



ASCLS-IA Spring Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 11th, 2017

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Board Room, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Coralville, IA

Please bring: Any committee reports

Agenda			
Agenda Item	Responsible Person	Time Allotted	
Call to Order & Welcome	Lindsey Davenport-Landry	5	
Secretary's Report	Bridget Aukes	5	
Treasurer's Report	Neil Kumor	10	
President's Report	Lindsey Davenport-Landry	10	
Committee Reports	Committee Chairs	40	
A State Meeting	Lindsey Davenport-Landry, Jan Frerichs		
B By-Laws	Mick Williams		
C Governmental Affairs/Political Action	Theresa Fruehling		
D Historian	Vonnie Hinrichsen		
E Leadership Development	Sheila Dunn, Rebecca Dill-Devor		
F Membership Services	Open		
G NewsScope Editor(s)	Kearstyn Wacker, Judy Jackson		
H Nominations and Awards	Jan Frerichs, Sarah Taylor, Sue McGuinty		
I P.A.C.E. Coordinator	Kim Von Ahsen		
J Promotion of the Profession	Jan Frerichs, Rachel Leemkuil		
Subcommittee: Career Recruitment	Open		
Public Relations	Open		
K Scholarship Committee	Sarah Beerends		
L Scholarship Fundraising Project	Open		
M Webmaster	Kim Von Ahsen		
N 1 st Year Board Member	Rebecca Dill-Devor		
Old Business			
New Business			
Adjournment			



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Minutes

Board Members Present:

- Lindsey Davenport-Landry, President
- Vonnie Hinrichsen, President – Elect
- Jan Frerichs, Past President
- Bridget Aukes, Secretary
- Neil Kumor, Treasurer
- Janet Whitney, 3rd Year Board Member
- Mitch Owen, 2nd Year Board Member
- Becky Dill-Devor, 1st Year Board Member
- Allison Barney, First Year Professional
- New Professional
- Student Board Member

Other Members Present:

Sue McGuinty
Sarah Taylor

Committee Chairs:

- Mick Williams, By-Laws
- Theresa Fruehling, GAC/PAC- by phonw
- Vonnie Hinrichson, Historian
- Kearstyn Wacker, NewsScope editor
- Sheila Dunn, Leadership Development
- Becky Dill-Devor, Leadership Development
- Kim Von-Ahsen, PACE/Webmaster
- Rachel Leemkuil, Promotion of the Profession co-Chair
- Jan Frerichs, Promotion of the Profession co-Chair
- Sarah Beerends, Scholarship

Guests:

Call to Order 4/11/17 @ 5:13 pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the Winter Spring Summer Fall were reviewed with:

Following Changes:

No Changes

Hearing no further additions, changes, or deletions to the Secretary's Report;

The minutes were accepted by President Lindsey Davenport-Landry as printed/posted corrected

Treasurer's Report

See attached

No Changes

Following Changes:

Discussion: Ended year with a good amount in the account. Estimating we will do well at the state meeting this year. Fiscal year ends in March now. Every cost from this meeting forward will reflect on the first quarter of FY18. Becky needs to turn in Leg Days reimbursement form. Will keep budgeted money at each board position even though it is usually not spent in case

future board members need reimbursement for costs incurred, i.e. mileage costs, postage, paper supplies, etc. Discussed budgeting more for the national meeting and nominations/awards. Line was added for E&RF (education and research fund). 17 mo CD is for "disaster" funds. 12/13/16 CD is for endowments, and not general spending. Savings interest rate is very low compared to many year ago.

Hearing no further additions, changes, or deletions to the Treasurer's Report;

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by President Lindsey Davenport-Landry as printed/posted corrected

President's Report

PURPOSE: To update the board and membership on activities at the state, region and national level.

ACTIVITIES:

- Winter board meeting held in Iowa City at the ICVAHCS on January 14th.
- Interim conference call to discuss Spring Meeting held February 23rd.
- ASCLS-IA members went to Legislative Symposium in Washington, D.C. in March.
 - Theresa F., Kim VA., Bridget A., Rebecca DD., Mary Jo B. (and CLMA members)
- Provided a report for the interim BOD meeting at National
- Spring Meeting planning
- Participation by board members in STEM events at UIHC and Wartburg College – Theresa and Becky
- Lab tours to high school biology students and Boy Scout Cadets at ICVAHCS
- Membership is good

CONCERNS:

- Lack of enthusiasm and low participation at the state level

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

- None

Discussion:

- Agreement to have call in meetings during winter months.
 - Summer meeting – face to face meeting in Iowa City area
 - Fall meeting – call in meeting
 - Winter meeting – call in meeting
 - Spring meeting – face to face meeting in Des Moines area
- Add in interim call-in meetings as necessary, especially before Spring Meeting
- Monthly calls? Make sure they are <1 hour in length.

