

LSCLS 2021 Spring Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00pm CST

1. Call to order at 7:01pm by James Gardner  
Members on the call: Michele Werner, Kristin Butler, Jessica Lasiter, Karrie Hovis, Karen Williams, James Gardner, Emilea Haddox, Cheryl Caskey, Melonie Falcon, Jennifer Bushnell, Sonya Hidalgo, Claude Rector, Lee Ellen Brunson, Luke Caruso, Norma Bivona, Evelyn Tidwell, Cheyenne Reyes
2. Minutes – Fall 2020 Board Meeting, submitted by Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia  
Motion to accept by Kristin Butler, seconded by Jennifer Bushnell; Approved
3. Report from President-elect, Luke Caruso: will “stay the course”, no further discussion
4. Nominations Report from Jennifer Bushnell: **Emilea Haddox** nominated for Secretary, **Sonya Hidalgo** for Area IV Rep  
Discussion: Karen Williams – we need someone to be President-Elect who will be very involved especially since we have missed the last two years of meetings. **Melonie Falcon** is interested in President-Elect but has not filled any other board position, is not opposed to filling in if need be. Luke and James will work closely with her to help bring her up to speed, as well as Karen, Michele and Cheryl (past-Presidents). Lee Ellen – nominate Jennifer Bushnell for Nominations Chair. Need students who will soon graduate to be Ascending Professional. Norma will email Program Directors to see if any students might be interested. Discussion about how to encourage people to lead and motivate students and graduates to stay involved. Discussion about need for resources to engage members and prospective members. Karen nominated Melonie for president-elect; Cheryl seconded. Jennifer nominated **Kristin Butler** for Area I Rep, Lee Ellen seconded. Karen nominated **Michele Werner** for Nominations Committee, Cheryl seconded. Jennifer nominated **Kristin Butler** for Nominations Committee, Lee Ellen seconded. Discussion about delegates for national meeting – meeting will be hybrid (virtual/in-person), as will House of Delegates. Need Ascending Professional Delegate and Developing Professional Delegate. May not be able to fill Developing Professional Delegate slot this year because of the pandemic’s impact. Delegates and alternates as follows: **James, Luke, Melonie, Jennifer, Kristin, Norma, Cheyenne (Ascending Professional); alternates: Karen, Karrie**
5. Treasurer’s Report- Joette Taylor Report submitted
6. President’s Report – James Gardner Report submitted
7. President-Elect’s Report – Luke Caruso: Need to add some form of recruitment for the platform for next year.
8. Past President Report – Karen Williams
9. Region VII Report – Claude Rector

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| 10. Area I Report –  | Kristin Butler  | Report submitted  |
| 11. Area II Report –   | Evelyn Tidwell  | No report         |
| 12. Area III Report –  | Sheryl Herring  | No report         |
| 13. Area IV Report –   | Sonya Hidalgo   | Nothing to report |
| 14. Area V Report –  | <b><u>Vacant</u></b>  |                   |
| 15. Area VI Report –   | Deborah Fox   |                   |
| 16. Area VII Report –  | <b><u>Vacant</u></b>  |                   |
| 17. Awards –<br>Did not receive any nominations for any awards; please nominate anyone if you know of someone. | Jessica Lasiter   | Report submitted  |
| 18. Nominations Chair-<br>Previously discussed (see above)   | Jennifer Bushnell   | Report submitted  |
| 19. Student Bowl –   | Rosalie Hendrix   | No report         |
| 20. Career Recruitment –   | Mary Mitchell   | No report         |
| 21. Education and Scholarships –   | Karen Williams – There was one scholarship applicant who seemed very qualified. Karen will work on getting her a check/award. |                   |
| 22.  |   |                   |
| 23. Web Master/Social Media –  | Karrie Hovis/Jessica Peel   | Report submitted  |
| 24. Newsletter –<br>James will get with Luke to start working on the newsletter in the next couple of weeks.   | Cheyenne Reyes/Kristen Butler   | No report         |
| 25. Membership Development –<br>position.  | Bonnie Jo Taylor is stepping down from her role in this position.   |                   |
| 26. Finance –  | Patsy Jarreau   | Report submitted  |
| 27. Government Affairs –<br>COVID  | Cheryl Caskey: no real activity within the state during COVID   |                   |
| 28. Political Action Committee –   | Luke Caruso   |                   |
| 29. P.A.C.E –  | Lacy Falke  |                   |

30. Bylaws – Karen Williams
31. Developing/Ascending Professional Forum advisor – Norma Bivona will contact Program Directors to drum up participation
32. Developing Professional Chair – Mikayla Thompson
33. Ascending Professional Chair – Cheyenne Reyes Report submitted
34. Leadership Development — Lynda Britton

35. Old Business

Discussion from Claude: We are in Year Two of virtual meetings, Region 7 caucus will be held virtually a week ahead of the Joint Annual Meeting; talks about restructuring ASCLS – reassigning board members; must keep working to get Developing Professionals involved at the local level; ASCLS in Louisville – structure will be the same as before but with virtual and in-person options

2022 LSCLS/ASCLS-MS Bi-state Meeting—James Gardner/Karrie Hovis

Updates from Karrie: We were able to reschedule 2021 meeting and move it to 2022 without penalties. New dates: April 19th-22nd at JW Marriott in New Orleans, will be the week after Easter. Form is posted online to find speakers and for submissions of ideas for posters and presentations. Registration process has already begun. Melonie, Gaye and Karrie met recently to discuss options for vendor fair. Shamonika King from Xavier is also involved. Student Bowl is already underway – Rosalie is helping with that.

Bylaws – Policies and Procedures

36. New Business

ASCLS Joint Annual Meeting – previously discussed (see above)

Delegates – previously discussed (see above)

37. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Karen Williams, seconded by Luke Caruso  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm