



ASCLS-Minnesota
Spring Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 26th, 2011
DECC
Duluth, MN

Present: 48 members and 2 non-members

Call to Order Kristi Enerson, ASCLS-MN President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Renee Burke indicated that there was a quorum for the meeting (1 officer, 1 other board member and 35 voting members). Minutes from the ASCLS-MN 2010 members meeting were distributed to the attendees. There were no changes or discussions to the minutes. The meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Report, Finance Committee: Vickie Larson presented

A copy of the budget was distributed to the attendees

- Checking Balance: \$8,112.34
- Savings Balance: \$57,876.73 at an interest rate of 0.05%.
- Licensure
 - ASCP contributed \$2000 for Licensure for the 2010/2011 budget. It is unknown at this time how much ASCP will contribute for 2011/2012. It is dependant upon the profits from the 2011 CLC meeting.
 - CLMA did not contribute to Licensure for the 2010/2011 budget.
- Scholarships
 - For 2011/2012 the Elizabeth Panning MLS scholarship was created with a budget of \$1000.
- State CLC Meeting
 - \$800 was added for registration and travel for the president and president-elect to attend the state meeting.
- Region V Meeting
 - \$600 was added for registration and travel for the president and president-elect for travel to attend the Region V meeting.
- The budget was approved at this time.

President's Report – Kristi Enerson presented

- Strategic Plan – requested a portion of Silent Auction proceed to go towards the Elizabeth Panning scholarship. The Strategic Plan can be found on the website at www.asclsmn.org.
- By-laws report – Article XI - Representation to ASCLS was changed to add a New Professional as a delegate to the national ASCL convention. This change was voted on and accepted by the ASCLS members on April 26th, 2011.

Membership Report

Active membership committee consist of Bobbi Kochevar, Sue Iddings, KauChee Vang, Yukiko Goto and Cassie Gallati

- Current membership is at 436 as of 3/13/2011
 - COL = 14
 - EM1 = 9
 - EM2 = 5
 - FYP = 28
 - PF1 = 165
 - PF2 = 136
 - STU = 79

- Goal is to retain students as members
 - Student members – 79 (74 in 2010)
 - First Year Professional – 28 (16 in 2010)
 - 64% Student membership converted to First Year Professional

Leadership Academy

- 2009-2010 class – Christine Hinz
- 2010-2011 class – Jessica Peters and Charlotte Romain

ASCLS-MN Communication

- ASCLS-MN website: www.asclsmn.org
- e-news letter – eLABorate
 - Submit comments about the website or the newsletter to paula683@yahoo.com

Region V/National Report - Deb Rodahl presented (Region V director)

- National membership had a loss of 3.9% (8713 National members)
 - 1 free online CE for all new members during Spring Meeting
- Region V membership had a gain of 2.2% (1156 Region V members)
 - MN had a gain of 1.4% (436 members)
 - ND had a gain of 2.5% (125 members)
 - SD had a gain of 11.1% (150 members)
 - WI had a gain of 0.2% (470 members)

Government Affairs – Rick Panning presented

- GAC Chair – Rick Panning (MN)
- GAC Vice-Chair – Cindy Johnson (MN)
- Legislative Symposium 2011
 - 20 attendees from Region V
 - Laboratory Fee Schedule – never had to have a co-pay before, however it is proposed in the new budget.
 - Healthcare Reform – CLMA and ASCLS have been working on modernization of the laboratory fee schedule
 - Workforce Reinvestment
 - FDA work on Lab Developed Tests
 - Physician Signature Requirement – this has now been reconciled and needs to be recinded.

