



**ASCLS-Minnesota  
Fall Board Meeting**

Saturday September 19, 2009

9:00 - 12:00

Fairview Ridges Education Center  
Burnsville, MN

**Present:** Kathy Hansen, Steve Mattson, Bobbi Kochevar, Jessica Peters, Liz Bixby, Claudine Fasching, Jean Bauer, Becky Tollerud, Renee Burke, Tom Massmann, Carol McCoy, Daniel Olson, Kristine Enerson, JoAnn Nickles, Chris Fitzgerald, Mallory Yellinich, Sharon Pendergrass, Deb Rodahl, Lisa Kappenman, and Lois Anderson, Terry Herd, and Trish Roehrl via teleconference.

- 1) **Call to Order and introductions:** Bobbi Kochevar, ASCLS-MN President, called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m., and introductions of ASCLS-MN members present were made.
- 2) **Secretary's Report:** Renee Burke reported Minutes from ASCLS-MN May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, Spring Board meeting were available for board members to review. No changes were made to the minutes. JoAnn Nickles made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Lois Anderson. Motion was carried.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** Tom Massmann reported for Vickie Larson
  - a) A CD is due on 9/26/09. A motion was made to put the money from the CD into savings until the Winter board meeting in hopes that the interest rates are better.
  - b) There was a discussion about whether ASCLS ever received the coalition money promised from ASCLS. Rick Panning followed this up with an email stating that ASCP did send ASCLS two \$10,000 checks.
- 3) **President's Report:** Bobbi Kochevar reported.
  - a) ASCLS-MN celebrates 70 years - Bobbi suggested putting it on the website.
  - b) Provide the Face Initiative – Several board members discussed what they have done to “provide a face” for Clinical Laboratory Scientist.
  - c) Strategic Plan: Areas of Focus
    - i) Membership and Recruitment
    - ii) Mentoring – ASCLS is a great example of a mentoring program
    - iii) Leadership Development – ASCLS Leadership Academy
    - iv) Communication – Need to be able to communicate to our members. Discussion that the website is a great vehicle for this.
    - v) JoAnn Nickles presented several promotional items such as shotglasses which say “Take a Shot with ASCLS” and luggage tags. There was a discussion how to distribute these items or use them to raise money for ASCLS.
    - vi) Member Survey – the Region V state presidents are working together on a membership survey. The cost for the survey is \$50. The purpose of the survey is to see what members value about their ASCLS membership.
    - vii) SOP/Bylaw – JoAnn had plans to work on a SOP during her presidency. She will continue to work on it as past president. She is looking for a task force to help her work on it. Deb Rodahl, Jean Bauer, Kristine Enerson, Kathy Hanson and Renee Burke volunteered.
    - viii) Open Positions on Leadership Roster – the following positions are still open – Southwest Jr. Director, West Central Jr. Director, Northwest Area Sr. and Jr Director. Bobbi Kochevar asked for a motion to approve Linda Perry for the Northeast Jr. Director. The motion was approved.
    - ix) Lisa Kappenman is now the PACE administrator.

4) **Credentialing and Licensure Update:** Kathy Hanson reporting

- a) Licensure
  - i) The licensure bill has made it through 3 committees in the Senate
  - ii) Right now it is sitting in the finance committee in the Senate
  - iii) Rick and Kathy have attended two hearings with the Health Boards Subcommittee
  - iv) There has been positive feedback from the subcommittee
  - v) This fall the licensure committee will be sending an email to the ASCLS members instructing them to contact the members in the legislature and offer them tours of their laboratory.
- b) Credentialing
  - i) Kathy Hansen is an ASCLS board member for the ASCP-BOR which will meet on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
  - ii) The merger takes effect on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.
  - iii) Kathy also has a seat on the executive, recertification, and reexamination committee.
  - iv) Send your FAQ's to Kathy before she attends the meeting.
- c) State Legislative Day – will be around February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

5) **Area Director Reports-**

- a) Southeast: Lois Anderson reporting
  - i) Plans for another student night this fall.
  - ii) This spring would like to plan a more formal meeting
- b) Southwest: Terry Herd reporting
  - i) Looking for a Jr. Director
  - ii) Would like to have a MRSA education in March, 2010
  - iii) Would like to have a meeting on H1N1 this April to discuss how it was handled.
- c) West Central:
- d) Northwest:
- e) Northeast: Steve Mattson reporting
  - i) Linda Perry voted in as the Jr. Director
  - ii) Would like to set up 3 continuing education sessions on esoteric testing.
  - iii) Plans to target new grads and students in the area by trying to get into the biology and chemistry classes at UMD and discussing the Clinical Laboratory Scientist profession.
- f) Central: Trish Roehrl reporting
  - i) Planning 2 meetings – One in October
- g) Metro: Jessica Peters reporting
  - i) The metro area committee has had two planning meetings
  - ii) Working on the student night location. The agenda for the evening will be as follows: Carol McCoy will discuss the scholarships which are available to the students. Becky Tollerud will give a presentation on ASCLS membership. The evening will wind up with a talk titled “Tick Tock”. Also, checking with Abbott to see if they will present “Labs are Vital” to the students.
  - iii) The Kickoff will be held at the VA Medical Center in November. Paula Snippes will speak on the H1N1 virus. Still working on the second speaker for the evening.
  - iv) The January Workshop will be held at Allina commons. The exact date still to be determined. Christine Hinz will give a presentation on Leadership. Still working on the other two topics and speakers.
  - v) The March Scientific Assembly CE will be held at HealthEast Midway. Working on finding a speaker to give a presentation on Celiac disease and possibly blood bank automation.
  - vi) The April Scientific Assembly CE will possibly be held at Argosy. Christine Hinz will be one of the speakers for the evening. Still working on a 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker and topic.

