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I wish all the Officers, Board of Directors, members, friends and colleagues of PAMET San Diego Chapter – all the best. It is with great pleasure that I write to you this journal, to give you updates on all our chapter activities and future projects.

Yours truly, together with chapter BOD and Immediate Past President Let Negado, attended PAMET USA Inc.'s 15th Biennial National Convention and Executive meeting held at the Palace Casino Hotel in Las Vegas Nevada. The 4 day event was graciously hosted by PAMET Nevada Chapter. Election and Induction were held for the new batch of National Officers to be led by Dr. Shirley Cruzada as the new president. Rex Famitangco is president elect (for 2018). 8 Continuing Education Units were also offered. 2 days of CE lectures were given by our outstanding and reputable colleagues in our profession both from here and from the Philippines.

We also held our National Executive Meeting, discussing several issues, including programs under the new administration of Dr Shirley Cruzada, new committee chairmanship and membership assignments, approving the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, and determining the venue of next year's annual National executive Meeting. Yours truly was assigned as a sitting member of the Constitution and By Law Committee, which will work on PAMET USA's new administrative journal, which will be a supplement to the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization.

Future projects being planned for the next 2 years will be the availability of "Online Review" for new graduates of Medical Technology and "Webinars" for online continuing education. On a more significant update, PAMET USA Inc, has come to an agreement with the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), through Ms Jennifer Young, ASCP Director for International Operations, to become partners for the advocacy of our profession. ACSP will work hand in hand with PAMET USA, with advocacy efforts in Washington, opposing any Bill that would negatively affect our profession and patient care in a clinical laboratory setting. This agreement will also endorse ASCP as the choice of professional certification agency. PAMET USA and ASCP will be working on a "Memorandum of Understanding" to be signed by both organizations in the near future.

One of the bills closely monitored by PAMET USA is "**AB 1774 (Bonilla) Title: Clinical Lab Licensure**" filed in the California Legislature. It is a bill which will "**eliminate the requirements for a clinical laboratory to be licensed and registered by LFS.**" We think that this will negatively affect our profession and patient healthcare. If laboratory licensure and registration is eliminated, LFS and CLIA cannot hold Lab personnel, Clinical Labs and Lab directors liable for violation of clinical lab laws. This might lead to laboratory testing supervised and performed by non-licensed personnel. ASCP will gladly assist PAMET USA to closely monitor the development of this bill.



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PAMET San Diego will hold its 6th Annual CE Symposium on October 15th, 2016 (Saturday) at the San Diego County Health Services Complex. Details to follow in the next few days.

Our Chapter will also hold its election of new officers before the year ends. The nomination WILL BE OPEN to all active members of the chapter. Nomination guidelines will follow. I encourage other members to please consider running for a position, or nominate your member colleagues. We need new blood and new ideas to vitalize our chapter further.

REMEMBER, all PAMET San Diego members "ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF PAMET USA". You are also entitled and very much encouraged to participate on our National events (Biennial Convention and Annual Meeting). I encourage everyone to participate and attend future national events to show our unity and advocacy for our profession and organization. Next year, the Annual Meeting will be hosted by PAMET Michigan. I am hoping that some of you can join us as we discuss issues essential to our profession on a National scale.

I thank all of you for everything you do for our patients and community. Your dedication and hard work are essential to the development and advancement of our profession. I hope to see all of you at our chapter's 6th Annual Symposium on October 15, 2016.

God Bless Us All and our profession. Go PAMET Go!!!

Sincerely,

Roger Mark M. Lariosa, RMT, CLS
President
PAMET San Diego CA Chapter