



**ASCLS-MN**  
**Spring Board Meeting**  
May 3, 2009

Mayo Civic Center, Riverview C, Rochester

Present: Rick Panning, Robbi Montgomery, Dan Olson, Roxanne Gavin, JoAnn Nickles, Vickie Larson, Carol McCoy, Renee Burke, Bobbi Kochevar, Deb Rodahl, Cindy Johnson, Trish Roehrl, Lois Greisen, Jeremy Angell, Kristi Enerson, Jillene Collins, Julie Freidhoff

Call to Order and Introductions: Meeting called to order by JoAnn Nickles, ASCLS-MN President, at 1715. Members present introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report: Kristi Enerson

- Minutes from the February 7, 2009 Board meeting were reviewed. Two changes to the minutes include a correction to the spelling of Vickie Larson and a clarification that ASCLS-MN, not ASCLS will be working on funding for a MN member if accepted to the Leadership Academy.
- Motion to accept the minutes with these changes was made by Bobbi Kochevar and seconded by Trish Roehrl.

President's Report

- Announcement that Christine Williams has been accepted to the Leadership Academy.
- Region V restructuring is still going. The next one will be Oct 14-16 in Watertown, SD. 2010 will start the new rotation on Oct. 7-8. They are currently trying to get all of the contracts in order. The rotation schedule includes every state having an area of responsibility for the meeting. The meeting will be held on an evening and a full day. It will also include vendors.
- Membership Update: Current membership as of May 1, 2009 is 458. Diane Petersen is transitioning membership responsibilities to a new state chair in 2009-2010. She will mentor and work with a newly appointed person to ease the transition. JoAnn indicated that we would like to get a committee together to address membership in the future. JoAnn routed around a sign-up list for the ASCLS-MN booth during the CLC.
- Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan including changes from the February 7, 2009 board meeting was reviewed. JoAnn will present the plan to the membership at Tuesday's Membership meeting. Charitable donations for this year can be submitted to Rick Panning. Dan Olson spoke of the many community presentations that he has done over the recent months. He has included a video "A Life Saved" during these presentations. JoAnn indicated that the committee listing on the website will be updated as soon as possible.

Nominations: Jillene Collins

- Nominations were submitted in the spring newsletter. This served as the announcement of those nominated to the elected offices. Voting will occur at the Tuesday Membership meeting.
- Areas still open include the Northeast, Northwest and Southwest Junior Directors as well as the Senior Director for the Northwest area.
- Other nominations include:
  - President-elect: Kristi Enerson
  - Treasurer: Vickie Larson

- Secretary: Renee Burke
- Central Junior Director: Karen Renaud
- Metro Junior Director: Claudine Fasching
- Southeast Junior Director: Laurie Bjerklie
- Southeast Senior Director: Lois Anderson
- Delegates
  - Kristi Enerson
  - Jillene Collins
  - Jean Bauer
  - Carol McCoy
  - Renee Burke
  - Trish Roehrl
  - Jessica Peters
  - Christine Williams
  - Cindy Johnson – alternate
  - Deb Rodahl – alternate
  - Mallory Yelenich – National Student Delegate

#### Treasurer's Report and 2009/2010 Budget: Vicki Larson

- Copies of the 2009/2010 budget were reviewed. Checking balance is at \$18,163.05. Savings balance is at \$31,032.27.
- A CD for \$30,000 matures at 8/27/10 at 4.35% interest.
- Another CD for \$20,000 matures on 9/26/09 at 0.95% interest.
- The credit card transactions for the CLC registration has been going well.
- Bobbi Kochevar discussed the proposed budget for 2009/2010 as proposed by the Finance Committee. See handout.
  - The committee added a line item for the Leadership Academy which will help cover Legislative Day and next year's National ASCLS meeting costs. The group discussed accepting additional requests for funding needs for this position after the CLC.
  - The group discussed the licensure funding. If we do not utilize those dollars, they stay in our account.
  - Student Affairs has been added on the income side at \$500.00.
  - The website line item has been increased to \$750.00.
  - Leadership Development has been increased to \$100.00.
  - Jillene Collins motioned to approve this budget for voting by the membership on Tuesday and was seconded by Renee Burke.

