

NSCLS Annual Business Meeting
May 1, 2009

1. President's Report: President Tracey Vrba thanked everyone. We have met some of the goals that were set for 2008-2009. Leadership positions have been filled. Communication with members has improved and we have met 3 times this year. There will be an additional meeting to work on the by-laws and a meeting for those going to the National ASCLS meeting to discuss expectations. Tracey reported that the membership is down 1000 nationally. Some things were done to balance the budget such as – dues will increase a little, Regional assessment will go from \$700 to \$800 (this is the amount that the Region pays to National, the state part of that will go up), ASCLS today will go electronic, Legislative days dinner will be replaced with wine and cheese. 156 people pre-registered for Legislative days. The Treasurer position and the Secretary position are open for Region VI. Rho Sigma nominations are due May 22, 2009.

2. Secretary's Report: Joyce Colombe distributed a copy of the minutes from the NSCLS Winter Business Meeting held January 17, 2009. The minutes were approved as written. The Filter deadline has changed to May 15, 2009.

3. Treasurer's Report: Linsey Donner distributed a copy of the NSCLS budget for July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. It was suggested to save on postage that the Filter is sent electronically unless the member lets us know otherwise. If a member does not have email, a paper copy of the Filter would be sent. The budget is not finalized; Linsey will email a proposal to be voted on.

4. Committee Reports:

A. Bylaws: Anita Smith was not present. The bylaws need to be reviewed. The review will be scheduled in June.

B. Membership: Nicole Meier reported that we have 180 members. All UNMC students are members with the exception of 5. Nicole put something together for the graduates. It was not given out at UNMC's graduation so it will be used for incoming students. She reported that people stopped by the booth. She is asking for emails for everyone.

C. PACE: Karen Keller reported that she was working with the on-line PACE. She was working with Kim from Iowa so that everything works.

D. LDC: Melissa Gonzalez was not present. Roxanne Alter reported on the Leadership Academy. This is an opportunity for states to grow their own leaders. There are 5 open positions this year. The requirements are that individuals go to the National meeting, work on projects, meet at CLEC, and got to Legislative Days. Two years ago, the Leadership Academy developed promotional items such as a video. The group works on projects with some of the work done by teleconferencing. It is a big commitment. The deadline was March 31 but they probably would still take applicants at this time.

E. GAC/PAC: Andrea Shank reported that Andrea Shank, Roxanne Alter, Nicole Meier and Tracey Vrba attended Legislative Days. She said they learned a lot and the meetings were very successful. They focused on laboratory personnel shortages and Medicare reimbursement fees. There is a power point with a handout that could be put on the website. A note could be put in the Filter to look for it. Andrea reported that at the Quad Meeting baskets were raffled and they raised \$700 for PAC.

F. New Professional Committee/Student Forum: Linsey Donner reported on the following positions for this committee: Chelsea Dockins -New Professional Adviser, Alicia Eisenmenger- New Professional, Whitney Gatz – First Year Professional, and Student Forum President – TBA. The goal is to have a step ladder of leadership that all work together as a team. NSCLS will be talked about at orientation at UNMC and at SCC. Students get more benefits if they join at the beginning of the year.

G. Filter: Courtney Olson was not present. Information will be sent to her regarding the Filter being distributed electronically.

H. Website: Martin Steinbeck asked for pictures of the award recipients. Martin reported that NSCLS website was added to his personal account. It costs \$6/year to register name. He talked about moving NSCLS to a new site and getting our own account as a group. We may want to wait until we get more specifics on changing the name of the group. Linsey will check about the name change for NSCLS including the date, process, and cost.

I. Nominations: The following nominations were listed:

President – Nicole Meier
President-elect – Shana Jensen
Secretary – Joyce Colombe
Junior Board Member – Jillian Christensen and Lynnett Kastens

President Tracy Vrba asked for any more nominations. The nominations were closed. Junior Board Member had two nominations. Lynnett was asked if she would like to be the Membership Development Chair. She accepted this position and Jillian Christensen stayed as the Junior Board Member. It was moved to accept the nominations.

J. Spring Meeting 2010: Lucas Christensen reported the meeting would be in the Omaha area. He needs a group to work on it and is planning on meeting in May. He is checking on a site.

V. Old Business: ASCLS-NE name change. Tracey reported that now may be a good time to change the name. ASCLS is recommending that all constituent societies change their name to ASCLS-State. This will identify them as members of the ASCLS "Brand." She referred to the information provided by Anita Smith Bylaws Chair and Linsey Donner Treasurer. It would involve changing the website and logo. The name change would not be effective until 2011. It was approved to change the name.

Amy Stanley reported that the Iowa Chamber of Commerce did all the name tags. She asked about a donation to the Chamber of Commerce. It was decided that the Treasurer for the Quad Meeting can take the money out for this. Also, a thank you note could be sent.

VI. New Business: National Meeting is July 21-25 in Chicago, Illinois. Tracy Vrba, Nicole Meier, Shana Jensen, Chelsea Dockins, and Alicia Eisenmenger expressed an interest in going. There is money in the budget for the President and President-Elect and 2 members. With it being in Chicago, it may be possible to pay for 5 people to go. There are also 5-6 students interested in going.

VII. Recognition: Scholarship winners Debbie Watts from Southeast Community College and Becky Schainost from Nebraska Methodist Hospital were recognized.

The meeting was adjourned.

NSCLS Secretary

Joyce Colombe