

CLSA Spring Board Meeting

April 25,2001

Alyeska Resort, Girdwood, Alaska

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by president Kim Domke at 12:10 P.M

Roll Call:

Members present were: Catherine Price, Sue Myers, Lana Assyd, Jean Krupa, Jonathan Sewell, Sharlane Donaldson, Carolyn Johnson, Karen Cairns, Mary Lashinski, Karen Bennett, Kim Domke, and Kathleen Douglass.

Announcements:

Please give new motions to the secretary during or after the meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes of the winter board meeting were read. Catherine Price made a motion to accept, Lana Assyd seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balances: Checking: \$4,941.35

Savings: \$7,470.78

SMM: \$33,522.06

Total: 45,934.19

Judith Clarke, CPA from Richards, Johnson & Granberry, certified public accountants, did the written audit of our accounts and filled the form 990 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax for the Clinical Laboratory Scientists of Alaska. She found the cash accounts reconciled and that the records were orderly and sufficient. A recommendation was made by the accountant that income be reflected in the fiscal year it is received, as opposed to when the net amount is transferred to the organization's general operating account.

A motion was made by Jean Krupa and seconded by Jonathan Sewell to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

A. President-Elect: Sue Myers

All of Sue's hard work and her committee's work will become evident as we convene for the 2001 conference "Reaching to New Heights". Preparing for this conference has been a challenge. Vendors are cutting back with their funding and speakers are getting harder to find. Sue cannot chair another conference and steps need to be taken by the board to decide what to do. At this year's conference we have 26 vendors and about 80 registrants.

B. Past-President: Jean Krupa

Jean has served as an advisor to our current president, Kim Domke, president-elect, Sue Myers, and the board of directors. Jean is a member of the Region IX council and attended Region IX meetings. She has served as one of the Key contact persons for the government Liaison and served on the nominations and elections committee. Jean has been active this year attending all the CLSA board meetings, acting as region ix secretary at the interim 2001 board meeting, chairing the Leadership Development Committee, and collecting donations for the CMN Silent Auction.

Jean congratulated Kim on her year as president and Sue and the conference committee for pulling together the 2001 conference.

District Director's reports:

Arctic/Interior - Mary Lashinski

Mary's goal is to continue to be active and promote the society as best she can. One educational talk was held during Lab week at FMH, the program was very well attended. Jean Krupa presented "Menopause: an Individualized Experience." this talk will be presented at the 2001 conference.

.Central Region - Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn stated that she has not had any success in getting anyone interested in doing anything. She has informed the MLT students at UAA of scholarship money available to attend the 2001 conference.

South Central Region - Jonathan Sewell

For National Laboratory Week the Lab hosted an all-staff pot -luck to help increase awareness of the laboratory. Seward donated a Dade/Dupont ACA Star, a Dade Plus, and a Dade ISE bench top electrolyte analyzer to the UAA Med The program.

South Eastern Region - Catherine Price

There has been no activity in Southeast during the reporting time period.

Government Liaison Report- Catherine Price

The ASCLS Legislative Symposium was held in Washington DC on March 19 & 20, 2001. There were five issues that were addressed: personnel shortage, genetic testing, Medicare reimbursement, waived test categorization, and scope of practice. Catherine chose the personnel shortage as her point to talk to the Alaska senators about, She had time to meet both senators Steven's and Merkowski and to talk to them about this issue, she did not get a chance to see representative Don Young.

Region IX Director report - Karen Bennett

ASCLS Annual meeting 2002 is in Orlando it will be a combined meeting with AACC, ASCP, ASCP-AMS, and IAMLT.

ASCLS, ASCP, & CLMA contracted to set up an editorial board to provide general information about laboratory tests on a joint web site sponsored by AACC.

The shortage of Clinical Laboratory Personnel has caused a shortage of members in ASCLS. The numbers have fallen to just below 10,000 members. This has affected most professional organization. Current members will have an opportunity to renew before the increase in dues (2%) occurs for next year. There will now be a due date on the renewal forms.

On the regional level the program for the 2001 Symposium at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn is almost set. There will only be four sessions in the morning and afternoon and exhibits will have the same long block of time on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday exhibits will be noon until 2:00 P.M.

