LSCLS Spring Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

1. 102 Professional and Emeritus members
2. In attendance: Melonie Falcon, Michele Werner, Miles Thompkins, James Gardner, Jennifer Bushnell, Mikayla Puckett, Cathy Robinson, Karrie Hovis (via phone call), Debbie, Wisenor, Emilea Haddox, Danny Held, Noor Farhat, Norma Bivona, Cheryl Caskey, Laine Reeder, Elizabeth Duck, Lacy George, Lauren Gregory, George Roberts, Josie Roberts, Patsy Jarreau, Angela Foley, Jessica Lasiter, Sonya Hidalgo, Debbie Fox, Rose Hendrix, Christen Diel
3. Call to order by Melonie at 5:10pm
4. Minutes – Fall 2022
   a. Motion to accept – Michele Werner; James Gardner second
5. Nominations Chair- Jennifer Bushnell
   a. President Elect – Judy Garic nominated and agreed; call for nominations from the floor (called three times), no additional nominations; Vote taken; Elected
   b. Secretary – Emilea Haddox – Agreed to serve another term, call for additional nominations from the floor (called three times), no additional nominations, Vote taken; Elected
   c. Treasurer – Joette Taylor, reached out and agreed, call for nominations from the floor (called three times), no additional nominations
   d. Ascending Professional Chair – Noor Farhat – reached out and agreed, call for nominations from the floor (called three times) Vote taken,
   e. Area V Representative - Call for nominations from the floor – none provided
      i. Melonie – we need to work on recruiting for this position
   f. Nominations Chair – Call for nominations from the floor- none provided
      i. Melonie – we need to work on recruiting for this position
6. House of Delegates: Nominations for ASCLS annual meeting- 3 outside of President, President Elect, Ascending and Developing Professional Chairs
   a. Current President Elect – Michele Werner
   b. Past President – James Gardner
   c. New President Elect – Judy Garic
   d. Call for nominations – Norma Bivona, Karrie Hovis, Christen Diel, Student Forum Chair (to be elected on Friday, 3/31)
   a. All numbers are looking good, need to adjust for the cost of PACE ($75)
      i. Vote to increase from $600 to $675
         1. Motion from Angela Foley, Norma Bivona second
         2. Melonie opened for discussion
         3. Vote taken, motion passed
   b. Request for an increase in the travel budget for the national meeting
      i. Vote to increase delegate travel budget from $500 to $1000
         1. Motion from Jessica Lasiter to increase and require report; amended and seconded by Debbie Wisenor to say a check should be given upfront for registration and report submitted for the rest of the stipend; James Gardner seconded
         2. Opened for discussion: Requirements for reimbursement, meeting attendance, Karrie Hovis mentioned that format of the meeting may change so we should maybe wait to set the requirements, James Gardner suggested the President determine what sessions they should attend.
         3. Vote taken, motion passed
      ii. Vote to increase Past President travel budget from $200 to $1000, registration upfront and require a submitted report for the rest of the stipend.
         1. Laine Reeder made the motion to bring the stipend up, Jessica Lasiter seconded
         2. Opened for discussion
         3. Vote taken, motion passed
8. **Secretary Report**  Emilea Haddox  Report Submitted  Nothing to report
   a. Shared proclamation for Laboratory Week from Governor of Louisiana
10. **Interim President Elect Report**  Michele Werner  Report Submitted  See Report
11. **Past President Report**  James Gardner  Report Submitted
   a. Thanked ULM and Monroe members for putting on a meeting so quickly
12. **Region VII Report**  Miles Tompkins
   a. Discussion of new National Regional Structure and the Chair/Co-Chair needs
   b. House of Delegates voted to remove Regional Directors, within the structure regional director would report at the national meeting. Region VII will have a council (state presidents of each state in the region). There must be a chair and co-chair of the region. These positions will answer to the constituents, and they are required to meet once a year.
   c. Miles advised the following action items:
      i. Louisiana should start having the conversation about having one of our state leaders to serve as chair or co-chair.
      ii. Submit brainstorming ideas: fundraising, structure, regional meeting, etc.
      iii. Miles opened up the floor for questions
         1. Patsy – Will board members be elected in the new term? Miles will finish his term; there are 3 positions open and 5 nominations so far
         2. Cheryl Caskey – Are there any concerns at the national level of this change affecting membership (for the better or worse)? Miles responded that numbers are discussed before every meeting.
         3. Angela Foley – How is the nominations committee decided? Miles responded that they are voted in.
         4. If our state has any motions to go before the board, your state president will present it instead of a regional director.
         5. Melonie – Asked if anyone is interested in a council position
13. **Bistate Meeting Report**  Jessica Lasiter
   a. Registration: 186 registrants last year, 247 this year so far; profit of at least $10,000
15. **Area II Report**  Evelyn Tidwell
16. **Area III Report**  Sona Kumar  Report Submitted
   a. Shortage concern, phlebotomy program had zero applicants, ideas for recruitment?
17. **Area IV Report**  Sonya Hidalgo  Report Submitted
   a. Has sent out lapsed member emails
18. **Area V Report**  **Vacant**
19. **Area VI Report**  Deborah Fox  Nothing to report
   a. LSUHS began categorical last year, two students have passed the categorical exams so far, two more starting, must have bachelor degree and are interested in one particular area of the lab; Working on other tracts (Master’s degree, etc.); Discussion about CLA monitoring.
   a. Lack of nominees, Emilea Haddox will work on a form-filled nomination report to be added to the website
   b. Motion made by Emilea Haddox to remove the travelling bowl for the LSCLS Member of the Year; Second by Laine Reeder
22. **Student Bowl**  Rosalie Hendrix
   a. 15 teams, need judges and moderators
23. **Career Recruitment**  Tammy Porter  Report Submitted  See Report
   a. 4/25 Ochsner MLS event; Xavier just started their MLS program – expo in Fall of 2023
24. **Education and Scholarships**  Mikayla Puckett  Report Submitted  See Report
   a. Two applications received, two scholarships awarded – more could have been given; Emilea will also work on electronic submissions; lengthy discussion about lack of applications.
25. **Web Master/Social Media**  Jessica Peel
a. Melonie will let her know how much the work was appreciated

