



*New England Chapter Inc.*

## **CLAS: New England Chapter Report**

The New England Chapter is pleased to report another successful year. We recently celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northeast Region Conference and Exhibition (NERCE) which is currently sponsored by our chapter and representative chapters of AACC and CLMA. The conference theme was: **Medical Laboratory Survivor**. We had 31 speakers on hand to deliver over 32 high quality educational sessions during our two day meeting. Additionally, all convention exhibition space was sold out---over 69 booth spaces! 300 laboratory professionals from across New England attended this meeting.

The NERCE trademark appeared on specially made chocolates given to each guest. During our wine and cheese reception a special anniversary cake was unveiled. Post meeting surveys continue to show strong support by attendees and vendors. First class mailings of over 2000 meeting notices, broadcast emails and faxes, a dedicated convention web site ([www.nerce.org](http://www.nerce.org)), and updated convention brochure were key to marketing this important event. The dedication, hard work, and cooperation among volunteers from CLMA, CLAS and AACC has never wavered.

The CLAS New England Chapter board currently consists of: Janet Hurwitz-Secretary, Martha Jackson-Treasurer, David Drum-Education Chair, Alrene Chase-Past President and myself as president.

On the horizon we have the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Northeast Region Conference planned for Tuesday and Wednesday 10 -11 April 2007 at the Boxborough Woods Holiday Inn. (Boxborough, MA). We extend an invitation to all CLAS members and other laboratory professionals to attend this nationally recognized clinical laboratory event.

Finally, we are pleased to announce a new web site to be launched in early September. The site will be packed with more information on CLAS, events, resources, and will be more dynamic. Visit us at [www.clasnewengland.org](http://www.clasnewengland.org)

Respectfully Submitted  
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