

CLSA FALL BOARD MEETING

September 22,2001

Marriott Courtyard, Anchorage, Alaska

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Myers at 9:11 AM

Roll Call:

Roll call found 14 members present (see attached roll)

Announcements:

Give all motions in written form to the secretary after the meeting.

Treasurer's report

Current balances: Checking: \$10,529.51

Savings: \$7,526.72

Money Market: \$33,901.56

Total: \$ 51,957.79

The register balance is still 36 cents less than what the bank shows. Lana will deposit the difference.

Recommend to change the fiscal year to October 1 to September 30. This would allow all expenses from Presidents term to be paid within their fiscal year ending with the National meeting expenses. The new presidents budget would start with the fall board meeting.

Cathy Price moved to change the fiscal year as recommended by the treasurer to October 1 to September 30. Carolyn Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The internal audit was done on September 21, the books were found to be in order.

Proposed budget 2002 was presented by the treasure and will be reviewed under new business.

Jean Krupa moved that the treasure's report be approved, seconded by Cathy Price, motion carried.

Minutes of Spring meeting

Carolyn Johnson moved that the minutes of the spring meeting be approved as written. Johnathan Sewall seconded, minutes approved as written.

Convention report

The CLSA annual conference and exhibit show was held at Alyeska Prince Hotel in Girdwood, Alaska on April 26, 27, and 28, 2001. There were 25 exhibitors participating and 21 speakers. Our registered attendees totaled 90, with 55 CLSA members and 35 non-members. During the conference we had 4 new members join CLSA and 3 members renewing their membership. The silent auction for Children's Miracle Network raised \$1,350.00. Income from the conference came to \$14,426.

Board reports:

President-Elect: Carolyn Johnson

No Report

Past- President: Kim Domke report given by Sue Myer

Kim attended the ASCLS National Convention in Chicago and represented CLSA on the ASCLS President's council. She coordinated the activities of the schedule of meetings for the Alaska delegates at the ASCLS annual meeting. On September 19, 2001 Kim delivered the President properties to the new president Sue Myers. Kim wrote letters to all her board and committee members thanking them for their volunteer efforts. Kim would like to acknowledge the work that Heidi Mannion has done in growing the MLT/MT program at UAA and to thank Pam Jett for taking the thankless job of P.A.C.E coordinator.

District directors:

Arctic Interior: Kim Ruechel

Continued with CME Programs/Teleconferences; organized CE activities utilizing local speakers and resources. Encourages the CLSA members to become involved in community activities. Kim would like to thank Mary Lashinski for doing a great job as past Arctic/Interior Board Member. Kim reported that the members in Fairbanks would like to have the annual conference in Fairbanks. This issue was discussed and the consensus was that the vendors like Alyeska that we signed a contract with the hotel to have the conference there next year. Each time we move the conference we have to "re-invent the wheel". It was suggested that we could do video streaming over our web site of the programs, or we could video tape them and have them available to those who could not attend.

Central:

No director at this time

South Central: Johnathan Sewall

Not much going on in Seward at this time

South Eastern: Cathy Price

Not much going on.

Region IX Director: Karen Bennett

There has been almost nothing from the National Office. The first Leadership Mailing on disk arrived but Karen had not had time to open it.

Due to the lack of volunteers the 2002 NW Medical Laboratory Symposium will be held in the same place as this year. The Portland Airport Holiday Inn, October 16 -19 2002,

Committee reports:

Membership: Karen Cairns

Karen would like to resign as the Membership chair. She has done a good job and it is one of the most important committees that we have.

Professional and Public Relations: Sheri Kulhanek

The main focus of the committee has been the Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser. Once again this year at the CLSA annual conference we held a silent auction. It was the third year and every one still enjoyed the event. We raised \$1,300 and presented the check on-air at the CMN Telethon. Many thanks go to the students who helped with the auction. It could not have been done without their help. Many members said that they would like to know about the action ahead of time so that they could arrange to bring some of their own handmade items to contribute. Sheri would be happy to put an article in the TAT about the auction if we decide that we will do this as our fundraising event.

Student Member: Sheri Kulhanek

No formal report just a big thank you to all the students for their help with the silent auction. Our new student member representative is Karen Martin.

UAA-MLT: Heidi Mannion

nearly ½ of all the Medical Technology schools have closed and the mean age in the profession is 46 years, UAA is trying to close the gap by offering students a MLT/MT program to meet the needs of Alaska. Enrollment in the MEDT courses is up 85% from last year. UAA is offering the Phlebotomy Program and Clinical Assistant Program by distance learning and proposes to do the same for the MLT program. The Curriculum for a BS in Medical Technology is being presented to the curriculum committee in March. Capstone Seminars are scheduled for the Fall Semester. The MLT club is active again this year.

