Laboratory Science Program at Loma Linda University and faculty member at both Loma Linda University and Cal State University, Dominguez Hills, teaching immunology, microbiology, phlebotomy, and body fluid analysis to CLS students and medical school residents and fellows. She developed the curricula and was responsible for the acceptance and approval of the Clinical Laboratory Technician, Associate of Science degree at Loma Linda University. A passion for learning led Anne Marie to earn her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology where she could be involved in research and test development. In 2000, she began working in the HLA Laboratory at Loma Linda University Medical Center and her love of immunogenetics and histocompatibility was born. She embraced the field of histocompatibility as a technical specialist in molecular diagnostics and then as manager of two HLA laboratories, METIC HLA Laboratory and METIC Immunogenetics Center. Throughout her career, Anne Marie continued mentoring HLA technologists, developing workshops in flow cytometry, single-antigen, and, NGS techniques. Anne Marie considers herself blessed to be at Stanford and when she is not in the lab, you can find her horseback riding or boating. She loves new adventures, especially outdoors.

"Being a part of ASHI has provided me with the privilege of working with some incredible people whom I greatly admire. The fields of histocompatibility and immunogenetics are evolving rapidly and it is my pleasure and privilege to be a part of these new technologies with their impact on improving patient care. I am truly honored to be nominated for a position on the ASHI Board of Directors and look forward to continuing to serve ASHI and my HLA family."