President's report was reviewed with:

Following Changes:

No Changes

Region VI Report – Kim Von Ahsen

Discussion: Overall membership is good. Problem is involvement with the society. Concerned for Nebraska state society. No leadership, close in inactive. No treasurer, so no dues are being received. No communication. CLMA is running their

state meeting this year. Haven't received payment from last year's meeting. Root Cause Task Force: Present at annual meeting and report back. More info to come on the memo that went out from ASCP about CMS not recognizing medical technology as a biological science degree. This was an internal document that was made public. Will get this clarified since ASCLS did not comment with this memo. PAMA was delayed 2 months. The data that is submitted may be looked at and declared as "bad" data. Revenue is good. ASCLS bought CACMLE. Member access to PUBMED is being discussed. New ASCLS Today is being sent out so be on the lookout for that.

Committee Reports

A. Annual Meeting: Jan Frerichs and Lindsey Davenport-Landry

PURPOSE: To provide PACE CE to members and non-members. Plan and coordinate the annual spring meeting.

ACTIVITIES:

- Numerous calls to plan meeting
- Multiple members on planning committee
 - Co-Chair- Lindsey Davenport-Landry
 - Speakers- Bridget Aukes
 - Vendors- Amy Frank
 - Promotion and Program- Kim VonAhsen
 - Vendor promotion- Sue McGuinty
 - Social- Jan Frerichs

CONCERNS:

- Decrease in attendance this year, not as many member full registrations, would like to see additional people at meetings. May look more seriously at a two day conference in the future.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

- None

Discussion: Attendance is looking OK as of right now. Possibility of a fall, one day conference on each side of the state. Also solicit for vendors.

Set up an email account through @ascls-ia.org for scholarships and vendors for next year's meeting. Possibly for speakers as well.

B. By-Laws: Mick Williams, chair

PURPOSE: No report

ACTIVITIES: No report

CONCERNS: Last year as chair.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: Chair of By-Laws will be appointed. Need proper paperwork to register with the secretary of State.

C. Governmental Affairs/Political Action: Theresa Fruehling, chair

PURPOSE: Inform and educate members of the society on issues affecting our profession.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Receive minutes from GAC conference calls via Regional representative
2. Attended the GAC and PAC meeting at the Legislative Symposium in Washington, D.C.

3. Attended Legislative Symposium: March 19th-21st
 - a. Iowa attendees:
 - i. ASCLS-IA: Bridget Aukes, Becky Dill-Devor, Theresa Fruehling
 - ii. ASCLS-IA/ CLMA: Mary Jo Bonifas and Kim VonAhsen
 - iii. CLMA: Carol Collingsworth
 - b. Acted as a mentor/ resource for Bridget and Becky during their first Legislative Symposium
 - i. Provided additional information: power-points with background information and helpful hints
 - ii. Maps of the Hill with and without appointment times
 - iii. Attended meetings and encouraged them to share examples and information
 - iv. They both did an excellent job!
 - v. I have already talked with them about writing an article describing their experience for the NewsScope.
 - c. Meetings:
 - i. Two different groups due to scheduling conflicts:
 1. Mary Jo Bonifas, Carol Collingsworth and Kim VonAhsen met with:
 - a. Representative Blum (District I)
 - b. Senator Grassley
 2. Bridget Aukes, Becky Dill-Devor and Theresa Fruehling met with:
 - a. Representative Loeb sack (District II)
 - b. Representative Young (District III)
 - c. Senator Ernst (Becky and Theresa)
 - ii. Two main issues focused on:
 1. Immediate delay of PAMA (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014)
 - a. Basis of the new CLFS (Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule)
 - b. Still no clear definition of 'applicable laboratories'
 - c. Too exclusive; DOES NOT include smaller hospitals, physician's labs/ clinics
 - d. Rule still DOES NOT take into consideration geographical differences
 - e. Pushed for a year delay; received (at this point) ONLY 2 months delay for 'applicable laboratories' to submit data on reimbursement rates from all payees
 2. Workforce shortages:
 - a. Pushed for funding for grants and/ or programs
 - b. Ask for Congress to authorize the GAO (Government Accountability Organization) to study the shortage and make recommendations to Congress
 - d. Laboratory Developed Test(s) (LDTs):
 - i. Discussed at Legislative Symposium; ASCLS is asking for careful regulation to be given
 1. However, recognizes the lack of manpower and knowledge base the FDA has when reviewing laboratory developed testing.
 2. ASCLS supports the use of CLIA's quality system requirements for LDTs.
 3. ASCLS voices their concern, if a third party is brought in to review the testing; this third party must receive the appropriate training and education before they can conduct said inspections.
4. PAC:
 - a. Currently three baskets for silent auction
 - i. Christmas themed basket
 - ii. Relaxation themed basket
 - iii. Sioux City basket
 - iv. Afghan blanket
 - b. PAC pins available for \$20.00 contribution to PAC
 - c. Becky Dill-Devor and Doug Davis will be collecting PAC contributions during the meeting
 - i. Theresa will send collected contributions to Evans and Katz at conclusion of the meeting.

