



ASCLS-IA Board Meeting

Date: September 10, 2016

Time: 9:45 am

Location: Lab Conference Room (BW11A), Iowa City VA HCS

Please bring: Any committee reports

Additional info: Here is a link for calling in and for a meeting. My suggestion is to log in on the computer to connect, but to use the phone for the call in.

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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
1. Update on money from CD		
President's Report	Lindsey Davenport-Landry	10
1. President Elect – Elect search		
2. New National Website		
3. What to do as Committee Chair/Board Member		
Committee Reports	Committee Chairs	40
A State Meeting		
1. Recap on Last Year	Jan Frerichs	
2. Updates on This Year	Lindsey Davenport-Landry	
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)	Kristin Wacker, Judy Jackson	
H Nominations and Awards	Jan Frerichs, Sarah Taylor, Sue	

<i>I P.A.C.E. Coordinator</i>	McGuinty
<i>J Promotion of the Profession</i>	Kim Von Ahsen
<i>Subcommittee: Career Recruitment</i>	Jan Frerichs, Rachel Leemkuil
<i>Public Relations</i>	Open
<i>K Scholarship Committee</i>	Open
<i>L Scholarship Fundraising Project</i>	Sarah Beerends
<i>M Webmaster</i>	Open
	Kim Von Ahsen

Old Business

New Business

Other 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:

X Sarah Taylor

Committee Chairs:

- Mick Williams, By-Laws
- Theresa Fruehling, GAC/PAC
- Vonnie Hinrichson, Historian
- Kristin 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 9/10/16 @1005

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:

Change of fiscal year. Have not added to scholarship funds except interest. CD comes due Dec 2016. Renew with additional funds. No audit has been performed for 3 years. Suggest to have a new audit before new treasurer. Recruit new treasurer for time with mentoring.

Add a line item to its budget titled E&RF for \$150.00

Concerns:

Add to scholarship funds. CD coming due Dec. 2016.

Discussion:

Janet Whitney, president-elect, and president to meet to audit treasury.

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:

1. ASCLS National Meeting in Philadelphia
 - a. ASCLS Iowa Members are active at the region and national level.
 - b. DCLS position paper accepted by HOD
 - c. New Entry level curriculum accepted by HOD
 - d. Elissa Passiment has retired; Jim Fleming is the new EVP he is very responsive to e-mail. Jim has a vision for ASCLS to be more member forward and utilize more social media and membership services.
 - e. Theresa Fruehling, Vonnie Hinrichsen, Jan Frerichs, Allison Barney, Lindsey Davenport-Landry, and Kim Von Ahsen attended National meeting.
2. Region VI
 - a. Elections- Lisa Bakken from IL will be the new treasurer.
 - b. Region Meeting will be November 12/13 in Des Moines
3. Spring Meeting Planning is Beginning
 - a. Plans for the joint spring meeting with CLMA. Location is in discussion.
 - b. Need to discuss social activities early.

CONCERNS:

Board & Committee membership needing a better onboarding/training.
The nomination committee should start working with the board to recruit a president-elect-elect and president elect.
Open positions on the board.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

President's report was reviewed with:

Following Changes:

No Changes

Notes: Sarah Taylor to look for president elect-elect around the Des Moines area.

Lindsey walked us through the new ASCLS page. Member portal>communities and groups>iowa state society>Admin tools>send email notices. Another place is member community>My community. Click settings>under email notifications>drop down box. Also go to Region IV and opt in to receive emails. Jan suggested doing a break out session during the meeting on how to navigate this site.

Leadership>forms and documents. "Policies and operations manual 2015" (Kim to update to newer PDF) Goes through what is asked of each member on the board. Lindsey to send out her PowerPoint of this from her 2016 Spring Meeting talk.

ASCLS Report and/or Leadership Mailing

Discussion:

Region VI Report

Committee Reports

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

Bring a guest to next board meeting. Wisconsin gives 1YP a 50% discount on membership. Since we aren't doing a meeting at Omaha anymore, we miss those members in that area, so suggested to have a workshop/con ed for them sometime. Make a student council. Need someone to lead this.

Meeting Monday to discuss annual state meeting with CLMA.

Poll for meeting 2 or 3 days. Kirkwood only available M, T, W. Radisson available W, T, F. Looking for speakers.

B. By-Laws: Mick Williams, chair

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: Nothing to report.

