Laboratory Medicine Welcomes Pamela Cassidy, Associate Editor

As I mentioned in last month’s letter, Laboratory Medicine is changing to better meet the needs of you, our readers. The goal is to make Laboratory Medicine the journal you turn to for the latest information and news that will help you in your career.

To meet this goal, the journal’s leadership and the ASCP Board of Directors created the position of associate editor for Laboratory Medicine. Because most of our readers are medical technologists and technicians, ASCP’s leadership felt it important to select an experienced laboratorian for this position.

I am pleased to introduce Pamela Cassidy, MS, MT(ASCP)SH, the new associate editor of Laboratory Medicine. Ms Cassidy has served on the journal’s editorial advisory board since 1989 and the journal’s review committee, which was charged with developing the plan that is guiding staff and leadership alike in improving the journal. She has been a strong advocate for change in the journal. Her fresh insight and ideas, cultivated from her laboratory experience and daily contact with medical technologists and technicians, have helped shape Laboratory Medicine into a journal that responds to the educational and informational needs of laboratory professionals.

Ms Cassidy brings to her new position a wealth of laboratory experience. After earning her ASCP certification in medical technology in 1975, she went on to earn her hematologist certification in 1977 and her specialist in hematology certification in 1983. She earned her master of science degree in medical technology in 1981.

During her 19 years in the clinical laboratory, Ms Cassidy has steadily worked her way up the career ladder. Currently, she is director of laboratory services at Whidbey General Hospital in Coupeville, Wash. In addition, she is involved in the ASCP Board of Registry, where she has served as a governor since 1991. She also served a two-year term on the ASCP AMS Nominating Committee.

To this impressive list of credentials, I add that Ms Cassidy is also an experienced educator, having taught courses in Connecticut at Manchester Memorial Hospital’s MLT School and the University of Hartford, at the State University of New York, and in New Jersey at the Hackensack Hospital School of Medical Technology.

I look forward to working with Ms Cassidy, and I am confident that together we will continue to make Laboratory Medicine a “must-read” for individuals working in the laboratory.