



ASCLS-IA Board Meeting

Date: January 18, 2015

Time: 10:00 am

Location: VAMC Laboratory Conference Room, Iowa City, IA

Please bring: Any committee reports

Agenda

Agenda Item	Responsible Person	Time Allotted
Call to Order & Welcome	Jan Frerichs	5
Secretary's Report	Sarah Beerends	5
Treasurer's Report	Neil Kumor	10
President's Report	Jan Frerichs	10
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A State Meeting	Jan Frerichs	
B By-Laws	Mick Williams	
C Governmental Affairs/Political Action	Theresa Fruehling	
D Historian	Vonnie Hinrichsen	
E Leadership Development	Sheila Dunn	
G Membership Services	Lindsey Davenport-Landry	
H NewsScope Editor(s)	Vonnie Hinrichsen / open	
I Nominations and Awards	Theresa Fruehling	
J P.A.C.E. Coordinator	Kim Von Ahsen	
K Promotion of the Profession	Jan Frerichs/Rachel Leemkuihl	
Subcommittee: Career Recruitment	Beth Odell	
Public Relations	Open	
L Scholarship Committee	Sarah Beerends	
L Scholarship Fundraising Project	open	
M Webmaster	Kim Von Ahsen	
Old Business		20
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Adjournment		



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Minutes

Board Members Present:

- Jan Frerichs, President
- Open, President – Elect
- Theresa Fruehling, Past President
- Sarah Beerends, Secretary
- Neil Kumor, Treasurer
- Susan Higgins Board Member
- Janet Whitney, Board Member
- Mona Parekh, Board Member
- Ellyn Houdeshell, First Year Professional
- Katie Franck and Haley Stevens, Student Reps
- Joseph Horrigan, Region VI student rep

Other Member's Present:

Vonnie Heinrickson

Guests:

Call to Order 10:08 am

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 as printed/posted corrected

Treasurer's Report

See attached report

No Changes

Discussion that the CD interest goes back into the scholarship fund

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

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by President as printed/posted corrected

President's Report



REPORT OF: PRESIDENT, ASCLS-IA
REPORT TO: ASCLS-IA BOARD
SUBMITTED FOR: WINTER BOARD MEETING
PREPARED BY: JAN FRERICHS, PRESIDENT
DATE: JANUARY 18, 2015

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

ACTIVITIES:

1. Two career recruitment events were held:
 - a. Open Minds at Coe College in Cedar Rapids in October. ASCLS-IA presented a workshop on laboratory medicine to middle school girls interested in careers in science.
 - b. Cedar Valley Symposium on January 17, Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. This was a day long work shop for high school students interested in careers in science or medicine.
2. The Region VI fall board meeting was held at the Kirkwood Hotel in Cedar Rapids on November 1 and 2nd. Iowa is in charge of the Rho Sigma dinner this year, Jan Frerichs has been in contact with the event manager at STATS restaurant in Atlanta.
3. Work on the joint spring meeting with Nebraska is underway.
 - a. EZ register account set up for meeting, Jan Frerichs is working with Ashley Collins who is the meeting treasurer on this. We are waiting for the meeting website to be completed, so we can put the links on there. NE is in charge of the website
 - b. Vendor prospectus has been completed and sent out by Amy Frank and Judy Jackson.
 - c. ASCLS-IA is responsible for providing 15 speakers – we are in the process of recruiting speakers. ASCLS-IA will reimburse those speakers we invite who are not sponsored by a company.
4. Next board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM in the board room at the Embassy Suites in La Vista on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015.

CONCERNS:

Lapsed members – let's continue to reach out to those lapsed members in our laboratories and remind them of the value of membership.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

President's report was reviewed with:

Following Changes:

No Changes

Discussion:

15 speakers were set for the meeting. The annual meeting will be Wednesday night of the spring meeting, the Awards Luncheon will be Wednesday of the meeting. Friday is a free student day.

Idea to partner with the Dept. of Public Health/St. Hygenic Lab for the 2016 meeting.