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

PURPOSE: Inform and educate members of the society on issues affecting 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):

- CMS and Nursing Degree Equivalence
 - Recent email blast sent out to all members encouraging them to 'Sign Petition Urging CMS (Center for Medicare/ Medicaid) to Reconsider Ruling on Nursing Degree Equivalence':
 - CMS has deemed the following to be 'accurate': an **associate's degree or bachelor's degree in nursing is equivalent** to an **associate's or bachelor's degree**, respectively, in biological science'
 - Thusly 'qualifying' nurses to perform advanced laboratory testing which up to this point has ONLY been performed by trained, CERTIFIED CLS/ MLS/ MLTs.
 - The ruling also leaves the 'door open' for Nurses to supervise laboratories performing

high complexity testing.

- If you have not signed the petition, please do so ASAP and please contact your Congressional member.
- September 1st:
 - Congress returns for a few weeks before returning to their districts for final election push
 - Focus on the following:
 - Appropriations legislation
 - Zika virus funding
 - Healthcare: 21st Century Cares
 - Opiates Legislation
 - Funding still problem; _unlikely to make it to President's desk
 - Workforce Shortage:
 - New Chairman- Jon Shimkus
 - PAMA (Protecting Access to Medicare/ Medicaid Act, specific to laboratory reimbursement)
 - Good news: Delay of new provisions
 - Reach out to other stakeholders
 - Delayed to 2018
 - Discussion with Ways & Means about Clinical codes
 - Higher Education Act: Labor and Pension committee
 - Raise awareness for need of clinical laboratory programs
 - VA has identified this as a shortage
 - Patrick to put together talking points
- Proposed Rule on VA concerning ARNP:
 - VA ARNP believe they should be able to practice independently (i.e. they should be considered the same as a physician and should not need to consult with a physician)
 - VA considering allowing Nurses to supervise and perform moderately complex testing due to staffing shortages in the laboratory
 - Conversation with Nursing Association:
 - Nurses want their scope of practice to 'line up' with doctors
 - Nurses do not have an interest in performing moderate to complex laboratory testing
 - They do, however, want to have the ability to supervise laboratories within Physician offices
 - Suggestion- clarify language of rule and what the RN's are truly asking for
 - Nurses are 'trying' to clarify their recommendations to CMS

Regulatory Update:

2.- Jim Flanigan

- LDTs (Laboratory Developed Tests)
 - No guidance released
 - Articles in JAMA:
 - Reliable results? Need for oversight:
 - Tests that cannot be duplicated
 - Tests no one has seen before
 - Tests without justification
- FDA guidance:
 - Human genetic variant bases:
 - How to use/ interpret

- Regulatory InVitro Diagnosis:
 - Guidance for next gene sequencing
 - Easier if we have regulations in place
 - Administration pushing to complete; DO NOT want to delay for another administration

PAC Update:

- Record breaking year: close to \$29,000
- Region VI reclaimed National title
- Need to work with Karrie to get the 'vintage' PAC items in the ASCLS store
- In the process of transitioning information to Shirley Heber, the new National PAC Chair
- Legislative Symposium: March 20-21st

CONCERNS: None

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: None

D. Historian: Vonnie Hinrichsen, chair

PURPOSE: To preserve our history of ASCLS-IA

ACTIVITIES: (None)

CONCERNS:

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

E. Leadership Development: Sheila Dunn, chair; Becky Dill-Devor

PURPOSE:

CONCERNS: No concerns at this time.

ACTIVITIES: Nothing to report.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: None

Leadership class – schedule a date

F. Membership Committee, Mona Parekh (chair)

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: Kristin 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:

Committee goals:

1. Published recent edition of the NewsScope and sent via the internet.

2. Report news of happenings within the organization to members and non-members.

Activities toward those goals:

- 1.) Work is in progress on the next NewsScope, which is way behind schedule and I apologize for that. In this issue, there will be articles about the Spring Meeting, the awards, Legislative Day, and my good bye as this will be my last issue. The NewsScope will be turned over to Kearstyn Wacker with the help of Judy Jackson. It's not easy to be done with this part of my service so maybe that is why I am procrastinating! I wish Kearstyn and Judy the best!

CONCERNS: The ongoing quest for things to write about.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: Requests go out for articles. Feel free to send articles to the new Editors: kearstyn.wacker@unitypoint.org and juvejack@iowatelecom.net Each board member is required to write an article at least once.

