



Spring Membership Meeting
ASCLS-MN
May 5, 2009
Mayo Civic Center, Rochester

Present: 46 members and 5 non-members

Call to Order and Introductions: Meeting called to order by JoAnn Nickles, ASCLS-MN President, at 1220.

The membership took a moment of silence to remember and honor Donna Tischer.

Kristi Enerson indicated that we have a quorum.

Nominations: Jillene Collins made a call for nominations.

- President-Elect: Kristi Enerson
- Treasurer: Vickie Larson
- Secretary: Renee Burke
- Southeast Area Senior Director: Lois Anderson
- Southeast Area Junior Director: Laurie Bjerklie
- Southwest Area Junior Director: Open
- West Central Area Junior Director: Open
- Northwest Area Senior Director: Open
- Northwest Area Junior Director: Open
- Northeast Area Junior Director: Open
- Central Junior Director: Karen Renaud
- Metro Area Junior Director: Claudine Fasching
- ASLCS-MN Delegates
 - Kristi Enerson
 - Vickie Larson
 - Jean Bauer
 - Carol McCoy
 - Renee Burke
 - Trish Roehrl
 - Jessica Peters
 - Christine Williams
 - Cindy Johnson – alternate
 - Deb Rodahl – alternate
 - Mallory Yelenich- National Student Delegate

A motion was made by Rick Panning and seconded to accept the ballot as presented; motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Kristi Enerson

- Minutes from the May 15, 2008 membership meeting were reviewed.
- A motion to accept the minutes as presented were made by Dan Olson and seconded by Cindy Johnson; motion carried.

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

The proposed budget for 2009/2010 was prepared 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.
- Some scholarships have been removed.
- A motion was made to approve the budget as presented by Barb Andersen and seconded by Trish Roehrl; motion carried.

President's Report

- 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. A committee will be assembled to address membership in the future.
- JoAnn reviewed the 7 area re-distribution that was made last year. She identified some of the current struggles to get the Director positions filled. Bobbi Kochevar, President Elect, asked for membership assistance to work to fill those positions over the next year.
- Communication – eLABorate
The goal will be to get quarterly newsletters out to the membership. The newsletters are available on www.asclmn.org.
- Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan originated in 2000 by Mary Jane Eaves and is updated each year. This year's strategic plan was worked on by a Task Force: Rick Panning, Paula Snippes, Trish Roehrl, Lois Greisen, Bobbi Kochevar and JoAnn Nickles were recommended by the board for membership approval. Items to note as opportunities for membership to get involved on committees within ASCLS-MN on strategic plan efforts including membership, leadership, strengthening revenue base, communications and promotion of the profession, CLS advocacy, and promoting education.
- Congratulations to Christine Williams for being selected for the ASCLS Leadership Academy.
- Membership is advised to go on to the membership section of the www.ascls.org website to update personal information. It is important that we are able to contact members when needed for important topics or call to action items.

Scholarships – Pat Solberg

- This year we were fortunate to have \$3000. to distribute for scholarships. The MN Society of Pathologists provided \$500, ASCLS-MN provided \$1500, and the Fairview Foundation provided \$1000. The Claussen Scholarship was not able to provide anything this year.
- The scholarships awarded to Clinical Laboratory Scientist students are as follows: \$750 will be given to Tracey Schneider, University of Minnesota student, and \$750 is also provided to Palleap Hour, NDSU/Fairview Health Services, and \$500 for Emily Wilde from MN State University Mankato and HCMC, and \$500 goes to Charlotte McMullen, a Southwest MN State University student doing her clinical experience at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.
- At a later date, \$500 will be awarded to a Clinical Laboratory Technician. Nancy Denny is taking responsibility to handle the CLT applications at this time.

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!

National and Region V Update – Lezlee Koch

- Membership Update –
 - National membership 1% under last year; +49% for FYP
 - Region V membership -0.5%; 35.3% FYP
- National Nominations
 - President Elect - Marica Armstrong, HI
 - Kathy Wesseler, Jeanne Christen
 - Hassan Aziza
 - Linda Gorman
 - Deb Rodahl
 - Time
- National Update
 - Annual Meeting Changes - streamlined with registrations and cost effectiveness in mind. All regional caucuses will be on Friday.
 - Advocacy – excellent attendance at 2009 legislative symposium.
 - GAC – a lot of education has been done and many activities
 - CLEC & DCLS –
 - NCA & BOR – strategic negotiation efforts to pursue merger.
 - Patient Safety Committee focused and strategic efforts continue...
 - Levels of Practice – strategic actions continue a position paper will be at the House of Delegates at the national meeting.
 - Leadership Development – e-mentor program being revitalized and will be marketed soon. Continue to work closely with Leadership Academy to enhance program.
 - “A Life Saved: Laboratory Professionals Make a Difference” Video – highlights the valuable role laboratory professional play in patient care.
 - Consumer Information Response Team – continuing to average 100 questions/day; team is made up of 50 people. We are still looking for more volunteers.
 - Additional Strategic Efforts – Millennial Retention Ad hoc committee, new professional committee
- Region V

- 2009 meeting in SD Oct. 14-16.
- 2010-beyond – 1 day + evening event with two rotation sites of Fargo and Rochester on the 2nd Friday in October and the evening before.
- Standardized Position Descriptions
- Join ASCLS on Facebook
- Reach for the Stars – push yourselves to get involved, get fired up, be an advocate, step up!
- Renew ASCLS membership!

Awards Presentations

- Omicron Sigma
 - State
 - Kristi Enerson
 - Vickie Larson
 - Paula Snippes
 - Nancy Barnes
 - Cathy Bengtson
 - Lois Anderson
 - Renee Burke
 - Sharon Pendergrass
 - Jillene Collins
 - Regional
 - Diane Peterson
 - Bobbi Kochevar
 - JoAnn Nickles
 - National
 - Tom Massmann
 - Rick Panning
 - Kathy Hansen
 - Deb Rodahl
 - Jean Bauer
 - Cindy Johnson
 - Cheryl Kraft

- Keys to the Future
 - Claudine Fasching
 - Trish Roehrl
 - Steven Mattson

- 2009 Service Award
 - “Member of the Year” Award – Cindy Johnson
 - “Special Service Recognition” Award – Kathy Hansen

- Recognition of out-going board members
 - Kristi Enerson – Secretary
 - Erin Schraeder – SW Area Senior Director
 - Lois Greisen – WC Area Senior Director
 - Paula Bowman – NW Area Senior Director
 - Nancy Barnes – NE Area Senior Director

- Cathy Bengtson – Central Area Senior Director
 - Renee Burke – Metro Area Senior Director
 - JoAnn Nickles - President
- Longevity awards for 25, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60 and 65 years of service were distributed.

CLC - 2010

- May 24, 25, 26, 2010; St. Paul, Crown Plaza
- We are still in need of an ASCLS-MN co-chair position.
- 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. The motion was seconded by Bobbi Kochevar.

Installation of Bobbi Kochevar as President for 2009-2010.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 1335.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Enerson, Secretary