Committee Reports:

Leadership Development, Region IX - Jean Krupa

The mission of the Leadership Development Committee is "Cultivating members to encourage those individuals who have indicated a talent and interest in serving in a leadership position" The "Key to the Future award is a very effective way to encourage newly active members to move into higher leadership roles, and prevent burnout of current leaders. By acknowledging and valuing the contributions of our keys to the Future nominees, we help encourage and reinforce their interest in becoming active in the society. Concerns of the society are how can we ensure mentoring, so that the top positions do not seem overwhelming or beyond someone's idea of what they can do? What strategy can you suggest to help get these individuals up to speed by the time they assume their role as leaders? Any ideas on how to meet these concerns should be addressed to Jean.

Membership - Karen Cairns

Karen's objective is to continue to increase membership and at the same time retain the members we have. Currently we have 116 active members and 16 lapsed. Send your ASCLS new member applications to Karen and she will forward them to the correct address, the address on the application is not the correct one.

Professional/ Public Relations and Student member - Sheri Kulhanek

The main focus was the Children's Miracle Network fund-raiser. Once again this year it was decided that the event would be a silent auction at the banquet during the state conference. Sheri is open to any new ideas for future fundraising events; she is also interested in ideas as to how we might better promote our organization and career to the public.

As student representative her goal was to get previous and new students in the UAA MLT program involved with CLSA. At the end of the year many of the students graduated, earlier in the year she went to the school and spoke to the students. A number of the second year students decided to get the MLT club going. The students seem very enthusiastic and interested in their new career as well

as ASCLS. There will be approximately 8 students attending the conference. Karen Martin will be the new Student member representative to CLSA, she is a second year student and has the time and interest to fill the position and continue to be a connection for the student members. Sheri thanked CLSA for the wonderful opportunity to serve as the student representative.

UAA-MLT Representative - Heidi Mannion

The objectives of the UAA-MLT program director is to train high-quality, competent laboratory personnel who meet the needs of the Alaska medical community and to provide continuing education for medical laboratory personnel. This semester the MLT club was active raising funds to help send students to the convention. The students had a table at the early freshman admit and gave out brochures on the program, note pads and bookmarks for National Laboratory week. The distance-learning program has six students in Bethel and Aniak enrolled in Urinalysis for Clinical Assistants. UAA will be offering Phlebotomy Procedure both on campus and as a web-based course this summer. The curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology has been written and is going through the curriculum committees and revision process. Capstone seminars will be held in the fall, if you would like to give a seminar or know someone that is interested in giving a seminar, contact Heidi.

Education Coordinator/ Web Master - Kim Domke for Joe Walden

Joe continues to update the webpage as material is sent to him. Please spread the word about our domain www.clsaonline.org.

Turn-Around-Times - Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn has generated two issues of the TAT. A big thanks was given to Sharlane Donaldson for her support and editing of the newsletter. A big thank you was given to Carolyn for a job well done. Keep up the good work. In order to get people to read the TAT it was moved that the editor create a contest for the next issue with a T-shirt as the prize. This contest can be the editor's choice. Motion was carried.

Industrial Liaison - Sharlane Donaldson

Our Annual meeting with the Exhibits is the best opportunity for techs that are outside the cities to see what is new. Lois McKinnell has worked hard to get a good group of exhibitors to the convention again and I'm excited about what they have to show us. The vendors pay a good fee to be part of the show so I hope that our membership will take advantage of their presence. We have a few new vendors this year so make your self-known and talk to them. As the exhibitor liaison, I continue to wonder what I am supposed to be doing for this association, and am always anxious to hear from other board members as well as the general membership about what their needs are.

Awards/Historian/National Medical Laboratory Week - Alicia Morgan

All the plaques and certificates are ready for the Annual Conference. Historical Items are being collected and stored, a video about Laboratories and Laboratorians: 1956-1970 will be at the conference. Promotional information for National Medical Laboratory Week was sent to our current membership and a proclamation was received from the governor

Nominations and Elections - Jean Krupa and Rose Tanaka

To encourage members to become active members of CLSA and recruit members for offices and committees, to fill all 2001 positions and to hold elections at the 2001 annual conference, these are the goals and objectives of this committee. As of now all positions are filled except President-Elect. Since the office of President Elect requires that the person elected do the next convention, this seems to be a barrier for members to step forward for this office. Should this be part of the President - Elects job? This issue will be discussed under new business.

