



ASCLS-Minnesota
Spring Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2008
Crowne Plaza
St. Paul, MN

Present: 80 attendees. See attendance sheets.

1. Call to Order: Jillene Collins, ASCLS-MN President, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
2. Determination of a Quorum: Kristi Enerson, Secretary, determined a quorum was present.
3. President's Report: Jillene Collins reported:
 - Jillene presented the Labs are Vital recruitment video.
 - The new website was presented including the new electronic newsletter, e-Laborate.
 - Area redistribution: Jillene explained the recommendation to move from three areas to seven areas to provide more opportunity for everyone within the state to have more local continuing education events as well as to get more involvement from all members.
4. By Law Change:
 - JoAnn Nickles, President-Elect, presented the recommended Bylaws changes. She explained that national recommended taking out county descriptions and to create an SOP for that information. . A motion to recommend the adoption of the bylaw changes was made and seconded. Motion carried.
 - JoAnn also presented a draft SOP for ASCLS-MN Area Description. A motion was made to adopt the SOP. The motion was seconded and carried.
5. Secretary's Report: Copies of the 2007 Membership Meeting minutes were distributed at tables. Additional copies are available on the website. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.
6. Treasurer's Report: Vicki Larson presented the Treasurer's Report (see included report).
 - The report reflects the area expansion. With this, each area has been given \$400. The thought behind this is that each area is smaller and will probably be hosting less events within each region then past years and that each area is encouraged to seek sponsorship.
 - Vicki also highlighted that we are budgeting for \$18,000 towards the licensure effort.
 - \$30,000 CD is maturing 7/24/08. We have another \$20,000 CD that matures on 3/22/09.
 - Current checking balance is at \$11,106.52 with savings sitting at \$41,354.62.A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried
8. Funding : Dan Olson presented the funding that exists for laboratory medicine within the state of Minnesota through grants including a \$400,000 MJSP grant as well as a \$3.2 million grant.
9. Scholarship Awards: Carol McCoy presented the scholarship awards for this year for the CLS category. The CLT award will be awarded later in the summer.

• Carisa Allen	\$1000	Claussen Fund
• Remish Woldearegay	\$500	Claussen Fund
• Kristy Felske	\$1000	Fairview Foundation
• Kassandra Schleis	\$1000	North Central Red Cross
• Angelia Blom	\$500	MSP
• Chad Thompson	\$1000	ASCLS-MN

10. Nomination Committee Chair: Paula Snippes presented the slate of officers and Minnesota Meeting delegates:

- President-Elect: Bobbi Kochevar
- Southeast Area Senior Director: Lois Anderson
- Southeast Area Junior Director: Jeremy Caddell
- Southwest Area Senior Director: Erin Schreader
- Southwest Area Junior Director: Terri Zinda
- West Central Area Junior Director: Wanda Haberer
- Northwest Area Senior Director: Paula Bowman
- Northwest Area Junior Director: Still seeking.
- Northeast Area Junior Director: Steve Mattson
- Central Area Senior Director: Cathy Bengtson
- Central Area Junior Director: Trish Roehrl
- Metro Area Junior Director: Jessica Peters
- National Meeting delegates: Jean Bauer, Bobbi Kochevar, Vicki Larson, Renee Burke, Cindy Johnson, Tom Massman, Carol McCoy, Deb Rodahl. Alternate: Dan Olson

A motion was made to adopt the ballot by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

10. Awards Presentation

State-Presented by Jillen Collins.

- Omicron Sigma Awards: Kathy Bengtson, Jeff Radle, Jan Frericks, Renee Burke, Christine Williams, Julie Freidhoff, Denise Miller, Carol McCoy, Paula Snippes.
- Keys to the Future: Sharon Pendergrass and Kathy Bengtson
- Longevity awards were also presented for those members achieving 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of membership.
- Member of the Year: Wayne Lundeen

Regional- Presented by Lezlee Koch.

- Omicron Sigma: Diane Petersen, Jillene Collins, JoAnn Nickles, Tom Massmann

National-Presented by Rick Panning.

- Omicron Sigma: Cindy Johnson, Cheryl Kraft, Deb Rodahl, Jean Bauer, Kathy Hansen

4. Region V/National Update: Rick Panning and Lezlee Koch reported:

- Update given on current membership status.
- CLEC (Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference) and DCLS (Doctorate in Clinical Laboratory Scientist) Updates were given.
- National Legislative Day in partnership with CLMA and ASCP: Software has been purchased for

assisting in contacting legislators that is funded by ASCLS and PAC. CapWiz will be initially rolled out on a national level but can be used in the future for the state level.

- Government Affairs Committee: AGT has become a society partner in the Government Affairs Committee. We have 9 co-sponsors to the competitive bidding repeal bill S2099 and 40 co-sponsors for bill HR3453. The Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Schedule Modernization Act 2008 will hopefully be introduced later this summer.
- ASCLS is looking to partner with CLMA for an e-News Member Benefit.
- Membership Services Committee: This group is charged with providing recommendations for handling dues money of inactive societies.
- ASCLS National Nominees were presented.
- Patient Safety Committee: They are charged to develop action plans to implement the recommendations from the 2007 PSTF Report.
- Levels of Practice: A new scope of practice model is being developed and modified to define our practice and different levels of positions within the laboratory.
- “Day without the Laboratory”: Video project to help demonstrate the impact of the laboratory in the healthcare team continues to be under development.
- Annual Meeting Task Force: How can we restructure the annual meeting so that it is more cost effective for the attendees? They are looking at reducing the conference by a day.
- Leadership Academy: Projects they are working on include a webpage on ASCLS and ASCLS stories booklet, membership recruitment.
- Consumer Information Response Team is averaging about 1,300 questions/month. There are 51 team members. Members are encouraged to volunteer if there is any interest.
- NCA : ASCLS and NCA continue to partner. Cindy Johnson is the ASCLS representative on the NCA board. NCA, ASCLS and AGT continue to work with BOR of ASCP to develop...

Region V: Lezlee presented key priorities for the year as

- Member service and recruitment and more meetings for the region
- Strengthen ASCLS: State-Regional-National
- “Pump It Up! (see handout)
 - Strategic Planning
 - Develop and Enhance Orientation/Mentoring Programs
 - Increase membership efforts, numbers and communication with members
 - Develop new membership benefits, CE offerings, marketing efforts, and ways to recognize and reward members.
 - Build the 3 E’s: ENTHUSIASM, EXCITEMENT AND ENERGY
 - Push yourself to get involved, get fired up and get connected.
 - Be an advocate for you profession and ASCLS by mentoring students and new professionals. Be engaged, enthused, excited and energized in everything you do.
 - Get connected and update your ASCLS contact information.

13. Installation of 2008-2009 President: JoAnn Nickles installed as the President of ASCLS-MN.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Enerson, Secretary