



North Carolina Society for
Clinical Laboratory Science

Minutes
Spring Board Meeting 2009
Myrtle Beach, SC
March 25, 2009

Meeting called to order at 10:22 a.m. by Jeanne Whittlesey.

Members Present: Jeanne Phelps, Geleana Drew Alston, Teresa Hutson, Janis Milliken, Tim Stegall, Jesse Frank, Lisa Anderson, Kathleen Schulman, Dan Southern, Jennifer Anderson, Jeanne Whittlesey, Mickey Yost, Jeremy Edwards

Minutes Committee: Teresa Hutson
Kathleen Schulman

Sergeant at Arms: Lisa Anderson

Parliamentarian: Jeanne Phelps

President (Jeanne Whittlesey)

- Region III Meeting is next week in Florida. More information to come.
 - Jeanne, Lisa, and Mickey will be attending
- ASCLS True Life Video is excellent. Check it out at <http://www.ascls.org/ppc/lifesavevideo.asp>
- ASCLS has a new Teleconference Service
 - No set up fee
 - \$0.05 per minute per person
- *Promotion of the Profession Committee* is working on a list of topics that will be used to educate the public about the CLS profession
 - Will be posted to the ASCLS website
- Western Carolina Program Closing
 - Jeanne wrote a letter to the Dean
 - Dean recommended that we do a better job at recruiting students to the program
 - Dean was unaware of what CLS is
 - Dean is interested in the Federal Stimulus money for Health Professions education

- May just put the program as inactive for next year
 - May be able to develop an MLT→MT program similar to WSSU.
 - WSSU has openings in the mean time to direct students to.
 - The issue was discussed with senators and representatives at Leg Day
 - Spoke with Hagan's aide, Burr's aide, and Shuler's aide. All seemed interested.
 - They said talk to the Dean of the college
 - WCU supplies lab people to a radius of 300 miles and beyond
 - We need to grow our own
 - No program in Greenville, SC so we supply them too
 - Orangeburg, SC MLT program closed too
 - Will have a significant economic impact on the Western region of the state
 - Only 215 programs left, >25 are scheduled to be or are in danger of being closed
 - Hospitals have begun opening programs again.
- We need to keep writing letters
- ADVANCE sent out E-Blasts about CCC 2009.
 - Mistakenly sent a bill but corrected it per Jeanne's request
 - The Link on our website seems to be going well
- Congrats to Drew for getting the Young Investigators Award
- Thanks to Kathleen for the e-mails updating the membership on news
 - Happy New Year postcard was good
 - Thanks also for sending materials to "Membership Matters."
 - We were the only one's who submitted anything.
- Summer Board will be 6/20/09 at the Courtyard Marriott in Cary
 - Includes Finance Committee Meeting, ASCLS Delegate Meeting, and discussion on recruitment and retention
 - 1 day format
 - Lunch will be provided
- Sheila has been researching a banner to drape over our membership table at events
 - \$125-\$259 depending on what we want
 - Include the phrase "since 1947."

Nominations and Elections (Jeanne Whittlesey)

- Board of Directors: Jeremy Edwards, Jesse Frank
- Finance Committee: Susan Helms
 - Mickey will be a Finance Committee observer this year to be mentored and to learn how it works prior to running for office
- Nominations and Elections: Kathleen Schulman, Michelle Hybl, Jeanne Phelps

President Elect (DeLayne McGehee-absent)

- Baby is due 5/5
- Won't be able to go to Region III Meeting

Treasurer (Jeanne Phelps)

- Not a lot of activity since the last meeting
 - Income: \$10,974.87
 - Expenses: \$12,400.33
 - CDs: \$50,037.56
 - Money Market: \$4,395.40
 - Checking: \$11,752.18 total
 - Student forum: \$2,116.60
 - General fund: \$9,635.58
- Need to buy the lap top and projector by the end of the year
- Proposed Budget
 - Income: \$9500.00
 - Expenses: \$22,435.00
 - Need to start being a little more frugal but still fund Leadership Academy and Meeting Delegates

Secretary (Jennifer Anderson)

- Minutes approved by e-mail

Webmaster (Laine Stewart-absent)

- Check out the NCSCLS Web Page. Need to keep it changing and active

Publications (LaVonda Benbow-absent)

- Filter Paper won 2nd Place at National.

