LSCLS Fall Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 8, 2019

Lincoln Room, Monroe Civic Center, Monroe, Louisiana

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm. Attendees were asked to sign in.

Attendees:

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| Michele Werner | Debbie Wisenor | Josie Roberts |
| Melonie Falcon | Cheyenne Reyes | George Roberts |
| Mary Muslow | Veneshia Jones Turner | Claude Rector, Region VII Director |
| Laine Reeder | Lynda Britton | Karen Williams |
| Elizabeth Duck | Joette Taylor | James Gardner |
| Amanda Perrott | Elaine Stewart | Lacy Falke |
| Melanie Chapman | Rodney Rohde Reg. VII (Texas) | Vinh Nguyen |
| Gaye Brunson | Jessica Lawless | Luke Caruso |
| Cheryl Caskey | Allie Perez | Norma Bivona |
| Elizabeth Williang? | Daniel Held | Jennifer Bushnell |
| Mitzi Glover | Mona Bakey? | Angela Foley |
| Patsy Jarreau | Evelyn Tidwell | Kristin Butler |
| Debbie Fox | Jessica Lasiter | Karrie Hovis (via Zoom) |

1. Minutes –

Minutes were received earlier today. Unable to distribute. Will be available at a later date.

1. Nominations Chair – Lee Ellen Brunson-Silica Report Submitted

Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia not able to attend due to family issues; Stephanie Blackburn also out sick. Mary Muslow, Debbie Fox and Jessica Lawless served as nominations committee to stand in. Ballots were distributed after Luke Caruso was nominated by Angela Foley as President-elect 2019-2020. Norma Bivona moved that nominations close. Laine Reeder seconded. Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia was nominated by Lynda Britton as secretary 2019-2020. Mary Muslow seconded the motion. Norma Bivona nominated Cheyenne Reyes as New Professional Chair. Karen Williams seconded; Mary Muslow moved to close nominations; James Gardner seconded the motion.

Jennifer Bushnell was nominated on nominating committee. Elizabeth Duck and Lacy Falke were nominated by Laine Reeder. Gaye Brunson moved to close nominations, Kristen Butler seconded. Jennifer was elected Chair.

Area V Representative is vacant and has been inactive.

Delegates for 2019 Annual ASCLS meeting: President, President-elect; President-elect-elect. Luke Caruso declined due to other obligations. Karen nominated Michele Werner. Jennifer Bushnell has been nominated. Norma Bivona and Jessica Lawless were nominated. Lynda Britton volunteered to be an alternate. Mary Muslow moved to close nominations; Michele Werner seconded the motion. Lynda and Norma will serve as alternates.

1. Presidents Report – Karen Williams Report Submitted

Karen suggested using LSCLS.org as a communication tool to send out messages (connect.lscls.org). Dr. Rohde stated that there is an article in ASCLS Today on how to use it. Karen’s President Report is on there.

Karen Williams, Cathy Robinson, Cheryl Caskey and Cheyenne Reyes attended the ASCLS Legislative Symposium. Karen suggested that each regional group set up a meeting with area representatives to discuss laboratory shortages by May 1. Karen asked for a short article with a picture of those who attend. Karen has printed instructions to distribute.

1. President Elect Report – James Gardner Report Submitted
2. Past President Report – Michele Werner Nothing to report
3. Treasures Report – Joette Taylor Report Submitted

Joette Taylor said that LSCLS has approximately $20,000 rolling over each year.

1. Region VII Report – Claude Rector

Facebook presence encouraged. Invited attendees to like page. Discussed a book club. Currently discussing Start with Why. CLEC 2020 in Orlando; 2021 in Denver; discussions by CLEC Steering Committee to move CLEC to October or November.

State Societies are struggling to fill leadership roles. Task Force is evaluating strategies to address this. Dr. Rohde asked Claude about the Leadership Academy. Claude said it is still open. Luke Caruso said he thought that the leadership academy was being moved to the regional level. Karen strongly encouraged the academy as a professional development tool. Karen apologized for not introducing Dr. Rohde earlier and then introduced him as a guest speaker and president of TACLS. Lynda Britton stated that ASCLS is working with a committee for online courses for leadership development.