ASCLS Report and/or Leadership Mailing

Discussion:

Region VI Report

Discussion:

Committee Reports See attached

A. Annual Meeting

B. By-Laws

Change to By-Laws sent out by email. Teresa moved to accept the amendments to the by-laws. Mona seconded. The changes now have to be approved at the Annual Business meeting.

C. Governmental Affairs/Political Action

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

ACTIVITIES:

Committee goals:

1. Keep members informed about activities in Washington, D.C. which effect the profession.
2. Prepare updates for the ASCLS-IA BOD
3. Urge members to respond to 'Calls for Action'
4. Fundraising ideas for PAC

Activities toward those goals:

1. Participating in monthly conference calls for GAC and PAC
2. Attending the Legislative Symposium
3. Presenting updates at the Spring meeting

GAC Updates:

Legislative Update:

1. - Patrick Cooney (Legislative Consultant):

- One or two days left of the 113th congress. It has been an interesting year with a dramatic finish. The senate went from 45 to 54 Republican seats. In the house, 10 incumbent Democrats were defeated and 1 incumbent Republican was defeated. In January, the Republicans will have a majority in both the house and the senate. We expect to see a lot of congressional activity. Two major pieces of legislation were finished during this lame duck session; (1) Government funding was approved by the house on 12-11-14 and passed by the senate on 12-13-14. This will fund the U.S. government through September, 2015, except for Homeland Security, which is related to the recent immigration rulings. It was a real appropriations bill – rather than a continuing resolution that funds at the going rate. The appropriations bill allocates specific spending for programs. This CRomnibus spending bill appropriates funds for macro issues of the budget, and focuses on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, etc. In the 2015 Congress,

it will be interesting to see what happens to the tax policy, and the macro areas of the government, including the clinical laboratory. They will probably develop a budget reconciliation bill that allows congress to make major changes to entitlements with only a simple majority vote in the senate. The house and senate are required to pass a budget every year, but not a balanced budget. A budget reconciliation sets up a budget and gives direction on spending to each of the committees. The Republicans pushed through the funding so their plate would be clean and they can dive into policy issues when they reconvene in January. (2) The Tax extender bill, which renews retroactively, back to January 2014, a 55-item package of tax breaks. It is only applicable to the 2014 tax year and expires December 31, 2014.

- The Sustainable Growth Rate Issue (SGR) and Physician Fee schedule were not covered during the lame duck session. The current temporary fix for the SGR, expires March 31, 2015. For both another temporary fix or a permanent fix, the issue of how to pay for it is still to be determined.
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): HRSA released the supply and demand numbers for nursing and will use that data to put ample resources into nursing education. They were supposed to release the same kind of data for Allied Health in December, but have not as of yet. We want to focus on workforce issues and need to impress on HHS that there is not much funding in the Clinical Lab area and that we have a supply issue. The goal for the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) is to strengthen HRSA in 2015. From our perspective, we need to strategize how to work to direct funding toward Allied Health.
- In the CROmnibus budget bill, Title VII (Health Professions Education) and Title VIII (Nursing Education) fared well with better funding than last year but not to the level of pre-sequestration.
- The final piece of legislation that just passed the house and senate was HR 1281 – the Newborn Screening Save Lives Reauthorization Act. This act encourages state and communities to test newborns for heritable disorders. Section 6 requires the director of the CDC to provide for quality assurance of laboratories involved in screening newborns and children for heritable disorders.
- As far as the new Congress is concerned, Patrick's believes that we will see a lot of legislation proposed and passed in 2015. The big question is whether President Obama will work with Congress. The last time we had a Democratic President, with a Republican-controlled Congress was under President Clinton, who was able to work in a bipartisan fashion to allow legislation to passed and signed into law.