H. Nominations and Awards: Jan Frerichs, chair
Sarah Taylor, Nominations; Sue McGuinty, Nominations

PURPOSE: Recognize the members of ASCLS and the clinical laboratory profession

ACTIVITIES: No report

CONCERNS: Looking for president elect-elect and treasurer.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: None

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. Waiting on 2017 P.A.C.E. provider renewal. Once received, will submit to Treasurer for payment.
2. P.A.C.E for the 2016 Annual state meeting was provided by ASCLS-IA.
3. Providing P.A.C.E credit to State Hygiene Laboratory for their Biosafety Workshop on September 13, 2016.
4. Providing P.A.C.E. credit for the CLMA Iowa Fall Meeting on October 25, 2016.

CONCERNS: No concerns.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: No request for actions.

J. Promotion of the Profession: Jan Frerichs/Rachel Leemkuil, co-chairs

Nothing to report.

Subcommittee: Career recruitment (OPEN)

Subcommittee: Professional/ Public Relations (OPEN)

K. Scholarship: Sarah Beerends, chair

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

ACTIVITIES:

1. Gave 4 \$500 scholarships at the Spring meeting.
2. Had a great pool of at least 15 strong applicants.
3. Used multiple methods to notify students of scholarships. Website, Facebook, and initial and follow-up emails to program directors will help to keep our applicant pool larger.

CONCERNS:

1. I will have a newborn right at the time applications start coming in (January-March). I would like to step away from chair this year and have someone else handle the paperwork involved. I would still be willing to be on the committee and help choose scholarship winners.
2. Need to start thinking about fundraising ideas for spring meeting.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: none

Sue or Judy asked to be chair while Sarah is on maternity leave.

L. Scholarship Fundraising Project

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:

5. Website
 - a. Updated with 2016-2017 Board and Committees
6. 2017 Spring Meeting Website
 - a. Website for the ASCLS-IA and CLMA Iowa Spring meeting will be worked on once we have dates and location.
7. ASCLS-IA List Serve
 - a. Reminder that the list serve that was provided by ASCLS is no longer available. The decision was made by JR Constance to shut down serve due to spam issues and blacklisting by email providers.
 - b. Currently communicating to Iowa members via email will need to be done using the Iowa State Society on connect.ascls.org or by downloading the state membership roster and using an email service such as MailChimp. Depending on the number of emails, Google will not allow mass emailing as it is identified as SPAM.
8. ASCLS-IA Email
 - a. Board members are provided with an ASCLS-IA email if they elect to use it. Please let me know if you would like one for your term.
 - b. Communication with the Board and Committee chairs (anyone listed on the roster) should be done using the boardofdirectors@ascls-ia.org
 - i. Note that once you leave a position, you'll remain on this email, until you ask to be removed. We do this because having served in a leadership position in the state, we make the assumption that you still want to know the activities of the state even if you may not currently be actively involved.
9. Logo
 - a. Logo was updated to utilize the new national ASCLS logo branding. This included the color scheme and new triangles. I hope that everyone is really happy with a new clean and really (in my opinion) professional logo that aligns us to the national logo and brand.

CONCERNS: No concerns.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION: No Requests for Action

Old Business:

CONCERNS:

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

New Business

Casey's pizza and/or donut scholarship fundraising project.

ASCLS tracking form. Tracking log for action item follow-up.

Ask for a "celebrity" guest speaker for Friday afternoon closing keynote.

Other Business

Conducted outside of meeting:

Email from Lindsey Davenport-Landry sent July 18, 2016:

"I move that ASCLS-IA add a line item to its budget titled E&RF for \$150.00. I have a second by Jan Frerichs.

Discussion: This item would be to supply donations to the ASCLS National Education and Research Fund Silent Auction. Each year they ask each state to donate three items of at least \$50.00 value to the auction. In the past we have relied on members attending the auction to provide these items. Other states have added this to their budget as the money eventually goes to the E&RF.

Please vote yes or no to approve this motion.

Thank you,
Lindsey"

Responded via email: Aye: Bridget, Vonnie, Jan, Sheila, Sarah B, Lindsey

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion

Moved by: Jan

Seconded by: Neil

PASSED

FAILED

Meeting adjourned by Lindsey Davenport-Landry

11:13 am