

LSCLS Board Meeting Notes

Date April 12, 2018 Location Golden Nugget Grand (DE) Biloxi, MS

1. Call to order by Karen Williams @ 0703
Members present: Jessica Lawless, Sabra hanna, Allie Perez, Stephanie Blackburn, Mitzi Glover, Lynda Britton, Kristin Butler, Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia, Joette Taylor, Rosalie Hendrix, Brennan Thompson, Tara Gengarely, Ann-Marie Kimble, Laine Reeder, Jennifer Bushnell, Lacy Falke, Sonya Hidalgo, Patsy Jarreau, Josie Roberts, George Roberts, Evelyn Tidwell, Deborah Fox, Kim Middleton, Debbie Wisenor, _____, Elizabeth Williams, Larry Broussard, Phyllis Touns, Mary Muslow, Norma Bivona, Gaye Brunson, Kerrie Hovis, Karen Williams, James Gardner, Cheryl Caskey, Jessica Lasiter, Vanessa Johnson
2. Minutes – Fall 2017 presented by Karen Williams
Motion to accept Evelyn Tidwell 2nd Jessica Lawless
No Discussion
3. Treasures Report – Joette Taylor see attached
Financial statement “looking better”
Scholarship fund has been re-funded. CD Issue- can move to longer investment time without penalty for early withdrawal; over 2% increase in interest rate. Will move forward in September.
4. Presidents Report – Karen Williams see attached
Items of concern – vacant positions/leadership concerns
No questions or discussion
5. President Elect Report – James Gardner see attached
No questions or discussion
6. Past President Report – Michele Werner see attached
7. Region VII Report – Claude Rector
No questions or discussion
8. Area I Report – vacant
9. Area II Report – Rosalie Hendrix see attached
Offered to share copy of Area II Rep book.
10. Area III Report – Sheryl Herring no report received
11. Area IV Report – Vacant
12. Area V Report – Anna Cavalier nothing to report

13. Area VI Report – Deborah Fox nothing to report
14. Area VII Report – vacant
15. Awards – Jessica Lasiter see attached
Awards to be presented at ceremony. Nominations are scarce; nominations are due March 15th.
Suggestion to add molecular category to member and student paper sections; Kim Middleton moved to add section, seconded by Kristin Butler. Motion carried.
16. Nominations Chair – Lee Ellen Brunson-Silicia
Call for nominations from the floor. Luke Caruso nominated for Area VII. Deborah Fox nominated for Area VI. Ballots distributed. Non-contested ballot accepted; results announced at 07:27.
Nominations Committee: Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia-chair, Jessica Lawless, Jennifer Bushnell.
Delegates: Kristin Butler, Lynda Britton, Jennifer Bushnel, Stephanie Blackburn, Alt – Cheryl Caskey, Alt – Luke Caruso.
17. Student Bowl – Rosalie Hendrix see attached email
22 teams: 16 MLS, 6 MLT. Three states represented. Thanked everyone for successful student bowl. Elizabeth Williams proposed updating questions and adding molecular section.
18. Career Recruitment – Mary Mitchell no report received
19. Education and Scholarships – Debbie Wisenor see attached
Scholarship information emailed to all MLS and MLT program directors. One student applied for scholarship. No applications submitted from members for continuing education scholarship.
20. Web Master/social Media – Evan Ashley/Jessica Peel nothing to report
21. Newsletter – Jessica Lawless/Karen Williams
Jessical Lawless will be taking care of newsletter. Will be electronic only (Facebook, LSCLS forum.)
22. Membership Development – Bonnie Jo Taylor see attached email
277 members; 23 new members since March 6th.
23. Finance – Patsy Jarreau see attached
No comments or discussion.
24. Government Affairs – Cheryl Caskey
No comments or discussion.
25. Political Action Committee – Luke Caruso report received

