

**Missouri Organization for Clinical Laboratory Science
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2002
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City**

Attendees: Lucia Johnson, John Koenig, Renee Setina, April Mattlage, Nancy Reddig, Carol Truby-Bisges, Candi Barker, Carol Crow, Claudette Millstead, Danyel Anderson, Sharon Smith, Melissa Stith and Shelly Zafe

Call to order – President: Sharon Smith called the meeting to order at 10:25 am.

Reflection: Sharon Smith encouraged everyone to “Live well, Laugh often, Love much”

Secretary’s Report- Shelly Zafe: The minutes of the September 14-15 meeting in Shoal Kirk were passed around and approved as written and e-mailed.

Treasurer’s Report- Nancy Reddig: Nancy Reddig had a written report as follows:

Checking balance (9/15/02):		\$19,959.31
Credits:	None	
Debits:		
Sept. Board Meeting:	\$263.10	
2002 National Delegates	\$250.00	
2002 National Meeting	\$1736.98	
TOTAL		\$2,250.08
	Current checking balance	\$17,709.23

The Morgan-Stanley Fund as of 6/30/02 is \$5,884.81

Note: Available for student for National meeting budget: \$344.96
No money has been transferred to CDs.

Nancy will send \$45.00 to the Children’s Miracle Network.

Executive Secretary’s Report- Nancy Reddig: no report

President Elect’s Report- Cathy Williams: no report

Past President’s Report- Carol Crow: no written report, but need nominations for the following positions:

**President Elect
First Year Board**

Treasurer
Third Year Board

Ballots will be sent in the mail.

President's Report- Sharon Smith: see written report

- Iowa has spent most of their time with Career Recruitment. CLMA purchased 1000 Brochures and had all the CLS, CLT programs listed on the back. They were then able to give out these brochures during recruitment opportunities-High School Career days, workshops and open houses, Lab Camp. They also attended the Iowa Science Teachers Conference. They presented a wet workshop with procedures they could take back to their science classes. It was presented on a graduate school level. This conference helped with the teachers continuing education requirements with potential for credit towards their graduate education.
- Kansas holds a Symposium 2 times a year. It is for all health professionals—RNs, CLS, etc. Last year the big topics were Moderate complexity testing, and waived testing. The day before the meeting, Kansas held a bioterrorism simulation. A big question arose, in the event of any bioterrorism who would pay for the technical staff called upon to respond to the event? Sue Riley said her counterpart in Missouri was Beverly Paine.
- ASCLS is changing Webmaster; he is so busy with his new job that he cannot keep up. Iowa already had their own different Webmaster. So we may need to find one or use ASCLS.
- Nebraska has developed PAL Promotion and Leadership. UN is drawing in old graduates for this program to make calls, recruit etc.
- Illinois big emphasis is raising money for licensure (trivia night, auctions etc). Their next step is to hire a Lobbyist; big bucks and get the information out to educate all the laboratory personnel in the state. They have also printed post cards with a reminder about paying dues. They have printed a trifold brochure “What is Licensure”, facts and questions.
- Illinois is trying a new format for spring meetings. Chairs of the various meeting committees will be rotated among their 4 branches, but the site will be set in Peoria. They have gotten a good deal on hotel by booking for 4 years.
- Since Diane Cearlock cannot go to Leg Day in DC we voted to send the region VI student forum member.
- The region VI nominations committee chair Joan Radtke from Ill was looking for various people for positions for region VI for Membership and Leadership Development. Everyone was contributing names for vacancies in national committees. Carol Crow, Candi Barker, and Tom Reddig names were listed as potential members to fill a vacancy on ASCLS committees.
- Maribeth Flaws-Leadership Development Chair (LDC) started a list of short-term volunteer opportunities that state leaders can use to get members actively involved in their Society. Look over and add more.
- Barbara Brown from Appointments Committee has submitted a list of vacancies, non-elected. Please look at list and see if there is any committee you would like to join.
- From the ASCLS board of directors mtg on Oct 29th here are a few of the highlights. ASCLS is changing its Webmaster due to the resignation of the current Webmaster.

Three major projects include 1.) Rearranging the database to ready it for on-line member access to member information and membership cards. 2.) Finish making the consumer response team anonymous to the web user, and 3.) develop an ASCLS on-line store.

- At CLMA's request, ASCLS attended a meeting with CLMA to discuss the formation of a federation of lab associations to discuss issues such as the personnel shortage, regulatory issues and reimbursement issues. More to come!!
- Student forum moved that ASCLS send a broadcast email to student members advertising the information available to them on the ASCLS website with the money coming from the Student Forum Fund.
- There will not be an ASCLS poster contest at the next national meeting. We should encourage individuals to submit posters through the abstract review process.
- ON the membership application / renewal form there is an option to donate to the Donation Fund "ASCLS Special Projects". Diane said it is just that and extra fund if a particular special project arises.
- It was brought up as a suggestion that the SA of each state be the group that masterminds the effort to write to Congress. It appears our lobbying efforts have been at least partially successful.
- Order Lab Week Stuff from ASCLS. One state sends every state member a Lab Week pin!?!?