Consumer Information Response Team – www.LabTestsOnline.org

- Continuing to average greater than 100 question per day

- Over 50 team members, 10 which are from Region V
- Volunteers from AACC are also being trained

2011 National Meeting

- July 26th – 30th, in Atlanta
- 1st Timer's Reception – Tuesday eve
- Wednesday AM Keynote
- Regional Caucus on Friday am
- House of Delegates on Saturday am
 - No By-laws changes were proposed
 - ASCLS Mission, Beliefs, and Core Values to be presented

Collaboration

- Exploration of possible collaboration with CLMA (Clinical Laboratory Management Association)

Licensure Update– Rick Panning presented

- Our Lobbyist has been working very hard for us. He had found a fair number of house officers to sponsor the bill; however, we are having a hard time finding a chief officer. We might have one lined up, but need to wait to see how Fairview supports the bill. We would like to introduce it this session, however, because of the change in the legislature party affiliation after the election; need to start over again with the bill. The Republicans don't want anymore regulations. Don't think we will have hearings this year. At this time we are just trying to get people to sign on with the bill.
- Pathology Assistants, Cytotechnologists, and Histotechnologists are interested in being part of the licensure bill.

2011 Clinical Laboratory Collaborative

- April 25th – 27th at DECC in Duluth, MN
- Steve Mattson – ASCLS-MN Co-Chair
- Silent Auction – money will be split between Children's Miracle network and the Elizabeth Panning Scholarship

2012 Clinical Laboratory Collaborative

- April 25th – 27th at Mystic Lake Casino in Prior Lake
- Jean Bauer – ASCLS-MN Co-Chair

Fall Symposium

- October 13th – 14th, 2011
- Hosted by ASCSL-MN, ASCLS-ND, ASCLS-SD
- Doublewood, Fargo, ND
- Program information posted as available, visit www.ascls-sd.org/region-v-meeting

Scholarships – Lorna Ruskin presented

- Elizabeth Panning MLS Scholarship – Tammy Kippley from St. Cloud, MN
- Claussen MLS Scholarship – Mickayla Cotter from Star Prairie, WI
- MSP MLS Scholarship – Nicholas Blonigen from Saint Cloud, MN
- ASCLS MLS Scholarship – Heather Schmitz from St. Paul, MN

- ASCLS MLT Scholarship - TBD

ASCLS Office Updates

ASCLS has hired the Smith-Buckling Management Company which will give us access to marketing, help us with finance support, and help us with the web-site updates.

Nominations Report – Bobbi Kochevar presented

The 2011-2012 nominations are:

- President Elect – Karen Renaud
- Northwest Junior Director – Linda Welk
- Northeast Junior Director – Linda Perry
- West Central Junior Director – No candidates at this time
- Central Junior Director – Sheri Myer-Orr
- Metro Junior Director – Sue Iddings
- Southwest Junior Director – Jenny Field
- Southeast Senior Director – Joan Converse
- Southeast Junior Director – KauChee Vang

- Christine Hinz will take over as President for 2011-2012

- National Delegates – Have 7 delegates (Jean Bauer, Cindy Johnson, Tom Massmann, Carol McCoy, JoAnn Nickles, Dan Olson, Jessica Peters) and 2 alternates (Rick Panning and Vickie Larson)..

- The above nominations/delegates were approved by the membership on April 26th, 2011

Award Presentations

- Omicron Sigma
 - National – Carol McCoy, Dan Olson, Kathy Hanson, Paula Vagnone, Rick Panning, Tom Massmann, and Deb Rodahl
 - Regional – Kristi Enerson, Cindy Johnson, Kauchee Vang, Jean Bauer
 - State – Yukiko Goto, Lisa Kappenman, Vickie Larson, Linda Welk, Linda Perry, Karen Renaud, Claudine Fasching, Sharon Pendergrass, Steve Mattson
- Keys to the Future
 - Charlotte Romain, Sue Iddings, Kauchee Vang
- Longevity Awards
- Recognition of out-going board members
 - Linda Perry – NE Area Senior Director
 - Robin Spencer – SW Senior Director
 - Karen Renaud – Central Senior Director
 - Linda Welk – NW Senior Director
 - Claudine Fasching – Metro Senior Director
 - Yukiko Goto – First Year Professional
 - Steve Mattson – CLC Co-Chair
- 2011 Service Award
 - Jean Bauer

Installation of 2011-2012 President

- Christine Hinz is the ASCLS president for 2011-2012

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Burke, Secretary