26. P.A.C.E – George Roberts see attached
Dana Grant agreed to take George’s place as PACE chair.
27. Bylaws – Vanessa Johnson
Not all procedure updates have been received; deadline is July 2018 so they can be presented at annual meeting.
- Bylaws: must be voted on by membership, approved by the board and sent to national
 - SOPs: voted on by board only
 - Guidelines: nonvoting
28. Student Forum & Young Professional advisor – Norma Bivona see attached
Two conference calls held; moving in the right direction. Trying to better align with national. Changing who is eligible to run for office; trying to keep students involved.
29. Student Forum Chair – Tara Gengarely
Thanked LSUHSC for book for fundraiser.
Election results: Allie Perez – student chair, Brennan Thompson – vice-chair, Ann-Marie Kimble – secretary
30. Young Professional Chair – Lacy Falke see attached
Mixer held on 4/11/18 to recruit new members; mostly ULM students present. Rosalie Hendrix recommended increasing advertisement to get more participation next time.
31. Leadership Development – Lynda Britton see attached
Online Leadership Academy is available to membership with no fee; contact Lynda if interested.
32. Old Business
- Bylaws—Policies and Procedures – Deadlines need to be met.
 - Communication—LSCLS Community and Facebook—Make sure your email address is current with ASCLS and check your settings.
 - Newsletter
 - ASCLS Annual Meeting 2019—Charlotte, North Carolina. Will no longer meet jointly with AACC. 2020 meeting will be in Louisville, KY. 2021 in Dallas, TX.
 - Name Change & Logo Update We are one of 7 constituent societies that have not changed their name to align with national naming convention (LSCLS vs ASCLS-LA). Is already the IRS designation DBA. Change would require a bylaw change that must be voted on by the membership. Discussion.
33. New Business
- Area Reps – Local Office Congressional Visits Assignments to be emailed to area reps by Karen regarding mini-leg day.
 - Licensure - Patsy and Angela plan to go to Baton Rouge to speak with Senator Mills about opposition to SB 506. Discussion regarding AAB exam requirements. Joette moved to allocate necessary funds to engage lobbyist as needed; 2nd by James. Motion passed.
 - Mississippi Written Agreement Regarding Spring Meeting Monies – Karen Williams moved to develop an ad hoc committee to review meeting guidelines and develop joint task force with Mississippi Leadership. 2nd by Gaye Brunson. Motion carried.

34. Adjournment

Motion Norma Bivona 2nd James Gardner. Meeting adjourned at 08:30.

Additional Discussion via email 4/16/2018 from Karen Williams

1. Website--There was discussion to allocate funds to hire a professional web designer to update the website. The website would then be maintained by LSCLS members. Preliminary research has this costing approximately \$500---Is there any discussion? Joette, do we have the funds? Can we vote on this?

2. Would it be possible to extend the deadline of the Anna Harnan Scholarship to May 1st, with selection to occur no later than May 15. This would give time for any delegate that was elected to apply for additional assistance to the national meeting.

3. Vanessa has graciously donated a free registration to the national meeting this year. Who gets it? My vote goes to a professional member who will be attending the annual meeting for the first time (if there is more than one, random draw for the recipient.) Any other ideas? Remember students and first year professionals get a discounted registration rate.

I think there was one other issue, but I can't remember it. Please respond by April 20, at 1700.

Results:

All but one board member responded and here are the results.

Everyone voted to hire a professional to update the website. Once updated it will be maintained by LSCLS members. (Cost of approximately \$500)

Everyone voted to extend the Anna Harnan Scholarship.

Everyone voted for number 3. Some additional suggestions were to have an application process such as the ASCLS Travel Grants. (I like this idea as long as the application is a simple one. (Awards and Scholarship Committees can help choose the winner.) Also it was suggested not to limit it to First time attendees, there may be other people interested in attending that just can't afford it. (I agree).

I will type up a simple application and post it to the community. Debbie if you can either send me the Anna Harnan application, or post it to the community, that would be great.

GKBrunson, Secretary 04/27/2018