   a. Great job in the revamping of the newsletter, published spring newsletter; request for action – Promote newsletter; Elizabeth Duck created a QR code to post on the meeting app and in the Monroe Civic Center during the meeting

27. Membership Development  Michele Werner  Report Submitted
   a. 232 members as of 3/26
   b. 102 Professional and Emeritus

28. Finance  Patsy Jarreau  Report Submitted


30. Political Action Committee  Judy Garic  Report Submitted  See report

31. P.A.C.E  Lacy George  Report Submitted
   a. Concern – cannot make meetings due to work schedule, would like to make sure there is training for the next chair
   b. Would like to find a replacement – Noor Farhat agreed; Lacy thinks they should be involved from the beginning of the meeting planning next time. There are objectives that are not acceptable for some of the presentations.

32. Bylaws  Karen Williams
   a. Working on updates

33. Developing/Ascending Professional Forum Advisor  Norma Bivona  Report Submitted
   a. See report

34. Developing Professional Chair  Noor Farhat  Report Submitted  See report

35. Ascending Professional Chair  Mikayla Puckett  Report Submitted  Nothing to report

36. Leadership Development  Stephanie Blackburn  Report Submitted  Nothing to report

37. Old Business
   a. Melonie called for old business, none.

38. New Business
   a. Melonie - Proclamation from the Governor recognizing Lab Week
   b. Debbie – advised about parking due to multiple events in the area

39. Adjournment by Melonie at 6:52pm Michele Werner moved to adjourn, James Gardner seconded