CONCERNS:

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

D. Historian: Vonnie Hinrichsen, chair

PURPOSE: To preserve our history of ASCLS-IA

ACTIVITIES: No report

CONCERNS: No report

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: None

E. Leadership Development: Sheila Dunn, chair

PURPOSE: No report

CONCERNS: No report

ACTIVITIES: No report

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: None

F. Membership Committee (OPEN)

PURPOSE: This committee is responsible providing Membership Services at the State Level

Committee goals:

1. Contact lapsed members about reactivating membership
2. Communicate with members regarding importance of membership
3. Provide membership retention up-dates to ASCLS-IA board
4. Transition student members to new professional status

ACTIVITIES:

CONCERNS:

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

G. NewsScope Editor(s)/Publications: Kearstyn Wacker, chair; Judy Jackson, co-editor

PURPOSE: To publish information regarding ASCLS-IA activities to current and future members via the internet and hard copy to requested address.

ACTIVITIES:

CONCERNS:

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: Submit publications for awards.

H. Nominations and Awards: Jan Frerichs, chair

Sarah Taylor, Nominations; Sue McGuinty, Nominations

AWARDS:

PURPOSE: To recognize laboratory staff for service to the profession

ACTIVITIES: Sent out call for award nominations, reviewed submissions and chose recipients for awards.

CONCERNS: None

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: None

NOMINATIONS:

PURPOSE: To find members to run for ASCLS-IA offices

ACTIVITIES: Recruited the following members to run for office

President elect – Sarah Taylor

President elect-elect – Bridget Aukes

Treasurer – Sue McGuinty

Board Member – Shawn Froehlich

CONCERNS: Difficulty recruiting members to run for president elect-elect

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: Vonnie H. knows someone she can appoint for secretary to fill Bridget’s last term year, as she will be President then.

I. P.A.C.E. Coordinator: Kim VonAhsen, chair

PURPOSE: P.A.C.E.® is an administrative system serving as the quality assurance mechanism for continuing education programs offered to clinical laboratory professionals. P.A.C.E.® Committee maintains the standards of P.A.C.E.® approval for education programs sponsored and/or offered by ASCLS-IA.

ACTIVITIES:

Committee goals:

Provide continuing education for members and non-members including approval of education programs offered by entities other than ASCLS-IA.

Activities toward those goals:

1. 2017 P.A.C.E. provider renewal invoice received and invoice paid.
2. P.A.C.E for the 2017 Annual state meeting provided by ASCLS-IA.

CONCERNS: No concerns.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: No request for actions.

J. Promotion of the Profession: Jan Frerichs

PURPOSE:

ACTIVITIES:

CONCERNS:

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

CVSS/STEM Events – Theresa Fruehling

PURPOSE: Educate, encourage and recruit students of all ages to pursue a career in clinical/ medical laboratory science.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Cedar Valley Science Symposium (CVSS):
 - a. January 21st, Wartburg College
 - b. 9 students- all of whom wrote essays for scholarships
 - c. Presenters: Heidi Echternacht and Theresa Fruehling (Unfortunately Amy Frank was called in to work)
 - d. Received a lot of positive feedback
 - i. Even had current Professors stop in and perform lab testing
 - e. Next CVSS moved to this November 11th; looking for volunteers. Need to know ASAP
2. Girls Go STEM:
 - a. February 11th, University of Iowa MERF
 - b. Girl Scouts: 4 sessions
 - i. 1st session- 15
 - ii. 2nd- 15
 - iii. 3rd- 15
 - iv. 4th-5
 - c. Presenter: Becky Dill-Devor (Theresa Fruehling- sick)
 - i. Provided power-point presentation, worksheets, and lab games for Becky to use during the session.
3. Pathology Interest Day:
 - a. March 7th, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
 - b. 12-14 students from the “Corridor” area, i.e. Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Marion, and surrounding areas
 - c. Presenters: Theresa Fruehling and Kate Halter
 - d. Case Study: Mono v. Strep and tour of the Core lab at the UIHC
4. Hands on Health:
 - a. April 5th, University of Iowa Undergraduate students. Held at UIHC
 - b. 8 students- variety of science backgrounds; including one MLS student
 - c. Presenters: Becky Dill-Devor and Theresa Fruehling
 - d. Power-point: Clinical/ Medical Laboratory Science Profession: Unlimited possibilities and then a tour of the Core laboratory at UIHC
5. Pathology Interest Day:
 - a. April 10th, University of Iowa MERF
 - b. 9 middle school students (females) with 2 instructors {from Easton Middle School, Preston, IA} and a perspective student and her mom from North Carolina (her Aunt is an Anatomy professor at U of Iowa).
 - c. Presenter: Theresa Fruehling
 - d. Power-point- introduction to the profession and hands-on activity in which the students used the slide method to type my blood.

