President’s Report

Anne Spain, President, MI-ASM

Michigan Microbiologists – The academic year is approaching its conclusion, but we still have one more regional meeting coming up! Mark your calendars for April 22-23 and plan on joining us in Grand Rapids at the Davenport University campus for the spring meeting, which is themed “Frontiers in Microbiology Education.” We have three exciting plenary sessions lined up for the main even on Saturday, with some fantastic speakers – Dr. Aaron Best and Dr. Joe Stukey from Hope College are co-presenting the morning’s session; Dr. Pamela Marshall, from Arizona State University, will be our keynote speaker; finally, the day will conclude after a talk by Dr. Jordan Moberg-Parker from UCLA. We should also have an event planned for Friday evening as well – please check our website at http://mi asm.org/Meetings/Spring/spring16meeting/index.html as the meeting gets closer for more details! Abstract submission will open soon, and undergraduate and graduate students are especially encouraged to submit their abstracts for either an oral or poster presentation. Finally, many thanks are owed to the planning committee for this meeting, especially Dr. Susan Gunn from Davenport University for leading the planning.

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## Frontiers in Microbiology
April 22-23, 2016, Davenport University, Grand Rapids

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<td>Plenary Session 3</td>
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*Planning Committee: Susan Gunn, Joshua Thompson and Crystal Austin*
committee and inviting and hosting our keynote speaker, as well as Dr. Joshua Thomson from University of Detroit Mercy and Dr. Crystal Austin from Ferris State University for inviting and hosting our other plenary session speakers.

In other recent news – the Michigan branch of the American Society of Microbiology is now on Twitter! Please follow us at @MI_Microbiology to keep up to date on branch activities as well as news and updates from other Michigan Microbiologists.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Board Members of MI-ASM as well as Anne Dempsey, the Program Coordinator of Membership Services at the American Society for Microbiology, for their support in helping me during my year as President of our branch. As well, I extend my best wishes to Dr. Anne Casper from Eastern Michigan University, who will be serving as our branch President during the 2016/2017 academic year!

MI-ASM Grants
First Student Travel Awards
Anne Spain

At this year’s spring meeting, we are also excited to present our first travel awards to two outstanding students. Renee Gismondi is an undergraduate student majoring in Microbiology at the University of Michigan Dearborn, and her travel award will support her in presenting her research, titled “Resistance to Antibiotics and Lead of Bacteria Isolated From Sediment of St. Clair River,” at ASM Microbe 2016, which will be held in Boston, MA. Our second awardee is Katherine J. Wozniak, an undergraduate Microbiology major from Michigan State University, who will also be presenting her research at ASM Microbe 2016! Congratulations Renee and Katherine! Michigan Microbiologists – if you plan on attending ASM Microbe this year, please stop by these two students’ posters and show them your support! If you are a student and wish to apply next year, make sure you plan on presenting at either this spring’s or next fall’s branch meeting. Complete guidelines and forms can be found on our website at http://mi-asm.org/Travel%20Award/index.htm.

Student Info.
John Geiser

Student Chapters
Currently the branch sponsors ten student chapters. This makes us one of the most student-oriented branches that ASM has. The following Schools and Universities throughout the State have student chapters: Michigan Tech, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, and more. More information can be found on our website.

Fall 2015 Awards
Best Talk
Katherine Wozniak, Michigan State University, undergraduate
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Student Chapters

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Most have links to their own websites.

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Michigan State University Microbiology Club
Michigan Technological University Microbiology Club
Tri-Cities Microbiology Club
University of Michigan - Dearborn
University of Michigan - Flint
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University

*** Student Chapters, remember to apply for funding to help defray costs of attending Meetings!
State, UM-Flint, UM-Dearborn, Wayne State, Delta College and Grand Valley State University. Student chapters are a great place to meet up with like-minded people. If you haven’t already checked yours out, please do so; you will not regret it. No chapter at your school? Then maybe you are the one to begin a new chapter! Contact any board member to learn more about starting your chapter. We would be happy to work with you to make this a possibility.

Biographical Sketch of Conference Presenter

Pamela A. Marshall
Pamela A. Marshall is an accomplished yeast microbiologist, studying the yeast vacuole and calcium and phosphate homeostasis in this organelle. However, she is better known for her pedagogical and community service work in the K-12 arena and her work to support all students in their quest to excel. She has published numerous papers on pedagogy, is an Associate Editor for the Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education and a Co-Director for the Arizona State University (ASU) New College Center for Teaching Innovation and Excellence. She is a Fellow of the Arizona Nevada Academy of Science, and has won ASU awards for teaching, service, and undergraduate and colleague mentoring, as well as a Volunteer of the Year Award at a Title I eligible elementary school. CV is available by request from adempsey@asmusa.org at ASM Headquarters.

See you at MI-ASM
**Board Officer Elections** (cut off and bring with you to the Spring Meeting)

**President-Elect** (1 yr. term)  
_____ Susan Gunn, Davenport University  
_____ _______________ (write in)

**Secretary** (2 yr. term)  
_____ Jennifer Hess, Aquinas College  
_______________ (write in)

**Treasurer** (2 yr. term)  
_____ John Geiser, Western Michigan University  
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If you are interested in nominating yourself or any other faculty/staff member for one of these positions, please contact the [current board officers](#). If you are interested in serving as an appointed officer in one of the many service opportunities, please contact the board as well.