#### Clinical Laboratory Collaborative Updates

- Spring 2009 May 4-6, Rochester: Julie Freidhoff  
The Exhibit Hall is filled to capacity. Registration is all on-line this year and is also using credit card payment. About ½ of the registrants used the on-line option. As of last week, we have over 700 registrants over the three days. Mayo will be offering tours of two of their facilities. A CE organizer is being used for this event. The registrants will go onto the computer to enter in with their password to get a certificate of attendance after the meeting. Each registrant will get 1 month to go on-line to do it. The Civic Center does require that we carry insurance. Jillene found a place to insure the meeting for \$750.
- Spring 2010, St. Paul: Jillene/JoAnn  
The 2010 meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza on May 24-26.

- Trish Roehrl made a motion to consistently hold the CLC starting the last Wednesday of April every year so that we can book venues at least two years out. Thursday and Friday of the event may fall into May depending on the year. The motion was seconded by Bobbi Kochevar.

#### Scientific Assembly: Jeremy Angell

- The Scientific Assembly group will be revising the job descriptions to pattern that of the national Scientific Assembly. The Scientific Assembly group will also be looking at working together more to be a resource for the membership and Area Directors.
- Renee Burke put together a survey regarding the Scientific Assembly to help the committee next year. Results were e-mailed to Jeremy Angell.

#### Licensure Update: Rick Panning

- The Minnesota Laboratory Licensure Coalition made much progress during the 2009 legislative session. We worked with a variety of stakeholders to modify the bill and saw forward progress in the legislative process. On April 1, the coalition was informed by co-chairs Rick Panning and Kathy Hansen and lobbyist Vic Moore that the process would end for this year, the first in a 2-year legislative session. Although it is disappointing to have to make a decision to not continue, it is important to understand the progress that was made and to plan the next steps as we prepare for 2010.
- Kathy and Rick will begin in June personalizing the Advocacy effort. Also under discussion is a PR campaign for January.
- Work will be done to address issues brought forward by opposition during Senate testimony and privately. We have already proposed changes to our bill, approved by the coalition that would address some of the concerns of the opposition. In other cases, we cannot make some of the requested changes because it would go against some of the basic principles of our bill (for example requiring a Bachelor's degree to be licensed at the CLS/MT level.)
- Your support has been invaluable and we will continue to need it as we go forward. In the survey of laboratory professionals in January, only 11% of the 1200 CLS/MT and CLT/MLT professionals who responded were opposed to licensure. This level of support is important to our effort. Thank you!

#### Other Business/Committee Reports

- Education Committee: Carol McCoy  
The Education committee, a.k.a. the Education Scientific Assembly, functions under the umbrella of ASCLS-MN but expands the membership to anyone in the state of MN involved in clinical laboratory education. The committee has become an effective communicator to laboratory educators in the state. The committee plans the Educators' Breakfast meeting held during the state Clinical Laboratory Collaborative meeting.

Last year a Hot Topics in Education was scheduled for the CLC meeting and it was highly successful. Unfortunately, we were not as involved in the program planning this year and a session was not scheduled. The committee will plan one for the meeting in St. Paul in 2010.

The Educators' Breakfast and Student Day has been scheduled for the first day of the meeting. The issues to be discussed during the one hour breakfast meeting will be updates on the CLT alignment of rotation competencies; new programs and initiatives in MN, outcome measures for accreditation and methods to increase student participation at the CLC.

In an effort to attract more student involvement in the state meeting, a student poster contest has been scheduled. Initially various programs indicated an interest but as deadlines approached, only one

program submitted abstracts. Even though small in number, it is felt this will generate more interest for future meetings.

Another function of the committee is to obtain and award scholarship funds to CLS and CLT students in their final year of study. Each year we are seeing less money available for scholarships. This year \$1500 less will be awarded. We continue to seek new sources of funding for scholarships. The committee would like to see more health care systems contribute to the scholarship funds.

The PACE activities are also a part of the Education Committee. Liz Bixby serves as administrator of the PACE program for ASCLS-MN.

- Robbi Montgomery discussed the current protocol for having all scholarships recipients have a MN tie. The recipient must either be interning in MN or have attended school in MN to qualify for scholarships. The board was in favor of this.
- Leadership Development: Deb Rodahl  
Leadership Development is looking at an audio conference targeting the State Presidents for Strategic Planning.
- Dan Olson presented a press release from April 20, 2009 regarding “Minnesota Addresses Laboratory Shortages through Innovative Partnerships” for the DOL Laboratory Grant.

Adjournment: Lois Griesen motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Renee Burke and passed. Meeting adjourned at 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Enerson, Secretary