**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