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## **Executive Office Update**

### **Council of Chapter Leaders Chair-elect**

Congratulations to Corrine Cagney, Chicago Chapter! Corrine was elected CCL Chair-elect at the Council of Chapter Leaders meeting on May 1, 2009 in Tampa, FL.

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## **Chapter Award Winners**

### **Congratulations to the 2009 Chapter Members of the Year!**

Dave Di Giovanni- Chicago Chapter  
Suzy Ghazarossian- Greater Los Angeles  
Sami Werner- Wheatlands Chapter

### **Congratulations to the 2009 Chapter Distinction Awards Winners!**

Distinction in Leadership and Administration- Six Rivers Chapter  
Distinction in Executive Involvement- Greater Los Angeles Chapter and Six Rivers Chapter  
Distinction in Membership- Aloha Chapter  
Distinction in Education- Chicago Chapter  
Distinction in Financial Management- Kansas City Chapter  
Distinction in Communication- Central NY Chapter and Greater Los Angeles Chapter

### **Congratulations to the 2009 Small Chapter of the Year- Aloha Chapter!**

### **Congratulations to the 2009 Large Chapter of the Year- Chicago Chapter!**

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## PAC Chapter Challenge

### CLMA PAC Board Announces New 2009 Chapter Challenge

The CLMA PAC Board of Directors has set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 for 2009, and is once again looking to Chapters to reach that goal.

Last year Chapters raised more than \$8,000 through PAC fundraisers held at local Chapter meetings - more than in any year since the PAC's inception in 2002! The PAC Board applauds and congratulates Chapters on this monumental effort.

We need your help more than ever in 2009 if we are to reach our goal and here's why.

With a new President and a new Congress and health care reform as a top priority, it is more important than ever for clinical laboratories to have a voice at the health care reform table. It is critical to continue to educate Congress about the value of laboratory testing, the benefits to patients, and the need for continued access to quality care.

**In order to continue to proactively advance laboratory issues and give a voice to the profession, we need your support!**

Twenty seven CLMA Chapters successfully met the 2008 Chapter Challenge, so this year the PAC Board is \*raising the bar. We are pleased to announce the 2009 Chapter Challenge.

The rules are as follows:

- The Chapter must hold a PAC event in 2009
- **\*The top five Chapters that raise the most in total donations through PAC events in 2009 will each receive a prize**
- If a Chapter holds multiple PAC events, the total donations from the events will be used to determine status
- Each prize is one free registration to ThinkLab '10 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Chapters will be encouraged to award the prize to a PAC donor in the Chapter
- The 2009 Chapter Challenge will run until December 31, 2009
- Winners will be announced January 2010

Setting up a PAC booth at your Chapter meeting is easy. It's a great way to get your chapter involved in advocacy and to gain recognition for your efforts. Plus you will be ensuring that the voice of the laboratory community is heard at the time of greatest need!

The Chapter Toolkit is available on the chapter leader web page ([www.clma.org](http://www.clma.org)) with all of the resources you will need. Donor ribbons, pins and PAC brochures can be mailed to you from CLMA's Executive Office to have on hand.

If you are interested in meeting the 2009 Chapter Challenge by having a PAC Event

at your next Chapter meeting, please immediately contact Katharine I. Ayres, Director of Legislative/Regulatory Affairs, at [kayres@clma.org](mailto:kayres@clma.org)

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## Looking for Chapter Leaders with Bylaws Experience

Attention Chapter Leaders with Bylaws Experience: if you currently serve on your chapter's bylaws committee and/or have bylaws experience with an outside organization and would like to be more involved with CLMA on the international level, please consider serving on the CLMA Bylaws Committee. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Robinson as soon as possible at [srobinson@clma.org](mailto:srobinson@clma.org) for details.

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## SmartLab

Through the support of sponsorship CLMA has been able to offer chapters SmartLab workshops. SmartLab is a four-hour case based interactive workshop. There are still a limited number of opportunities for Chapters to host a SmartLab. Please contact Melanie Campbell, [mcampbell@clma.org](mailto:mcampbell@clma.org) if you are interested.

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## Reminders

### Non-members at Chapter Meetings

Please send Melanie, [mcampbell@clma.org](mailto:mcampbell@clma.org) an excel file of the non-members with their contact information who attended chapter meetings and we will make sure they receive information about CLMA.

### Chapter Meetings/Events

Please remember to inform the executive office of all your chapter meetings. We post the information on the CLMA Web site to gain interest and attendance. Members, non-members, and vendors contact the Executive office to ask about local chapter meetings. One way to ensure that all meetings/events are known by the Executive office is to include Melanie Campbell, [mcampbell@clma.org](mailto:mcampbell@clma.org) on all chapter communications.

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## CLMA Calendar Important Dates and Deadlines

**June 3, 2009**

[Operations Management Track: Patient Safety \(Clinical\)](#)

[Identification of Errors in Clinical Laboratories:  
Reinforcing the Importance of Proper Patient Identification  
and its Role in Patient Safety](#)

2:00PM- 3:30PM ET

**June 11, 2009:**

[Relationship Management Track:  
Outreach Courier Logistics and Transportation - Electronic Tracking](#)

3:00PM-4:30PM ET

**July 13-14, 2009**

[Summer Symposium-Patient Safety](#)

Seattle, WA

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