

Dear AMLI members,

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at our 31st annual meeting in Scottsdale last month. I hope you enjoyed the scientific sessions put together by the hard work of the scientific affairs committee. As always, your feedback and input are essential for the content of future meetings. If you have not yet provided feedback on the sessions and speakers, please do so through the **surveymonkey links** that were provided at the meeting.

The 32nd annual meeting (August 2019) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. Please check the AMLI website frequently for meeting updates.

Proposed change to ARTICLE V (Financial), Section 1: Fiscal Year:

The current Bylaws state: **“The official fiscal year shall be from October 1 through September 30”**. This decision was originally made to allow for the reconciliation of annual meeting expenses and income by September 30th and commence the new fiscal year, including planning for the next annual meeting on October 1st. However, meeting expenses are rarely reconciled by September 30th; speaker reimbursements in particular continue to be paid out as late as November. Additionally, the AMLI fiscal year does not coincide with the tax-year (January through December). A change to this Bylaw was proposed at the AMLI business meeting to have the official AMLI fiscal year coincide with the tax year.

This proposal will soon be sent out to the membership for vote by surveymonkey. Please respond when received.

Self nomination: Open councilor position:

The AMLI has an open councilor position (doctoral level) for years 2019-2021. The AMLI councilor will serve on the AMLI council in an advisory capacity and offer input and suggestions for AMLI’s educational and other activities. The councilor’s term will begin October 1st, 2018 and continue for 3 years, ending September 30th, 2021. AMLI members are encouraged to self-nominate or to nominate individuals that would like to participate actively in AMLI’s scientific and educational mission. If you are interested in nominating either yourself or a fellow member for the councilor position, please send in a short statement of interest and your CV to Maggie Fogel (maggie@maggiefogel.com) no later than **September 30th, 2018**. The names of nominees will be sent out to the membership for vote.

Neter Award nominations:

Following the excellent participation by our members last year, I would like to encourage you to send in your nominations for the 2019 Neter Award by **January 1st, 2019**. The Neter award is given to a person who has made significant contributions to the field of medical laboratory immunology. If you would like to nominate someone for the 2019 Neter Award, please send in a brief statement explaining why your nominee should be given the Neter Award along with the nominee’s CV. Please send your nominations to Maggie Fogel (maggie@maggiefogel.com). The Neter Award will be chosen from the nominees by the Neter Award committee.

Please stay tuned for further updates on the 2019 annual meeting.

Best regards



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