

LSCLS Fall Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Zoom Conference Call

Attendance: Karen Williams, Stephanie Blackburn, Norma Bivona, Sonya Hidalgo, Claude Rector, Lynda Britton, Michele Werner, Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia, Karrie Hovis, Cheyenne Reyes, Kristin Butler, Allie Perez, Bonnie Jo Taylor

1. Call to order – Karen Williams
 - Meeting called to order at 18:07
2. Minutes – Karen Williams
 - Motion to approve minutes by Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia. Seconded by Norma Bivona – Motion passed
3. Treasurer’s Report – Joette Williams
 - Report submitted
 - No discussion
4. President’s Report – Karen Williams
 - Report submitted
 - No discussion
5. President-Elect Report – James Gardner
 - Report submitted
 - No discussion
6. Past President Report – Michele Werner
 - Nothing to report
7. Region VII Report – Claude Rector
 - Texas interested in having a regional (tri-state) meeting in 2021 when the national meeting is scheduled for Dallas
 - ASCLS Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Association of Medical Genetic Technologist in Charlotte, NC in June
 - ASCLS is looking for volunteers to fill leadership roles on committees – access volunteer portal online
8. Area I Report – Kristin Butler
 - Report submitted
 - Looking for ideas for more local activity in Area I
 - Requested ASCLS and LSCLS recruitment material – ASCLS material is available on ASCLS website

9. Area II Report – Evelyn Tidwell
 - No report submitted
10. Area III Report – Sheryl Herring
 - No report submitted
11. Area IV Report – Sonya Hidalgo
 - Report submitted
 - Requested recruitment material for ASCLS and LSCLS
 - Looking for ideas for her area
12. Area V Report – Anna Cavalier
 - Nothing to report
13. Area VI Report – Deborah Fox
 - Nothing to report
14. Area VII Report – Luke Caruso
 - Nothing to report
15. Awards – Jessica Lasiter
 - Report submitted
 - No discussion
16. Nominations Chair – Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia
 - Report submitted
 - Discussed cost of mailing ballots – only receives about 5 back in the mail
 - Requested an electronic vote – Karen looking in to this
17. Student Bowl – Rosalie Hendrix
 - Report submitted
 - No discussion
18. Career Recruitment – Mary Mitchell
 - No report submitted
19. Education and Scholarships – Debbie Wisenor
 - Report submitted
 - Need for applications
20. Web Master/Social Media – Evan Ashley & Jessica Peel
 - Report submitted
 - Website has been updated and re-vamped – Email evan if you go online and see any errors
 - Jessica updates social media – contact her if you want anything posted
21. Newsletter – Jessica Lawless & Kristin Butler

- Report submitted
 - Karen and James will send out schedule for each area to write an article
22. Membership Development – Bonnie Jo Taylor
- Nothing to report
23. Finance – Patsy Jarreau
- Report submitted (included with Treasurer’s Report)
 - No discussion
24. Government Affairs – Cheryl Caskey
- Report submitted
 - No discussion
25. Political Action Committee – Luke Caruso
- Nothing to report
 - Louisiana raised a lot of money at Annual Meeting for PAC
26. P.A.C.E. – Dana Grant
- No report submitted
27. Bylaws – Vanessa Johnson & Karen Williams
- Nothing to report
 - Our bylaws are required to match ASCLS in next two years
 - ASCLS will provide blueprint for all states (per Claude Rector)
28. Student Forum & Young Professional Advisor – Norma Bivona
- Would like for election process to parallel what ASCLS does on national level – Norma requested the process be added to the LSCLS policies & procedures – Up to the society, just needs to follow current bylaws (per Karrie Hovis)
29. Student Forum Chair – Allie Perez
- Report submitted
 - Last spring meeting, students disappointed that they could not run for vice-chair if not voted for chair – Can they run for another position if they do not get initial position? - Students can still be involved & active even if not voted for specific position (per Norma)
30. Young Professional Chair – Jessica Lawless
- Nothing to report
31. Leadership Development – Lynda Britton
- Report submitted
 - No discussion
32. Old business
- Bylaws – Policies & Procedures

- Work in progress
- 2019 LSCLS/ASCLS-MS Bi-State Meeting
 - April 8-11, 2019 in Monroe
 - Jessica Lasiter chair
 - Landry's Vineyard for social with other great activities planned
 - May be asked to help
 - Watch website for details

33. New business

- Lapsed member campaign
 - One board member not renewed – should be done soon
 - Karen looking for help with lapsed member campaign
 - Need to contact graduates
- New membership categories – ASCLS Board of Directors voted to adopt new titles for membership categories:
 - Professional Member (previously Professional I & Professional II)
 - Community Member (previously Collaborative)
 - Emeritus (no name change) – change to qualifications
 - Ascending Professional (previously First Year Professional) – for the first 5 years in the profession – reduced membership rate
 - Developing Professional (previously Student Member) – can be developing professional for two years
- 2021 LSCLS/ASCLS-MS Bi-State Meeting
 - Scheduled for New Orleans; Karrie Hovis will chair – looking for properties to meet our space demand
 - Texas has requested a Tri-State meeting because the ASCLS Annual Meeting will be in Dallas in 2021
 - Adding Texas would be one time thing – profit split three ways – Mississippi has approved
 - Email will be sent to voting board members – vote will be to proceed with working out details with Texas and Mississippi for this meeting in 2021
 - Karrie Hovis wants to bring in Vicki (with ASCLS) to manage the hotel and rooms for 2021 meeting – this will not cost LSCLS anything for her services – we pay for her flight and stay in New Orleans

34. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Norma Bivona. Seconded by Sonya Hidalgo.
- Meeting adjourned at 19:10