P.A.C.E - Pam Jett

P.A.C.E numbers have been assigned to all workshops submitted. Since I will not be able to attend the conference all certificates and stamps have been sent to Sue Myers.

By-Laws - Shellie Smith

CLSA by-laws were submitted to ASCLS in December for their review and/or approval. Recommendations from ASCLS for changes to the by-laws were received on 1/21/2001. These recommended changes were then submitted to the CLSA board members for review. On 3/30/2001, I received approval from the board to make the recommended changes. The amended by-laws will be voted on by the membership at the general meeting on April 28, 2001.

POL Liaison - Ann Doty

The objectives of the POL Liaison are to provide a forum for discussion of topics to be submitted by members; to serve as contact for questions regarding continuing education, new products, policies and procedures, job settings and regulations, and to build a reference list of websites or contacts based on the input of the members. A POL survey was published in the T-A-T and also sent out by e-mail the response was poor but of those who responded the areas of interest were: continuing education, regulations, policies and procedures, new products, and Job settings.

Of most importance is developing an interest in the POL techs and stressing their importance to our organization.

Unfinished Business:

CLSA By-Laws

The revised by-laws will be presented to the membership for a vote at the general meeting.

ASCLS membership renewal and recruitment:

A membership application has been placed in the new members packet. Conference special membership, any one joining ASCLS at the conference will receive a discount on their membership dues.

CLSA Board vacancies and nominations;

We need a President-Elect. The President - Elect should not have to put on the annual conference, a separate conference committee should do this. The President -Elect position should be the time to mentor the candidate to the job of president to help the current president in her duties and learn about the organization and her role.

At this time we have no nominees for the president-elect position, we will open the nominations to the general membership at the general meeting.

Other Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Conference Events:

What kind of conference do we want? The by-laws say that we need to have a continuing education event. Do we want to have vendors at our conference each year or have them every other year? We will ask the vendors this year for in-put for next year. There will be a short meeting at 8PM after the exhibitor's reception to discuss conference events and how to take the pressure off the president-elect. Enjoy the conference, next year it may be completely different. There will be a telephone conference May 24,2001 to discuss post conference issues and future conferences, Sue will contact her committee with more details. Thank you Sue for all your hard work to make this conference a reality.

ASCLS National Conference:

The national conference will be July 29 - August 2, 2001 in Chicago. The President, President-elect, Student member, and two other members will go as delegates. If you wish to be a delegate see Kim after the meeting. We will budget for five people to go as delegates.

Other New Business

Scott E. Aikey, MS, CLDir (NCA) is a candidate for ASCLS Secretary/Treasurer

He served as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Laboratory Science for four years, and as Region II council treasurer. He has served on various local, state and national committees during the past 15 years of membership in ASCLS

President's report: Kim Domke

Kim has been busy this year. She has submitted nominations to ASCLS for all awards, Member of the Year, Key to the Future, and Omicron Sigma. She has submitted all reports to national for the leadership mailings and passed on committee information from the leadership to the committee chairs. She has been a bid help with the conference preparations when needed and helped recruit nominees. She will be attending the ASCLS conference in July in Chicago.

Kim started using the e-mail system for distributing board reports, with a little fine-tuning this could be a good system to use in the future.

Kim states that while the society as a whole is suffering for lack of membership she feels that CLSA is still strong in Alaska. The people on the board and committees are devoted to the society and are still willing to put the effort into keeping the high level of performance set by officers of previous years.

Kim thanked all her board and committee members for a job well done, and for allowing her to be the president of this fine organization. Kim believes that Sue will make a great president by bringing her strong skills in leadership to our society over the next two years. Kim is looking forward to serving as the past-president for CLSA.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M

Respectively submitted:

Kathleen M. Douglass, secretary