**LSCLS Spring Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

I. **Call to Order** by Melonie Falcon at 11:20am

*In Attendance*: Melonie Falcon, Karen Williams, Michele Werner, Emilea Haddox, Jessica Lasiter, James Gardner, Debbie Fox, Sona Kumar, Gaye Brunson, Joette Taylor, Danny Held, Cheryl Caskey, Allie Webre, Christen Diel, Mikayla Puckett, John Davis, Jennifer Dupont, Karrie Hovis, Judy Garic, Carolyn Preston, Whitnee Brame, Sonya Hidalgo, Holli Chandler, Rebecca Estes, Amy Dodson

II. **Minutes** – *Fall 2023*

Motion to approve made by Michele Werner, James Gardner seconded

III. **Nominations**:

*Nominations Committee Chair* – Carly nominated; No additional nominations from the floor; Vote passed

*Area I* – Kristen Butler resigned; Cheryl Caskey nominated; no more nominations from the floor; Vote passed

*Ascending Professional* Chair - Jo King nominated; No additional nominees from the floor; Vote passed

*Area III* – Sona Kumar nominated; Agreed to continue; No additional nominees from the floor; Vote passed

*Area VII* – Danny Held nominated; Agreed to continue; No additional nominees from the floor; Vote passed

*Area IV* – Sonya Hidalgo nominated; Agreed to continue; No additional nominees from the floor; Vote passed

*Area V* – Dane Carriere nominated; Agreed; No additional nominees from the floor; Vote passed

*Delegates Submissions for ASCLS*: Judy Garic, Melonie Falcon, Joanna King, the newly elected student president, Norma Bivona, Carly, Cheryl Caskey, Karrie Hovis, James (alternate)

IV. **Board Reports**:

1. Treasurer Report Joette Taylor Report Submitted
2. Secretary Report Emilea Haddox Report Submitted
3. Presidents Report Melonie Falcon Report Submitted
4. President Elect Report Judy Garic Report Submitted
5. Past President Report James Gardner Report Submitted
6. Area I Report Kristin Butler Report Submitted
7. Area II Report Evelyn Tidwell
8. Area III Report Sona Kumar Report Submitted
9. Area IV Report Sonya Hidalgo Report Submitted
10. Area V Report Dane Carriere
11. Area VI Report Deborah Fox
12. Area VII Report Daniel Held Report Submitted
13. Awards Jessica Lasiter Report Submitted

Call to action – Concern regarding lack of nominees

a. Allie Lawson will be working with Jessica Peel to push on social media more and add a Twitter account, and possibly an Instagram account.

b. Karen Williams suggested updating forms for easier completion, Emilea Haddox will work on these.

1. Student Bowl Rosalie Hendrix
2. Career Recruitment Tammy Porter
3. Education and Scholarships Mikayla Puckett Report Submitted

Discussion – Lack of applications

a. Scholarships – Betty Lynne Theriot-$500, Ann Harding - $300

b. The small amount was questioned, and the difficult process, including notarization and an official transcript.

c. Mikayla Puckett clarified that they notarized form is only required if the applicant received the scholarship, needs clarification on the application. She will begin that process of following up if there are applicants in the future.

d. Sonya Hidalgo brought up the timing of the application for 3+1 programs, and the need to remind educators.

e. Mikayla Puckett will reevaluate submission date and work on the applications.

1. Web Master/Social Media Allie Lawson Report Submitted
2. News Letter Christen Diel
3. Membership Development Michele Werner Report Submitted
4. Nominations Chair VACANT
5. Finance Patsy Jarreau
6. Government Affairs Allie Lawson Report Submitted
7. Political Action Committee Judy Garic Report Submitted
8. P.A.C.E Noor Farhart
9. Bylaws \*\*\*\* Karen Williams Report Submitted

Call to Action: Current bylaws available on lscls.org; last updated 2013; Need a vote to send the changes to ASCLS bylaws chair

a. See Summary of By-law Changes

b. Changes separate the SOPs and guidelines

c. Name Change - Louisiana Society of Clinical Laboratory Science or American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science—Louisiana

d. Vote to send the bylaws passed.

1. Developing/Ascending Professional Forum Advisor Norma Bivona
2. Developing Professional Chair Joanna King
3. Ascending Professional Chair Noor Farhart Report Submitted
4. Leadership Development Stephanie Blackburn Report Submitted
5. Discuss Budget Joette Taylor

V. **New Business**

a. Mrs. Mary Mitchell passed away and her family reached out. The member/award document needs updating. The awards committee will work on updating the document.

b. 2025 Bistate Meeting – Need meeting planning chair, location – Judy Garic, Lafayette, LA.

c. Financials – JoetteTaylor discussed the upping of budget items last spring; need to update budget to reflect these changes

VI. **Meeting Adjourned** at 12:17pm. Michele Werner motioned, Karen Williams seconded.