6) **Region V Updates:** Deb Rodahl reporting

- a) Deb Rodahl is now the Region V Director
- b) She has a goal to do some ASCLS 101 education
- c) Deb has also been appointed to the Long Range Planning Committee and the Finance Committee and a liaison to the member recruitment committee.

- d) Tri-State Meeting
    - i) The last of the Tri-State meeting format will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at Watertown, SD.
    - ii) Moving to a new format which is a yearly symposium.
    - iii) All 4 states will have a role
    - iv) Next meeting is October 7-8 in Rochester.
    - v) The committee chair will be from Wisconsin
    - vi) The Program and AV chair will be JoAnn Nickels and Rose Currie.
    - vii) The Symposium will rotate between Rochester and Fargo
  - e) National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week will have the same logo as last year.
- 7) **Scientific Assembly Committee:**
- a) There are still several open positions
- 8) **ASCLS-MN Web Site/Communication Committee:** Bobbi Kochevar reporting
- a) There was discussion if we should hire someone to help us with the website or at least someone to help us launch it.
  - b) There was a suggestion to see what other states have done.
  - c) There was a discussion on the webformatted newsletter – for now keeping the newsletter in pdf format.
- 9) **Clinical Laboratory Collaborative Updates:** Bobbi Kochevar and Tom Massmann reporting
- a) Reviewed data from 2009 CLC
    - i) On line registration used for the first time. Some minor issues, but for the most part it worked very well.
    - ii) Credit card payment used for the first time. Need to tweek a few issues. About 75% of attendees used a credit card for to pay for registration.
    - iii) The May 2009 CLC profit for ASCLS-MN was \$11,056.87
  - b) Spring 2010 CLC will be at the Crown Plaza.
    - i) Jillene Collins will serve as the ASCLS cochair.
    - ii) AABB and AACC will also provide a cochair.
    - iii) Meeting dates are May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Spring 2011 CLC will be held in Duluth.
    - i) The meeting will start on the last Wednesday in April 2011.
- 10) **Membership Committee:** Becky Tollerud reporting
- a) Becky Tollerud is taking over for Diane Peterson.
  - b) Current membership is 331.
  - c) Last year membership was at 380.
  - d) 154 new registrations this year. Last year 117.
- 11) **Government Affairs Committee:** Sharon Pendergrass reporting
- a) The next legislative symposium will be March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
    - i) It will be at the Hyatt in Crystal City
    - ii) If you would like to go, contact Sharon Pendergrass
    - iii) Need to start setting up appointments with legislatures in January 2010.
- 12) **Education Committee Update:** Carol McCoy reporting
- a) Availability of funds for scholarships
    - i) Anticipated funds for 2010 scholarships for CLS and CLT students will be \$2000 (\$1500 from ASCLS-MN and \$500 from MSP)
    - ii) Income from the Clausson fund is not expected nor funds from health care institutions.
    - iii) The committee feels seeking additional funds at this time is not a productive activity.
  - b) Expansion of CLS and CLT programs
    - i) Clinical sites have been a limiting factor
    - ii) There is hope the HEIP conference on September 30<sup>th</sup> will generate sites, at least for the CLT level.

- c) Student Participation at the Collaborative Meeting, May 2010
  - i) The late date of the meeting will be a challenge for student attendance.
  - ii) Carol McCoy will email the CLS/CLT program directors about student participation and will provide the feedback to the CLC 2010 planning committee.
  - iii) Although the goal was for program participation in the poster sessions, the only program which participated last year (Fairview), will not be able to participate since their class of 2010 will have graduated.
  - iv) A survey will be conducted to determine if there is an interest in participating.
- d) Educator's Breakfast Meeting at CLC 2010
  - i) Monday will not be an option
  - ii) Tuesday would be the preferred date
  - iii) Participation is an unknown at this time

13) **Other Business:**

- a) No new business discussed

14) **Next Meeting:**

- a) Members were reminded of the next board meeting on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined.

15) **Meeting Adjourned:**

- a) A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00. The motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Burke, Secretary