

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
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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)
7. **Treasurer Report** Joette Taylor Report Submitted
 - 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

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| 8. Secretary Report | Emilea Haddox | Report Submitted | Nothing to report |
| 9. Presidents Report | Melonie Falcon | Report Submitted | See 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 counsel (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 | | | |
| 14. Area I Report | Kristin Butler | Report Submitted | Nothing to report |
| 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 | |
| 20. Area VII Report | Daniel Held | Report Submitted | See Report |
| a. LSUHS began categorical certificate program, 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 CLIA monitoring. | | | |
| 21. Awards | Jessica Lasiter | Report Submitted | See Report |
| 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
- 26. **News Letter** Christen Diel Report Submitted
 - 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
- 29. **Government Affairs** Judy Garic Report Submitted See report
- 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