

**Summary of 2013 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley Branch of ASM
April 4-6th, Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, and Oklahoma State University-Center for Health
Sciences, Tulsa, OK**

Thursday Night Welcome

“If the Yeast Ain’t Happy, Ain’t Noboby Happy” by a representative of the Marshall Brewing Company

Keynote Address on Friday Evening

Nancy Freitag, ASM Distinguished Lecturer, University of Illinois, Chicago

“The *Listeria monocytogenes* Transition from Environmental Bacterium to Human Pathogen”

Outstanding Presentation Award winners.

Graduate Student Division

First Place: Michelle DeGear, OSU-CHS

Second Place: Philip Adam, Oklahoma State University

Third Place: Sallie Ruskoski, OSU-CHS

Undergraduate Division

First Place: Nicholas Kinkead, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Second Place: Rachel Rice, Oklahoma State University

Third Place: Anita Chaphekar, University of Tulsa

Awards: \$100 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third.

Chapter Business

- Julie Schaffer term as President ended. She had served as an officer for four years.
- Franklin Champlin of Oklahoma State University moved up from President Elect to President
- No one was elected President-Elect. The officers will solicit nominations.
- Donald Rowen will continue to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for another term.
- It was proposed that the next meeting will be a Joint meeting with the Missouri Chapter in Kansas City.