Our challenge is to contact all lapsed members and make a thank you contact to members that did renew.

What can each board member do to help with the state meeting?

First Year Board Member – Marinda Cooper: no report

District Reps:

- A. **Cape Girardeau/Poplar Bluff- Ann Green:** no report
- B. **Columbia, Jefferson City –Carol Truby Bisges:** see report under Spring Meeting
- C. **Hannibal/Kirksville- Heather Tritsch:** no report
- D. **Kansas City- Sandy Claussen:** no report
- E. **Springfield/Joplin – OPEN**
- F. **St. Louis – OPEN**

Second Year Board Member- Candi Barker: will contact Scientific Assembly Chairs to encourage letter writing campaign to Congress. Most effective form of communication to Congress --- **FAX !**

- A. **Biochemistry/Urinalysis/Ligand- Zola Golden:** no report
- B. **Education – Mary Lou Vehige:** no report
- C. **Hematology/Coagulation- OPEN**
- D. **Immunology/Immunohematology-Carol Crow:** no report
- E. **Laboratory Administration- Barbara Parkhill:** no report
- F. **Microbiology- Marinda Cooper:** no report
- G. **Phlebotomy- Claudette Millstead:** reported VP of St. John's Hospital in Springfield will be the new ASCP President/Director

- There is an article in Advance for Laboratory Administration about TAT
- Claudette is searching for a good article to submit to The So Show Me

H. Industry- OPEN

Third Year Board Member- Tim Randolph has resigned his position!

A. Publications- Lucia Johnson: submitted a report of Deadlines for article submission for The So Show Me; **NEEDS ARTICLES!!!**

B. Spring Meeting- Carol Truby-Bisges: submitted the following report:

- CLMA does most of the work in Jeff City
- NEEDS a PROGRAM PERSON
- Mini Legislative Day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 – push Licensure
- POL Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday evening after Mini-Legislative Day
- There are 9 programs and 25 sessions scheduled
- Lucia, Teri Jo, Mary Lou, Tim and Beth are among the speakers already scheduled
- Jay Dix from the State Crime Lab is also a scheduled speaker

C. Student Affairs- Melissa Stith: plans to talk to high school students about CLS as a profession; Will work on plans for raffle at Spring Meeting

D. Student Rep- April Mattlage: This is April’s first meeting and she will be working with Melissa to promote CLS amongst students in Joplin

E. Bylaws- John Koenig: no report

F. Government Affairs- OPEN

G. Membership- Danyel Anderson: submitted a written report:

- ASCLS membership steadily losing 500-900 members per year
 May 1998 – 13,172
 May 1999 – 12,359
 May 2000 – 11,295
 May 2001 – 10,474
 May 2002 – 9,968
- Region VI Membership Statistics as of 10/29/02:

Renewed Members							
	TOTAL	COL	EM2	FYP	PF1	PF2	STU
IL	244	3	4	21	110	92	14
IA	96	2	2	0	32	56	4
KS	114	3	4	2	42	63	0
MO	108	1	1	12	43	42	9
NE	91	1	3	6	49	31	1
National	6327	144	138	212	2881	2807	145
New Members							
IL	41	0		2	4	3	32
IA	37	2		0	3	2	30
KS	36	1		0	6	3	26
MO	55	0		0	3	4	48

NE	18	0		0	4	1	13
National	1172	102		26	177	158	709
Expired Members							
IL	152	0	0	13	37	42	61
IA	22	0	0	1	7	9	5
KS	39	1	0	0	17	17	4
MO	72	1	0	7	13	26	25
NE	45	0	0	2	12	11	20
National	3003	89	19	169	966	1073	687

- Missouri Statistics: we have the highest number of new members; 48 of the 55 are students;
- Missouri has one of the highest numbers of lapsed members (with the largest category being students and PF2)
- We need to find a way to keep current members involved!
- Lapsed Member Lists: District Reps to follow up, but how??

H. Missouri Scholarship – Tom Reddig: no report

I. Leadership Development – John Koenig: no report

J. PACE – Lucia Johnson: no report

K. Professional Affairs- Renee Setina:

- will arrange a book fair for Spring Meeting as CMN fundraiser.
- will have NMLW 2003 info @ next meeting.
- will plan to have Governor & Mayors sign NMLW proclamations.

New Business

Laptop issue- John moved that MoCLS purchase a laptop, no more than \$1000. with 3 different makes/types. The Board will make the final decision on which laptop to purchase.

- Shelly seconded the motion
- Motion Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Zafe