**LSCLS Spring Business Meeting**

**April 15, 2015**

1. Call to order……………………………………………….………Stephanie Blackburn

* 0712 am called to order by Stephanie Blackburn
* 36 members present (sign in sheet)

1. Minutes…………………………………………………………….Amanda Saucier

* Michelle Werner moved to approve the minutes from the Fall 2014 Board Meeting
  + Seconded by Mary Muslow.

1. Treasurer’s Report………………………………………………..Joette Taylor
   * Report Submitted
     + Financial statement through the fiscal year (July 1, 2014-April 11, 2015)
     + Income stated: $2,514.03, expenses $10,073.88
     + Total assets stated: $ 66,903.90
   * 3 CDs available, interest rates continue to be low
     + CDs may be used in the future for lobbyist regarding possible legislation for licensure for next session
   * Expenses look good for everyone.
2. President’s Report.………………………………………………Stephanie Blackburn
   * Report Submitted
     + Bi-state meeting is a success
       - Thanks to Cheryl Caskey, Convention Chair.
     + Fall meeting conference call continues to be successful
       - 17 members attended (“called-in”)
       - Likely to continue this format to maximize attendees
     + Impromptu board meeting
       - Discussing licensure bill
         * The board was unanimous in deciding to hire a lobbyist
         * Need for review of bill in hopes of changing our credentials from Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS) to Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS)
         * Ultimately, no legislator to shoulder the bill this session

Will be reviewed for next session

* + - Current Membership numbers
      * Total: 247
        + Same as 2014

PF1 and PF2: 110

FYP 14

Students: 157

Collaborative: 5

Emeritus: 5

* + - Bayou Tech and LSCLS website were both submitted to ASCLS for an award
    - Five LSCLS members attended the Legislative Symposium
      * Chery Caskey
      * Karrie Hovis
      * Elizabeth Ezeb
      * Gretchen Brocksmith
      * James Gardner

1. President-Elect’s Report…………………………………………Michele Werner

* Nominated Karen Williams for Leadership Academy
  + Waiting for approval
* Task force for increased membership in the works

1. Past President’s Report…………………………………………..Cathy Robinson

* No report

1. Region VII Report………………………………………………….Karen Chandler

* Region VII: Elisa will be retiring from ASCLS
  + Search committee in progress
    - Goal is to make an offer to new individual by September
      * In the hopes to work alongside Elisa until she retires
* New logo proposed: Narrowed down to 3 possibilities
  + April 30th deadline to vote on ascls.org/logocontest
* Current National membership number are 8140
  + Rose from 6990 in 2014
  + Newly ASCP certified MLS will receive an email from ASCLS to encourage joining, their 1st year will be a free opportunity to get involved.
* Students may apply for Travel Grants for the National Meeting through Beckman
  + Deadline is April 24th
* Annual Meeting
  + July 26-27 Advanced Management Institute
  + July 29- August 1- Omni Hotel in Atlanta

1. Area I Report……………………………………………………….Linda Hawthorne

* No report

1. Area II Report………………………………………………………Rosalie Hendrix
   * Working on contacts and building area communication
2. Area III Report………………………………………………………Kim Middleton
   * No report
3. Area IV Report……………………………………………………..Becky See
   * Post cards sent in here area encouraging attendance to the Spring meeting
   * Becky See wishes to be a delegate to ASCLS
4. Area V Report………………………………………………………VACANT
   * No representative
5. Area VI Report………………………………………………………Deborah Fox
   * Attempt to increase communications with laboratory directors and mangers encouraging attendance to the Spring meeting
   * Returned $240 to Student Scholarship
6. Area VII Report……………………………………………………..Patsy Jarreau
   * No report
7. Finance……………………………………………………………….Patsy Jarreau

* Convention
  + Motion to change $500 seed money to $1,000 per year by Mary Muslow
    - Seconded by Michelle Werner
    - No opposition. Motion was passed.
* Government Affairs
  + Legislative Day
    - Budgeted to allow for payment of student representative expenses for Legislative Day
      * Contract for 1 year member commitment once the society pays for that student expenses
      * In order for student to remain active
        + Need to update the SOP/Bylaws

1. First Year Professional Chair…………………………………Gretchen Brocksmith
   * Report submitted
     + Multiple attempts to recruit individuals to join LSCLS and ASCLS
     + Wrote multiple articles for the New Professional and New Members Forum (NPNMF)
     + Will move from the Vice-Chair into the Chair position of the NPNMF
2. Student Forum Chair……………………………………………………….Syrita Steib

* Newly elected Student forum officers
  + Student forum chair: Anna Cavalier (ULM)
  + Student forum vice chair: Lacey Falke (ULM)
  + Student forum secretary: Beth Hughes (ULM)