Education:

Carolyn Johnson reported that when she was at National one of the delegates told her that she really enjoyed our web page and it was one of the best looking ones that they had seen. Our thanks goes out to Joey Walden for his continued work on keeping our web site up and going.

TAT: Carolyn Johnson

Not much to report she is still working on this issue and will put a call for nominations to fill the vacant positions in the Fall issue. We are in need of short articles and bios of members.

Industrial liaison:

The events of the September 11, 2001 destruction of the World Trade Towers in New York by terrorists, has put a strain on the shipping supplies and reagents. We are not sure when things will get back to normal.

Awards: Alicia Morgan

Awards were given at the Spring Meeting. Alicia has historical items in storage in her basement. Alicia will make an index of the things that we have in storage. Alicia suggested that an announcement go in the TAT asking who needs supplies for National Laboratory Week.

Nominations and elections: Kim Domke

We need to get a full slate of Officers and committee members for the election year 2002-2003. A call for nominees will be published in the Fall TAT along with job descriptions. Nominee biosketch will be published in the January 2002 TAT.

Results from the spring elections are:

Past president :Kim Domke, President :Sue Myers,

President - Elect : Carolyn Johnson

Secretary :Kathleen Douglass; Treasurer: Lana Assyd

Artic/Interior Region Director: Kim Ruechell

South Central Region Director: Jonathan Sewall

South East Region Director : Catherine Price

Nominations and Elections members at large: Mary Lashinski and Colleen Marinucci

Positions to be filled for 2002-2003:

President - Elect, Treasurer, district directors and nominations Committee

PACE: Pam Jett

Pam has accepted a position on the National PACE Committee. Pam has mailed in the material from the 2001 convention for CLSA and is currently working on the Capstone Seminars for UAA.

By-Laws: Shellie Smith

Updated the by-laws for CLSA to reflect the recommendations made by ASCLS: and updated the standard operating procedures for CLSA as identified by the board of directors for CLSA and the by-laws committee for ASCLS. Shellie would like to thank CLSA for the Keys to the future award.

Government Liaison: Catherine Price

Much activity has been spent on informing Congress of the personnel shortages in the clinical laboratory. The GAC agreed at its August meeting that a second high priority for this year is to support federal funding for strategies to address laboratory and allied health personnel shortages. The high priority has been around the Dunn-Hatch bill which addresses the Medicare reimbursement for Laboratory services.

Conference 2002: Jean Krupa

We signed a letter of agreement with Alyeska Prince Hotel for April 16, 2002 - April 21, 2002. Room rates will be \$99.00/ night. Class rooms and break out rooms will remain the same as in 2001. Glacier Express cost \$500 plus the cost of whatever menu we pick. A deposit of \$1000 has been paid. A conference -planning meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Unfinished Business:

By-Laws change:

Copies of the "By-Laws of the Clinical Laboratory Scientists of Alaska" and the " Standard Operating Procedures" were given to each member present to review.

New Business:

Texas Resolution:

Some find of consistency for professional credentials need to be used with scientific journals. Either all the author's credentials are published or no credentials. All credentials used by the author's of scientific papers that are given by the author should be used not just the highest academic credential. Sue will write a proposal and present it to the membership at the spring meeting to go to national.

Montana Resolution:

The Montana board of nursing received permission to do moderately complex testing. The Montana Laboratory Association is still in litigation to get the ruling overturned. Sue will try to get a copy of the final rule.

Proposed Budget 2002:

Secretary change from \$200 to \$75

Treasurer- internal audit \$250

Delegate expense- ASCLS \$5000 to \$7000

Board meeting expense from \$2000 to \$1000

legislative day from \$2000 to \$3000

proposed budget changes will be sent to Lana for her review and she will send the revised proposed budget to be voted on at the next business meeting.

Presidents Report: Sue Myers

Sue intends to help Jean Krupa and the entire conference committee with this years conference as much as she can. Sue plans to make a "how to" manual for the conference committee from the materials that she compiled over the last three years of putting on the annual conference. Sue wants to bring as much information from national to the members of Alaska and act on as many of the national requests for action as she can. She will also help to find people to fill vacancies that we have in our organization. Sue would like to thank everyone who continues to contribute their time to the continuation of a valuable resource such as CLSA.

Adjournment

Jonathan Sewall moved to adjourn the meeting, Sharlene Donaldson seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.