

**ASCLS Region II Council Minutes
Brewer's Alley Restaurant
Frederick, MD**

March 23, 2002

Present:

Bernie Bekken, Region II director	Becky Perdue, VA
Elaine Pappamihiel, MDC	Barbara Mervin, MD
Ann Snyder, MD	Christina Campbell, DE
Mary Ann McLane, PA	Mary Gourley, PA
Vickie Cunningham, WV	Mary Ellen Koenn, WV
Elaine Keohane, NJ	Stephen Mercado, NJ
Darla Boyce, DE	

Proxies: Elaine Pappamihiel for VA president elect, Mary Ann McLane for Loretta Nemchik, Mary Gourley for Katie Franz

I Introductions

II Minutes from October 2001 Region II Council Meeting

Minutes were accepted as written. Attendance correction: add Elaine Pappamihiel and Stephen Mercado.

III Treasurer's Report

B.Perdue reported for Donna Odom. Report available upon request. The second assessment will be in June. A reminder will go out at that time.

IV State Reports

Capitol Area: Society is inactive due to lack of leadership. B.Bekken is speaking to ASCLS about transferring existing members to Maryland and Virginia societies, or state society of members choice. This should not present a problem since only four current members both live and work in the District of Columbia. B.Bekken suggested collaboration with Maryland and Virginia.

Delaware: In addition to presented report, DSCLS collaborated with the Public Health Department and various other laboratory organizations in the state to host a forum during National Medical Laboratory Week. Representatives from every hospital and industry in Delaware were invited to a luncheon to discuss current issues and then meet with the Governor for the proclamation signing. It was a very successful first venture.

Maryland: A.Snyder reported that the Maryland society has been offering more continuing education. In addition, they are setting up a kiosk at the White Marsh Mall during NMLW.

New Jersey: Report available upon request

Pennsylvania: PSCLS is hosting its annual spring meeting in April.

Virginia: Report available upon request.

West Virginia: No report available. West Virginia held a joint fall seminar. They are getting donations for the Children's Miracle Network and sponsoring an academic bowl in April.

V Membership Development

Report is based on the email sent 3/10/2002. Current membership is 9,090 with approximately 2,600 members still not renewed. It was decided to forgo the coupons. The ideas of the eighteen-month membership and an industry membership category were vetoed at the ASCLS board level. Members were asked to send in testimonials to be published in marketing brochures and *ASCLS Today*. Also, members were asked to encourage auto-renewal.

VI Nominations

There is a full slate of candidates for elections at the annual meeting.

VII Region II PAC report

Members present were asked to do their part in fundraising. Societies were encouraged to set up booths at their spring meetings.

VIII Leadership Development Committee

No report available.

IX Region Director's Report

- **CLEC** 174 people attended CLEC. Feedback was extremely positive. CLEC will be held in New Orleans in 2003 and Wisconsin in 2004.
- **70th Annual Meeting** July 30th through August 3rd in Orlando, Florida. Preliminary programs will be sent in April. We are collaborating with IAMLT in hosting its World Congress. AACC is pushing many expenses on our organization.
- **Career Publication Software** Inexpensive software in CD version developed to promote laboratory careers. Available on the ASCLS web page.
- **Leadership mailing** The web version is not available to all members due to potential sensitive information. Access on website is controlled through membership number.
- **Website** NCA preparation is available on website. Also, re-certification through NCA will only be available until August 30, 2002. Career center is on NCA website. International members can become credentialed through NCA. ASCLS has provided a link to the NCA website.
- **ASCLS policies/procedures** Update is completed.

- **Diabetes educators** Cheryl Caskey is working to have clinical laboratory scientists recognized as possible diabetes educators because we meet all necessary requirements. Please send in your letters of support and information to Cheryl Caskey as soon as possible.
- **Marketing** David Fowler, ASCLS president, forwarded the idea of submitting newspaper articles to gain recognition for the profession.
- **Finances** The key issue is that membership directly affects the budget. S.Aikey, treasurer, has been doing a tremendous job so far. However, with continued decreasing membership, there is the possibility of cutting some services. It is important to note that ASCLS acquires most of its money from membership whereas states acquire most of its money through meetings. There is a discussion about reformatting the business side of ASLCS. A more concrete plan will be in place by September.
- **Medhunters** This is a quarterly magazine for allied health professionals. They need stories of extraordinary people. Please send these to Elissa Passiment.
- **Texas resolution** This will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. ASCLS's official word is that credentials are listed according to author, but only one academic credential is listed. The motion now stands as *CLS* journal will only place the name at the top of the article. The degree and credentials will be cited at the bottom in the biographical information. Other professional journals list only one academic and one credential. ASCLS would encourage the use of CLS(NCA).

X Old Business

None

XI New Business

- **Legislative Day** 85 people attended Legislative Day, including four University of Delaware students. The personnel shortage was addressed in respect to bioterrorism. The House bill has been passed to Senate. See attachment.
- **Haitian Medical Missions** Tim Randolph of Illinois is coordinating laboratory supplies to be delivered to Haitian Medical facilities.
- **State society name change** Minnesota Society for Clinical Laboratory Science has passed the proposal to change its name to American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Minnesota.

XII Announcements/Reminders

- States need to send in yearly report to the ASCLS on official letterhead via U.S mail. Email is not acceptable unless on letterhead.
- The June 15, 2002, meeting may not be necessary. B.Bekken will update members.

XIII Adjournment

B.Bekken moved to adjourn at 13:30. Second by C.Campbell.