Subcommittee: Career recruitment (**OPEN**)

Subcommittee: Professional/ Public Relations (**OPEN**)

K. Scholarship: Sue McGuinty, Sarah Beerends

PURPOSE: To promote the future of our profession through giving scholarships to MLS/MLT students.

ACTIVITIES: Received application information for 28 students. Of those 28, 11 were eliminated due to incomplete applications. We awarded 4 scholarships as planned. There were very good candidates that applied making the decision challenging.

Plan fundraising for scholarships at the spring meeting by selling beaded keychains for \$5. Of this amount \$2 will go to Sheltie Rescue Foundation (for HOPE) and \$3 to our scholarship fund. Also selling PopSockets for scholarship fundraiser. \$15 cost and have 30 available to sell.

CONCERNS:

1. Using personal email to receive the student application information.
2. Documents received by email and USP and website.
3. Document format varied making it challenging in sharing with reviewers.
4. Cost of transcript and accepting non-official for some applicants.
5. Incomplete applications for students.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

1. A specific email created to receive the student application information.
2. All information should be received by email.
3. All documents should be in pdf form and strongly encouraged to send them in ONE email. (Application, essay and transcripts)
4. Acceptance of non-official transcripts
5. References can still be confidential and emailed by person doing the reference.
6. Add to form: If wanting email verification that all documents were received.

Discussion: Kim can set up any email with an @ascls-ia.org domain. Email her to get access.

L. Scholarship Fundraising Project (OPEN) – T shirt sale with new ASCLS-IA logo for 2018 Spring Meeting

PURPOSE:

ACTIVITIES:

CONCERNS:

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

M. Webmaster: Kim VonAhsen, chair

PURPOSE: To maintain the ASCLS-IA website and other current technology social networking/communication applications. The website serves as an essential means of communication information to potential, new, and existing members about the activities of ASCLS-IA.

ACTIVITIES:

Committee goals:

Maintain an up to date website.

Activities toward those goals:

1. Website
 - a. Updated with 2016-2017 Board and Committees
2. 2017 Spring Meeting Website
 - a. Website for the ASCLS-IA and CLMA Iowa Spring completed along with the EventsXD Conference App.
3. Logo
 - a. Logo was updated to utilize the new national ASCLS logo branding.

CONCERNS: No concerns.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: Need help promoting Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Looking for volunteers. Let Kim know of any posts that should be pushed out.

N. 1st Year Board Member – Rebecca Dill-Devor

ACTIVITIES:

- *Attended 75% of Board Meetings*
- *Delegate to National ASCLS meeting in Philadelphia (Fall 2016)*
- *Attended Legislative Days March 2017 –*
 - *Met with Vonnie Hampel from Dave Loeb sack’s office*
 - *Met with Congressman David Young*
 - *Met with Danielle Janowski from Senator Joni Ernst office*
- *Presenter -*
 - *Fall STEM event - with Theresa Fruehling - University of Iowa*
 - *Spring STEM Event – University of Iowa*
 - *Hands on Health Career Day – with Theresa Fruehling - University of Iowa*

Old Business: Nov. 11 at Wartburg College, STEM event: Theresa F. and Becky D-D and Heidi E. coordinating

New Business

- **STEM events:**
 - **Girls in Science at Science Center in Des Moines**
 - **Coe College – October**
 - **State Fair – Need to apply for a booth. Volunteers???**
- **Add STEM events to Promotion of Profession. Targeting 6th-8th graders. Incorporate science badge for boy scouts. Need volunteers for this.**

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion

Moved by:

Seconded by:

PASSED

FAILED

Meeting adjourned by Lindsey Davenport-Landry at 7:42 pm.