1. Area I Report – Kristin Butler Report Submitted
2. Area II Report – Evelyn Tidwell Report Submitted

Will have fall Area II meeting.

1. Area III Report – Sheryl Herring No report submitted

1. Area IV Report – Sonya Hidalgo Nothing to report
2. Area V Report – Anna Cavalier Nothing to report
3. Area VI Report – Deborah Fox Nothing to report
4. Area VII Report – Luke Caruso Report Submitted
5. Awards – Jessica Lasiter Report Submitted
6. Student Bowl – Rosalie Hendrix Report Submitted
7. Career Recruitment – Mary Mitchell No report submitted
8. Education and Scholarships – Debbie Wisenor Report Submitted

Debbie Wisenor stated that email addresses are not added to the LSCLS website for security reasons.

1. Web Master/Social Media – Evan Ashley/Jessica Peel No report submitted

Jessica Lasiter recommended Wasana (Robin) Keohvong to serve as web master.

1. News Letter – Jessica Lawless/Kristen Butler Report Submitted

Jessica Lawless asked for articles for the newsletter. Next issue June. Articles due in May.

1. Membership Development – Bonnie Jo Taylor Report Submitted

281 members currently.

1. Finance – Patsy Jarreau Report Submitted

Mary Muslow moved to accept budget report; Jessica Lawless seconded; motion carried.

Joette Taylor requested that requests be made for audits; James Gardner moved to accept the financial report. Report was accepted. Jessica Lasiter, Evelyn Tidwell and Michele Werner agreed to form a financial audit committee. Cheryl Caskey stated that the audit served to protect the treasurer. Deadline to submit the report was given by Karen Williams as the fall board meeting. Karen Williams appointed Jessica Lasiter as head of the committee.

1. Government Affairs – Cheryl Caskey Report Submitted

1. Political Action Committee - Luke Caruso Report Submitted

1. P.A.C.E – Lacy Falke Report Submitted

Lacy replaced Dana Grant.

1. Bylaws – Vanessa Johnson/Karen Williams Nothing to report

Karen Williams requested to be appointed by the incoming president as bylaws chair.

1. Student Forum & Young Professional advisor – Norma Bivona

Norma Bivona gave a verbal report. She stated that communication issues have been occurring with students checking emails. She is working on getting student representatives so that students communicate to students. Norma said that Dr. Rohde and Claude Rector are coming to student meeting tomorrow to encourage students to continue involvement. New format has been helpful.

1. Student Forum Chair – Allie Perez Report Submitted
2. Young Professional Chair – Jessica Lawless Report Submitted

Jessica Lawless began a discussion about the need for participation in LSCLS; others chimed in.

1. Leadership Development— Lynda Britton Nothing to report

1. Old Business

*2019 LSCLS/ASCLS-MS Bi-State Meeting—Jessica Lasiter*

Jessica Lasiter gave a program report:

274 attendees registered

21 Vendors

Significant sponsors

Job Fair: 11

17 student bowl teams

Goals of committee were for good socials, quality speakers, plenty of good food, a meeting in our home town. Gaye Brunson mentioned the blood drive. Laine Reeder said that many people have complimented the meeting.

*2021 LSCLS/ASCLS-MS Bi-state Meeting—James Gardner/Karrie Hovis*

2021 Meeting will be a tristate meeting to include Texas this one time only. Will occur in New Orleans as J.W. Marriott April 5-8. 34-33-33 profit splitting with equal work on planning committee.

Potential Slogan “Jazzing it up Science in the Big Easy”

*2020 meeting will be in Jackson.*

1. New Business

CLCP Licensure Committee --Need nominations for Rural Practitioner, educator, supervisor.

1. Adjournment—1840 Motion to Adjourn Luke Caruso, Second Gaye Brunson.

***Minutes Committee:***

Melanie Chapman

Cheryl Caskey

Gaye Brunson