

Clinical Laboratory Scientists of Alaska  
Business Meeting  
April 24, 2004  
Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Sheri Kulhanek.

A review of attendees indicated that a quorum was present.

**Minutes from the 2003 Business Meeting**

- The minutes to the 2003 Business meeting were read.
  - Lana Assyd motioned to accept the minutes as read. Cathy Price seconded the motion.
  - A vote was taken. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's report: Lana Assyd**

- Lana reported the following financial balances:
  - Checking      \$23056.05
  - Savings        \$2885.82
  - Super MM      \$35662.30
  - Total Assets   \$61604.17
  
- This count does not reflect additional income or expenses for this conference.
  
- Monies will be transferred from the Super Money Market account to cover the additional expenses from the conference should there be a shortfall of income. Likewise, if enough money is not generated to cover standard operating costs, we will transfer funds for operating expenses.
- A new protocol for airfare has been instituted:
  - The National ASCLS meeting travel will be paid at the best fare available. This “best fare” will be established at the Fall Board of Director's meeting when the new President takes over. If a delegate does not confirm at those fares, they will be responsible for the difference in airfare.
  - We encourage members to seek the lowest prices.
- Reimbursement for expenses incurred by members that are not budgeted must be approved by the President prior to submitting to the treasurer. A signature on the request voucher or an e-mail sent to the treasurer from the President is required for the records.
  - Cathy Price motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Sheri Kajden seconded.
  - A vote was taken. All were in favor.

**Board Reports:**

**Arctic/Interior District: Kim Ruechel**

- An ad for the NMLW was distributed to the Arctic region for publication in the newspaper.
- The Fairbanks Memorial conducted tours of their new laboratory. This was very successful.

**Central District: Jim Whitecavage**

- No report.

**Southeast District:**

- No report.

**South Central District Director: Jody Johnson**

- A newspaper article in Homer was published for NMLW designated to South Peninsula Hospital's (SPH) direct access testing.
- There is a hiring freeze at SPH and they are running short staffed at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

**Professional/Public Affairs: Sheri Kulhanek**

- CLSA was invited to a CMN Banquet to join others that had contributed to CMN

**2004 conference Committee: Carolyn Johnson**

- At this time, we have 130 registrants, 24 exhibitors and 33 speakers.
- Some of the items that may be contributing to high cost of the conference are:
  - The Friday night banquet,
  - The location of the conference in downtown Anchorage does not give us enough rented room nights to help offset the cost of the facility and scheduled meals are not well attended.
- Carolyn would like to thank the following conference committee chairpersons:
  - Heidi Mannion                      Program Chair
  - Teresa Johnson                    Registration Chair
  - Sue Myers                            Moderator Chair
  - Sheri Kulhanek                    CMN Coordinator
  - Pam Jett                                P.A.C.E. Coordinator
  - Jim Whitecavage                  Audio/Visual Chair
  - Lana Assyd                            Exhibitor Chair
  - Karen Martin                        Web Publications
  - Carolyn Johnson                  Hospitality Chair
  - Ryan Carroll                         Student Liaison

**Awards**

- Sheri Kulhanek presented the following awards:

<b>Member of the Year</b>	Heidi Mannion
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<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	Heidi Mannion Lana Assyd
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<b>Key to the Future</b>	Mary Lashinski Karen Martin Teresa Johnson
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### **Omicron Sigma-Regional**

Carolyn Johnson  
Marcia Souser

### **Omicron Sigma-State**

Lana Assyd  
Sue Myers  
Heidi Mannion  
Mary Lashinski  
Teresa Johnson  
Ryan Carroll

- Special thanks go to Sheri Kulhanek for serving as CLSA President this year!

## **New Business**

### Western Region

- A motion was made in the Board of Director's meeting to develop a Western Region.
- Sheri called for discussion.
  - The rurality of these areas leads to special CE needs.
  - This designation by CLSA would give this area \$800.00/year for their CE needs.
  - A motion was made to develop a Western Region for CLSA, seconded by Jody Johnson.
  - A vote was taken. All were in favor.

### Nominations

- A call for nominations was made for available offices:
  - President Elect  
Gloria Kragness  
Kathleen Douglass
  - Treasurer  
Lana Assyd
  - Arctic/Interior  
Teresa Johnson
  - SouthEast
  - Western Region  
Deanna Everett
  - Nominations/Elections  
Cheryl Kajden  
Kim Ruechel
- Ballots were placed on the tables. Ballots were collected and counted by Carolyn Johnson.
- The following individuals were voted into office by the general membership present:
  - President Elect  
Gloria Kragness
  - Treasurer  
Lana Assyd
  - Arctic/Interior  
Teresa Johnson
  - Western Region  
Deanna Everett
  - Nominations/Elections  
Cheryl Kajden  
Kim Ruechel

- Licensure
  - There was discussion regarding the topic of licensure for Clinical Laboratory Scientists in the state of Alaska.
    - A motion was made by Cheryl Kajden and seconded by Carolyn Johnson:  
“I move that we pursue licensure at this time”
    - A vote was taken. All in favor.
  - A list was passed around to collect names of individuals that would be interested in the discussion regarding state licensure.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue Myers, CLS (NCA)  
CLSA Secretary