



Spring Membership Meeting
ASCLS-MN
May 24, 2010
Crowne Plaza, Saint Paul, MN

Present: 52 members

Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Bobbi Kochevar, ASCLS-MN President, at 3:00 PM.

Claudine Fasching indicated that we have a quorum.

Minutes from the 2009 members meeting were distributed to attendees. Pat Powers motioned to accept the secretary's minutes. Kristi Enerson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Vickie Larson presented

The major change in the budget from last year was the increase dollars to the Leadership Academy. We have two Leadership Academy attendees for 2010/2011.

A motion to accept the budget was made and seconded.

President's Report - Bobbi Kochevar presented.

Membership - Two new co-chairs: Sue Iddings and Melissa Lallak. The drive to increase membership across Minnesota still needs work. There has been an increase in student membership and we need to convert those student memberships to First Year Professional memberships.

Leadership - There is a struggle to recruit senior and junior area directors in some areas of the state. Finding area leadership will help mobilize general membership in each area. Bobbi announced that there are two candidates from Minnesota which have been selected for the ASCLS Leadership Academy this coming year, Jessica Peters and Charlotte Romain.

Communications - Web site was improved

Region V/National Report - Deb Rodahl and Mary Ann McLane presented

Membership as of 5-16-2010: National down 3.6% (9,691 total membership), Region V up 4.1% (1,256). In Region V: MN -3.9% (443), ND +13.4% (135), SD +4.4% (141), WI +9.1% (537).

ASCLS is involved with laboratory advocacy groups such as the Coordinating Council on the Clinical Laboratory Workforce, the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, Government issues advocacy, the Consumer Information Response Team (Labtestsonline.org), and a new Professional Information Response Team.

ASCLS sent 21 members from Region V to the National Legislative Day.

ASCLS has many resources such as, A life saved video, ASCLS Today publication, Clinical Laboratory Science journal, eNewsBytes electronic newsletter, and scholarships.

The National ASCLS meeting will be held in Anaheim, CA, July 27th - 31, 2010

New recommendations are suggested for the solicitation of national office nominees. Nominees must be ASCLS members for a minimum of 10 years and have participated on a national taskforce, committee or been on the board of directors in the past 5 years. This modification would require a bylaw change.

Board of Certification - Recertification process is in review. Mary Ann reminds everyone that participation in an ASCLS committee or board earns 2 CEU per year. Certification does not equal membership.

2010 ASCLS Region V meeting is October 7 & 8, in Rochester, MN.

Nominations for ASCLS-MN 2010/2011 positions - Jo Ann Nickles made a call for nominations.

- President-Elect: Christine Hinz
- Southeast Area Junior Director: Open
- Southwest Area Senior Director: Open
- Southwest Area Junior Director: Open
- West Central Area Senior Director: Open
- West Central Area Junior Director: Open
- Northwest Area Senior Director: Linda Welk
- Northwest Area Junior Director: Hannah Roder
- Northeast Area Junior Director: Open
- Central Junior Director: Eric Grahek
- Metro Area Junior Director: Charlotte Romain
- ASLCS-MN Delegates
 - Jessica Peters
 - Kathy Hansen
 - Cindy Johnson
 - Jeremy Angell
 - Carol McCoy
 - Dan Olson
 - Vickie Larson
 - Christine Hinz
 - Tom Massmann – alternate
 - Jean Bauer – alternate

There were no contested nominations and Bobbi Kochevar asked for a voice vote of acclamation for the above positions, which was carried.

Committee Reports -

Communications - Paula Vagnone presented

The ASCLS-MN web site has been converted using Urban Planet, a special thank you to Paula Mattson. The newsletter eLaborate continues. If there are article ideas or guest contributors, please contact Paula Vagnone.

Licensure - Kathy Hansen presented

In the winter and spring of 2009, the bill passed three committees in the Senate. The Council of Health Boards reviewed bill. The first House hearing for the bill was the Licensure subcommittee in February 2010. The Licensure subcommittee consists of eight members. In order for the bill to proceed, a majority vote (5-3 or 4-3) from this committee is required. After testimony was offered, it looked like the vote would not allow the bill to go forward. The bill's sponsor, Erin Murphy, laid the bill on the table to avoid a no vote. A no vote generally reflects poorly on the bill. The coming fall elections (in which all Senators and Representatives are up for election) and subsequent new committee assignments will change the makeup of the Licensure subcommittee. The effort for licensure will now enter a fourth year. The bill has gained credibility and momentum. The bill will have to proceed through the three senate committees again. Suggested avenues to strengthen the bill's chances are more one to one advocacy, personal visits to legislators, coffee shop meetings, campaign help to gain familiarity with legislators.

CLC 2010 - Jillene Collins presented

47 CE opportunities available

Estimate \$41,000 exhibitor revenue - VISIT THEM!

Estimate \$46,000 registration revenue

CLC 2011 - Steve Mattson ASCLS co-chair, Duluth April 25, 26, &27, 2011 (MTW)

Scholarships – Bobbi Kochevar presented

This year we were fortunate to have \$2000 to distribute for scholarships. The MN Society of Pathologists provided \$500, ASCLS-MN provided \$1500. The Claussen Scholarship was not able to provide anything this year.

The following MLS students received scholarship money from ASCLS-MN this year: Laura Hagen (NDSU/Fairview) - \$500, KauChee Vang (University of Minnesota) - \$500.

The following MLS students received scholarship money from MSP this year: LeAnn Cowan (University of Minnesota) - \$500.

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.

Government Affairs Committee -Cindy Johnson presented

Cindy discussed Legislative Day 2010.

Awards Presentations

- Omicron Sigma
 - State
 - Jo Ann Nickles
 - Trish Roehrl
 - Jessica Peters
 - Sharon Pendergrass
 - Steve Mattson
 - Tom Massmann
 - Rose Currie
 - Lois Anderson
 - Regional
 - Kristi Enerson
 - Cindy Johnson
 - Bobbi Kochevar
 - National
 - Jean Bauer
 - Rick Panning
 - Kathy Hansen
 - Deb Rodahl
 - Cheryl Kraft
 - Carol McCoy
 - Dan Olson
 - Paula Vagnone
- Keys to the Future
 - Mallory Yelenich-Huss
 - Lisa Kappenman
 - Yukiko Goto
- 2010 Service Award
 - "Annual Service Award" – Jo Ann Nickles

- Recognition of out-going board members
 - Lois Anderson – SE Area Senior Director
 - Steve Mattson – NE Area Senior Director
 - Trish Roehrl – Central Area Senior Director
 - Jessica Peters – Metro Area Senior Director
 - Mallory Yelenich-Huss - First Year Professional

- Longevity awards for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 55, and 65 years of service were distributed.

Installation of Kristi Enerson as President for 2010-2011.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine Fasching for Renee Burke, Secretary