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SLAS Names Brenda Dreier Interim CEO

Society's Associate Executive Director to assume helm June 1

CHICAGO – SLAS, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening, has announced that Associate Executive Director Brenda Dreier, CMP, has been named interim CEO for the Society effective June 1. Dreier is succeeding outgoing CEO Gregory Dummer, who resigned in April to become the Chief Executive for the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM). As Interim CEO, Dreier will lead the SLAS professional team and report to the SLAS Board of Directors while the search for a permanent CEO is conducted.

“We are extremely fortunate to have a professional of Brenda’s caliber, character and experience available to fill the vacated CEO position,” said Richard Eglon, SLAS President and head of the Executive Search Committee. “Her years of experience with SLAS, deep familiarity with the Society’s business and culture, and universal respect among the Board, professional team and the Society’s partners made her the obvious choice to fill this very important position.”

The SLAS Executive Search Committee plans to have a permanent CEO in place by December 1. To ensure a comprehensive process, the Committee has retained Tuft and Associates to facilitate the search. “We understand SLAS is a unique and highly-valued Society to not only our members, but to our professional team, partners and volunteers,” continued Eglon. “Identifying the right CEO is critically important as the Society embarks on a very ambitious strategic plan.”

Dreier has been a full-time employee of SLAS since 2010, originally as the Society’s Director of Global Events, and more recently as Associate Executive Director, a position to which she was promoted in 2014. In addition, from 2003 to 2010, as owner and President of Indigo Event Management, Dreier led the event management team of SLAS’s predecessor organization, the Association for Laboratory Automation (ALA). Earlier in her career, Dreier worked for SmithBucklin Corporation, a leading association management firm headquartered in Chicago, from 1993 - 2002. She earned a BS in Management from DePaul University.

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“I’m honored to serve as the Interim CEO for SLAS, an organization for which I have the deepest respect. I appreciate the confidence that the Board is placing in me with this appointment, and will make every effort to reward their faith,” said Dreier. “I look forward to working with the team and our volunteer leadership to fulfill the SLAS mission and provide outstanding value to all of our stakeholders, starting with our members. SLAS is a very exciting organization to be part of, and I can’t wait to contribute further to the Society.”

SLAS is an international community of more than 25,000 individual scientists, engineers, researchers, and technologists from academic, government and commercial organizations. The SLAS mission is to be the preeminent global organization providing forums for education and information exchange and to encourage the study of, and improve the practice of life sciences discovery and technology. For more information, visit www.SLAS.org.