

NSCLS Annual Business Meeting
April 9, 2010

1. President Nicole Meier called the meeting to order. Secretary Joyce Colombe did roll call: Past-president, President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Board Member and Junior Board Member were all present.
2. Historian Shirley Noble reported that Shirley Noble, Joyce Colombe and Tracey Vrba went through old NSCLS records and cleaned out the files. The remaining items will be stored at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Library Archives.
3. Secretary's Report: Joyce Colombe reported that the minutes of the August 30, 2009 meeting were approved by email.
4. Treasurer's Report: Linsey Donner handed out a travel application form. This would be filled out and emailed to the President. Board members would vote on who is going. Linsey reported that NSCLS went over the budgeted amount for legislative days. The travel application is a way to keep track of who is going and it would help the Board make decisions regarding travel. Linsey handed out the NSCLS Budget Proposal for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. Linsey said that we need to decide on the goals for NSCLS. It is important to get and retain members. The budget needs to be finalized by July 1. Linsey also handed out an NSCLS Budget Analysis for 2003-2004 and 2008-2009 with the dollar amount and the percent of total. The majority of spending was for the National Meeting. The cost of travel and meeting expenses has gone up. More people are going to Legislative Days and the National Meeting. It may be necessary to look at a way to raise funds such as a silent auction (need to consider legalities of this) and small meetings across the State. State dues are similar to other states. Nebraska membership is about 170. High membership numbers are important and active members are important. The Iowa President Kim Von Ahsen reported the same concerns in Iowa with approximately the same number of members.
5. Legislative Symposium Report: Shana Jensen reported that Health Care issues were topics discussed with the Senators and Representatives from Nebraska. The modification of the fee schedule and money for education were discussed. They talked with Lee Terry and assistants for the other Representatives and Senators. They were well-received but the response was non-committal at this time. The Health Care Bill was a big topic. The assistant to Johanns office thought this was where they could help. Shana Jensen, Nicole Meier, Roxanne Alter, Ricki Otten, and Justin Welsh attended Legislative Days.
6. National Meeting: Nicole Meier reported that the National Meeting is in Anaheim California. Nicole Meier, Shana Jensen, and Chelsea Dockins are going. If students are going, they need to apply for the travel scholarship by April 16, 2010. Hotel rooms will be shared to keep expenses down. Students will be required to report on the meeting at the fall NSCLS meeting.

7. By-laws Report: Tracey Vrba asked that members please vote on the Updated bylaws and the name change from NSCLS to ASCLS-NE. Several members worked on the bylaws. The name change was approved at the last business meeting. The updated bylaws were sent to the National by-laws committee and approved. Absentee ballots were available for members. Two-thirds vote of the voting members present are required to accept the by-laws. Linsey Donner will take care of the charter with the law office, legalities and name change. The logo will need to change. It was suggested to keep the N and incorporate ASCLS-NE. This may be something that a graphic artist could work on.

8. Website: Martin Steinbeck reported that with the name change the website address would be asclsne.org. The old address could forward to the new address. The society could take over the monetary part of supporting the website. The current provider charges \$35 for 6 months. Martin suggested that the treasurer could set the fee to be automatically withdrawn. Martin will get information to do this. He will wait until the name change is official. Martin suggested that a process be developed for who has authority to put things on the website.

9. PACE: Nicole Meier explained PACE. Karen Keller put it together for the meeting. Nicole printed it. The e-organizer number needs to be entered. If problems, contact Nicole.

10. Nominations: Tracey Vrba reported on the nominations for 2010-2011 officers.
President-Elect: Open
Senior Board Member: Open
Junior Board Member: Chelsea Dockins
Treasurer: Linsey Donner

Next year's meeting is a joint meeting with Iowa. Chelsea has applied to the Leadership Academy. Karen Keller has agreed to be the Pace chair. Chelsea was asked to move to the Senior Board member position. Chelsea agreed to do this. Lucas Christensen said he could help Chelsea. Linsey made the motion to accept the changes to the nominations. Julie seconded. All were in favor. No opposition. Motion passed.

The floor was open for nominations. Andrea nominated Brad Hays for President-Elect. Julie Richards seconded the motion. Lucas made a motion to nominate Alicia Eisenmenger for Junior Board Member. Chelsea seconded the motion. The Treasurer term is a 2 year term. All were in favor for the changes to the nominations. No opposition. Motion passed.

11. New Business: Julie Richards reported that CLMA is interested in working with NSCLS again next year. Two years ago the meeting was with ASCLS-IA, NSCLS and CLMA. When the planning committee meets, it will be discussed if CLMA will be part of the meeting. Using Constant Contact and Pay Pal for the registration was a learning experience. CLMA will use it all year long.

Karen and Julie thanked Lucas Christensen for all of his hard work on the meeting. Shirley Noble was thanked for all of her work that included finding, contacting and scheduling the excellent speakers for the meeting. Nicole reminded everyone to watch emails about the by-laws, budget and board meeting. Survey monkey is available to complete a survey if you did not complete one at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Addendum to the meeting notes: At the conclusion of the NSCLS Spring Meeting, Tracey Vrba reported that during the three days of voting at the 2010 NSCLS Spring Meeting, 27 ballots were completed. There were 26 votes to change the society name to ASCLS-NE. There was 1 vote to keep the society name as NSCLS. There were 27 votes to accept all other proposed changes. The name change and all other proposed changes pass.

NSCLS Secretary,

Joyce Colombe