2. Regulatory Update – Elissa Passiment (ASLCS Staff Liaison)

- Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs): The FDA will hold an open meeting January 8 and 9 that will be attended by Elissa and Susie Zanto. There will be panels on the main four topics of the guidance and will take comments. Elissa will sit on the panel for Clinical Validity and has been accepted to make comments. There are 83 commenters with 4 minutes each to make their comments. We need to nominate people for the LDT Advisory Committee (although Elissa needs to check with FDA Director Salazar as to whether there will actually be an advisory panel).
- Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA): Rick, Judy, Suzanne Butch, Elissa, and a VP from Heartland Labs have been submitted as nominations to PAMA Advisory Committee. CMS needs to publish the proposal that reforms the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) soon to give people time to read it and make comments – a 4 to 5 month process. The final rules must be finalized by July 2015.
- CPT code pricing decisions – CMS has developed new drug testing and molecular codes for Medicare payers – G-codes that will replace the CPT codes, which will continue to be used for non-Medicare payers. The reimbursement rates for these codes have not yet been published; it has not been determined whether Medicare replacement plans will utilize the new CPT codes or the G codes. New coding for Immunohistochemistry or FISH testing will include higher payment for the first stain and lower payment for all subsequent stains.

PAC Update:

- Discussed 'Thank you' items for donations
 - Talked about making a pocket-calendar which contains the dates/ reminders for ASCLS
 - Trying to find a company that will allow the modifications we would like to do
 - Discussing the color for the new PAC pin
- Having a conference call in which all PAC chairs throughout the nation are able to participate.

D. Historian

E. Leadership Development

F. Membership Recruitment (MRC)

G. Membership Services (MSC)



REPORT OF:
REPORT TO: ASCLS-IA BOARD
SUBMITTED FOR: WINTER BOARD MEETING
PREPARED BY: Lindsey Davenport-Landry
DATE: JANUARY 09, 2015

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:

After e-mail campaign we have 7 “additional” members. Unsure how many are members who were lapsed and renewed.

Needs: The “new” e-mails for any old ihs.org email addresses. Look at the attached spreadsheet and let me know who you have contacted- see Request for action.

**Current Membership 138 including 31 students 12/05/14 (last updated to website)
(This is up 7 members since last report)**



Iowa Membership
Roster 12514.xlsx

CONCERNS: Decreasing membership at the state and national level.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: Move to have the board directly contact people they know on the lapsed list to ask why people are not renewing. Lindsey will compile the data and submit to national.- (This was not done after last meeting)

Let Lindsey know if you contact anyone and the reason they aren't renewing

H. NewsScope Editor(s)

Needs spring meeting info for the next NewsScope Feb. 15

I. Nominations and Awards

PURPOSE: The Nominations and Awards Committee prepares a slate of officers for upcoming vacancies in the society, and conducts the awards program for the state. This is a Standing Committee of the Society.

ACTIVITIES:

Committee goals:

1. Identify individuals for open positions on the Board
2. Identify individuals for positions on Regional and National committees

3. Review submissions for Award categories and select a winner
4. Obtain awards for the ASCLS-IA Spring meeting

Activities toward those goals:

1. Submit position descriptions to NewsScope editor for Fall edition
2. Publicize awards to be given and encourage members to submit nominations
3. Select winners from submissions with help from the Nominations committee
4. Encourage members to become more involved with the organization and to run for an office on the Board of Directors.
5. Hold elections at the ASCLS-IA Annual Spring Business meeting

CONCERNS:

- See Old Business
- Neil- second term as Treasurer, need board members and president elect

J. P.A.C.E. Coordinator Nebraska handling PACE this year, no report

K. Promotion of the Profession

Subcommittee: Career Recruitment

Subcommittee: Licensure

L. Scholarship

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

Activities:

1. Emailed scholarship information to program directors
2. Select recipients before spring meeting

Concerns:

1. Fundraising ideas? -Judy's mom is making more necklaces this year.
2. Forms on the website need to be updated

Requests for Action:

The past 2 years we ave given 4 scholarships at \$500 each, plus a student membership. I move that we again designate an additional \$200 in funds to cover these student memberships. Teresa seconded. Motion Carried

M. Webmaster

Old Business

New Business

1. Nominations for awards at spring meeting
2. Legislative symposium in DC in March – who is going? –Teresa, Kim
3. Leg Days in Des Moines? –looking into

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion

Moved by: Teresa

Seconded by: Mona

PASSED

FAILED

Meeting adjourned by Jan

at 11:22

xam pm