1. Awards……………………………………………………………….Maegan Fryday
   * Need for potential sponsors for the 2016 meeting
2. Nominations Chair…………………………………………………..Mary Muslow
   * Official Ballot with New board Position nominations:
     + President elect (2 year term): Karen Williams
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Moved to close by Vanessa
     + Secretary (1year term): Gaye Brunson
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Move to close by Kim
     + Treasurer (3 year term): Joette Taylor
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Moved to close by Mary Muslow
     + Area I Representative (3 year term): Patti Bouillon
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Moved to Close by Mary Muslow
     + Area II Representative (3 year term): Rosalie Hendrix
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Moved to Close by Vanessa
     + Area V Representative (3 year term):
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Will remain vacant until further notice
     + Area VI Representative (3 year term): Deborah Fox
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Closed by Vanessa
     + Nominations committee (3 individuals needed for a 1 year term):
       - Floor opened for additional nominations
       - No additional nominations occurred
       - Closed by Vanessa
       - 3 individuals:
         1. Chair: Mary Muslow
         2. Dana Grant
         3. Syrita Steib
   * Delegates to the ASCLS National Meeting:
     + President: Stephanie Blackburn
     + President elect: Michelle Werner
     + Student Forum Chair: Anna Cavalier
     + New Professional: James Garner
     + 3 additional delegates:
       - President elect-elect: Karen Williams
       - Jessica Lassiter
       - Gretchen Brocksmith

1st Alternate: Becky See

2nd Alternate: Syrita Steib

1. Student Bowl…………………………………………………………Mary Muslow
   * Four states participated this year
     + LA/MS, Florida and Alabama
     + 25 MLS teams this year
     + 49 games played (total)
     + Winners: 1st place USM Team #2, 2nd place LSUHSC-NO Team #2
2. Career Recruitment…………………………………………………Mary Mitchell
   * No report
3. Education and Scholarship………………………………………..Debbie Wisenor
   * Written report submitted

* Two individuals applied for the Joy Holm and Betty Lynne Theriot Memorial scholarships
  + Recipients will be announced during the awards ceremony
* Debbie Wisenor moved that she clarify if scholarship money can be given to student at the bi-state annual meeting.
  + Seconded by Laine Poe
  + No opposition and no discussion
  + Motion carried
* Debbie Wisenor moved that she change the verbiage in the scholarship guidelines from CLS/CLT to MLS/MLT.
  + Motion seconded by Laine Poe
  + No discussion and No opposition
  + Motion carried

1. P.A.C.E……………………………………………………………….George Roberts

* Report submitted

1. Government Affairs………………………………………………….Cheryl Caskey

* Report submitted

1. Web Master…………………………………………………………Evan Ashley
   * Continued work on the Website
   * Current bylaws have been uploaded to the website
2. Newsletter………………………………………….Evan Ashley & Jessica Lassiter
   * Articles needed
3. Membership Development……………………………Deborah Fox & Mary Muslow
   * Continued effort for new members
4. Bylaws………………………………………………………………..Vanessa Johnson
   * Report submitted with proposed changes to bylaws
   * Committee to work on bylaws and SOPs in order to clarify and separate the two.
   * Vanessa Johnson moved that we make recommended changes to the bylaws as submitted with report.
     + Motion seconded by Michele Werner
     + No discussion and no opposition
     + Motion Carried
   * Vanessa Johnson moved to rescind motion (above) that we make recommended changes to the bylaws as submitted with report.
     + Seconded by Evan Ashley
     + Motion carried
   * Vanessa moved to table the current bylaws and SOPs and revisit all items for the fall meeting
     + Seconded by Evan Ashley
     + Motion carried
5. Student Forum & FYP Advisor…………………………………….Maegan Fryday
   * Fundraiser raised $530
     + Cost for items $260 for items
     + Profit is $270
6. Old business:
   * Gretchen Brocksmith received funding for Legislative Symposium 2014 (retroactive)- represented Louisiana as the LSCLS Student Forum Chair
   * Student Forum and FYP Advisor- Gretchen requested a co-chair during the fall meeting
     + Maegan is the Student Forum and FYP Advisor and declined this request.
7. New business:
   * Bi-state Meeting Committee Report- Cheryl Caskey
     + The Hilton was an expensive venue for the joint meeting
       - Hope to break even for this meeting; no anticipated revenue
     + Mississippi has proposed a Tuesday-Thursday format
       - Will be further discussed for the future meeting
   * New Business items 31.b-d were tabled until the Fall 2015 meeting including the following:
     + Task force needs to be formed to determine how Student Forum should disperse funds warded to students for meetings
     + Bylaw committee needs to update bylaws and SOP
     + Formation of a New Professional Chair (member for less than 5 years) to be appointed by the LSCLS President
     + Gretchen proposed New Professional Mentorship to students through their first year to promote continued activity in the society
8. Adjournment
   * Motion to adjourn at 0920 am by Evan Ashley.
     + Seconded by Josie Robertson