

## LSCLS 2021 Fall Board Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021

1. **Call to order** at 6:02pm by Luke Caruso  
Members in Attendance via ZOOM: Luke Caruso, Melonie Falcon, Emilea Haddox, Cheryl Caskey, Karrie Hovis, Claude Rector, Karen Williams, Alexa Garlington, Joette Taylor, Cheyenne Reyes, Sonya Hidalgo, Sona Kumar, Jennifer Bushnell, Deborah Fox, Daniel Held, Mikayla Puckett, Jasmine Belton, Nancy Rogers, Patsy Jarreau
2. **Minutes** – Spring 2021 Board Meeting, submitted by Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia  
Motion to accept by Melonie Falcon, seconded by Michele Werner. Spring Minutes Approved; Emilea Haddox will serve as the new secretary.
3. **Board Reports** - Luke Caruso moved to review
  - A. *President's Report* *Luke Caruso* *Report Submitted*  
Welcomed new leaders; urged everyone to utilize ASCLS Connect Community; Area V representative and Leadership Development Chair are still vacant; We need to develop a good mentor/mentee system to pick up leadership activities.
  - B. *Treasurer's Report* *Joette Taylor* *Report Submitted*  
Fiscal year was not bad, income was \$2794, expenses were \$3094; loss of \$301. Thanked everyone for being vigilant on reducing costs. We currently have about \$73,000 in our account, everything looks good.
  - C. *Past-President's Report* *James Gardner* *Report Submitted*  
Bayou Tech revival, area of concern – communication, lack of response to emails
  - D. *President-Elect's Report* *Melonie Falcon* *No Report*  
She and Luke are attending a parliamentary procedure class. This year the board implemented a New Leadership Training via ZOOM, helpful and successful. Need to capitalize on the shortage to promote LSCLS membership to strengthen our profession.
  - E. *Secretary's Report* *Emilea Haddox* *Nothing to report*
  - F. *Region VII Director's Report* *Claude Rector* *No Report*  
Just had Legislative Symposium, went well. Visited with his senator: Medicare cuts, workforce shortage, H.R. 5602; VALID Act; Planning Day last Saturday – discussed the future of ASCLS, Board voted on the restructuring of the finances – state assessments will be held out of membership dues, state society dues standardized, dissolved regional bank accounts (funds will be dispersed by state based on membership numbers)
  - G. *Student Forum Chair* *Alexa Garlington* *No Report*  
She and Norma are planning meetings to get the ball rolling.

- H. *Ascending Professional Chair*      *Cheyenne Reyes*      *Report Submitted*  
 Attended annual meeting; Legislative Symposium – meetings went well; Will be on the national board next year and will be unable to serve, looking for a replacement
- I. *Area I Representative*      *Kristin Butler*      *Nothing to Report*
- J. *Area II Representative*      *Evelyn Tidwell*      *No Report*
- K. *Area III Representative*      *Sona Kumar*      *Nothing to Report*  
 MLS Trick or Treat, successful. Would like Area III contact information
- L. *Area IV Representative*      *Sonya Hidalgo*      *Report Submitted*  
 Need to update emails, a lot of email responses listing invalid emails. Karen Williams mentioned that if they are students to reach out to their schools for a permanent email.
- M. *Area V Representative*      *VACANT*
- N. *Area VI Representative*      *Deborah Fox*      *No Report*  
 Contacted lapsed members, sent Michele the renewal stickers and they are both working on distributing them
- O. *Area VII Representative*      *Daniel Held*      *Report Submitted*  
 CLPC seminars in the Spring, offered 12 CEUs via ZOOM, more seminars in November and early December (9 credits available), information is on the LSUHC website and some is posted on the LSCLS message board.
- P. *Awards Chair*      *Jessica Lasiter*      *Report Submitted*  
 Luke discussed: Nominations for awards are due in January, need to start soliciting for nominations. No nominations were received last year so let's reward our members. What would be a better method to share about the awards? Facebook was suggested.
- Q. *Bylaws*      *Karen Williams*      *Nothing to report*  
 Hoping to have everything ready to vote on in the Spring
- R. *Education & Scholarship*      *Mikayla Puckett*      *No Report*  
 Needs 4 committee members, would love suggestions
- S. *Career Recruitment*      *Tammy Porter*      *No Report*
- T. *P.A.C.E.*      *Lacy Falke*      *No Report*
- U. *Publications*      *Jasmine Belton*      *Report Submitted*  
 Reviewed older editions of the Bayou Tech, wants to bring a fresh perspective, wants to aim for three editions/year, goal is to publish one mid-late November

- V. *Professional & Public Relations*      *Nancy Rogers*      *Report Submitted*  
 Thanks to Karrie Hovis for assistance on web design, would like to show activity to attract attention and awareness
- W. *Student Bowl*      *Rosalie Hendrix*      *No Report*
- X. *Bistate Convention*      *Karrie Hovis*      *Report Submitted*  
 Updates on planning activities, thanks to the planning committee, encouraged board to make plans to attend. Committee is meeting regularly. Working to secure a grant from the Department of Tourism.
- Y. *Finance*      *Patsy Jarreau*      *Report Submitted*  
 No suggestions for change.
- Z. *Nominations*      *Jennifer Bushnell*      *Report Submitted*  
 Down to two open positions: Leadership and Area V. Spoke with James about getting the nominations and voting online.
- AA. *Government Affairs*      *Cheryl Caskey/Judy Garic*      *Report Submitted*  
 Legislative Symposium: Melanie, Judy and Cheryl attended virtually, Cheyenne in person. Difficult to make appointments online. Two key issues: 1) Ask congressional members to delay the CMS mandate; Critical for reimbursement 2) Clinical laboratory workforce H.R. 5602: Student loan reimbursement and grants; Contacted our lobbyist to follow up. Cheyenne: meetings about H.R.5602, meetings went well.
- BB. *Leadership Development*      *VACANT*
- CC. *Student Forum Advisor*      *Norma Bivona*      *No Report*  
 She and Alexa will meet next week, plans to engage the students
- DD. *Membership Development*      *Michele Werner*      *Report Submitted*  
 Up to 151 members; sent area representatives a lapsed member list; Will discuss the continuation of stickers with Luke
- EE. *Political Action Committee*      *Melonie Falcon will replace Luke Caruso in this role*

4. **Old business:** Motion to move forward by Michele Werner, seconded by Jennifer Bushnell
5. **New Business:**
  - A. Norma Bivona: Now working at Ochsner main campus, wants to encourage coworkers to attend the meeting.
  - B. Motion to close new business by Karen Williams
6. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Karen Williams, seconded by Jennifer Bushnell at 7:05pm