Government Affairs/PAC Chair (DeLayne McGehee-absent)

- Lisa and Jesse attended Leg Day
 - 150 People attended from ASCP, CLMA, ASCLS, and AMT
 - 120 were ASCLS members
 - Discussed the Personnel Shortage and lobbied for support of the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment act and reauthorization of the Title VII Allied Health Programs to include support of laboratory professions.
 - Discussed Modernizing the Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee schedule
 - Discussed the WCU program closure

Publicity/NMLPW (Teresa Hutson)

- Haven't gotten up with AMT regarding Lab Week
 - Unfortunately a lot of places aren't doing much for it this year

- UNC Hospital and WSSU are hosting visitors for lab tours for lab week
- Kathleen will send a sample letter to the Board to send to local newspapers
- High School Health Occupations Event did not work out
 - Unfortunately most of the teachers are nurses and push the nursing career field

New Professionals Chair (Jeremy Edwards)

- The National New Professionals Committee has completed all assigned tasks and are brainstorming new ideas
- NCSCLS Computer
 - Most projectors are compatible with all computers
 - Let Jeanne know how much money is needed to buy
 - Needs to be purchased prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Student Forum Chair (Mickey Yost)

- Developed High School Recruitment posters.
 - Contacted all school boards to get permission to post and has gotten a favorable response
 - Full Color, 8X10, cardstock
 - 500=\$75 and 1000=\$95
 - Dan is going to donate money for the first 1000 (THANK YOU DAN!!!)
 - ASCLS brochures are \$1 each but we are allowed to copy the template and add in our own information so Mickey will be distributing these to the career counselors too
- Wrote a "How To" for the student forum chair
 - Should be added to the policy manual.
- Will do a 50/50 raffle this week.

Recruitment Committee (Tim Stegall)

- Because of the CLS program closure, WCU has had a significant increase of visibility in the community
 - Medical Societies have been very supportive
- Need to promote Lab Week
- We need to start educating and recruiting early. Nurses target students at all educational levels.
- Consider promoting Phlebotomy School as a means to get a job and then increase education level.

Membership (Kathleen Schulman)

- Membership as of March 2009: 204
 - Collaborative: 3
 - Emeritus: 9
 - First Year Professional: 10

- Professional: 158
- Student: 35
 - Student membership was low compared to last year so a letter was sent to program directors.
- Lapsed: 113
 - Collaborative: 3
 - Emeritus: 2
 - First Year Professional: 5
 - Professional: 41
 - Student: 62
- Need two delegates + one alternate to go to National
 - Kathleen will put a notice on the membership table to solicit delegates
 - ASCLS is looking to make National cheaper next year. Changes to com
- There will be a drawing for free CCC registration for members

District Chairs (Lisa Anderson)

- Lisa developed a suggested schedule for District Chairs
 - Dr. Bamberg used to do this so Lisa will get with him for more ideas
 - Will add in a section to encourage National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

Fall Focus 2008 (Libby Haile)

- NCSCLS made \$725.99

CCC 2010 (Jeanne Whittlesey)

- Possible actions due to the economy
 - Cancel
 - 1 or 2 day event
 - Keep it the same at the Sheraton
 - Keep it the same at a different venue (i.e. Crowne Plaza in Asheville.)
 - We would like to keep the format the same and Dan and Jeanne will discuss venue with AMT
 - It is their turn to chair the meeting.
- Cancelled Sheraton contract due to financial concerns
 - They are willing to renegotiate with us
- AMT has looked into Crowne Plaza in Asheville
 - Has been expanded since we were last there

Adjourn

Motion: Theresa Hutson

Second: Drew Alston

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Anderson