LSCLS Spring 2020 Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 30th 6:00-7:00pm CST

1. Call to order by James Gardner at 6:03pm

2. Minutes – Fall 2019, Submitted by Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia
   Motion to accept by Norma Bivona, seconded by Luke Caruso
   Approved

3. Treasurer’s Report – Joette Taylor
   Financial statement – Everything is looking great. 2019 meeting went very well financially. Interest rates are up this year and everyone was in-budget.

4. President’s Report – James Gardner
   Report submitted

   Nothing to report

6. Past President’s Report – Karen Williams
   Report submitted

7. Region VII Report – Claude Rector
   Did not have Leg Day and that has not been fully resolved with the Hilton. Those who were planning to attend can contact Jim Flannigan at ASCLS for a refund.

National meeting: 2020 ASCLS Meeting will be virtual. Register online as usual. Registration cost is less than $300 for 60 hours of CE. ASCLS may take a loss on the meeting because registration is so low, but this is justified to allow those who may have been financially impacted by COVID-19 to participate and earn CE. Louisville will still be the meeting location for the 2021 meeting to avoid significant penalties that would have been incurred if the 2020 Louisville meeting were completely cancelled and not just postponed. Previously, Addison, TX (Dallas area) was to be the 2021 meeting location but that location will now be bumped. ASCLS will pay 10% penalty to cancel Addison, but penalty would have been 80% if Louisville were canceled. 2020 meeting presenters can present live or pre-record. Attendees are allowed to attend during the week or tune in later, at their own convenience. Meeting app will be in-use in real time and there will be a live host each day. Each day will have a theme and host will dress up accordingly. AGT will still partner with ASCLS for the meeting. Will have virtual poster presentations. House of Delegates, Region VII Caucus meeting, BOD meeting will all still occur, but virtually. States are encouraged to name their delegates for the meeting. Voting for new officers and candidates will take place virtually.

Membership dues: Pay/renew ASCLS membership by 5/4 if possible so money can be saved on mail-out materials.
Continuing education (CLPC) seminars were held in the fall and were scheduled for spring but have been postponed for now. Recruitment efforts by LSUHSC MLS students were planned but got cancelled due to COVID-19.


10. Area III Report – Sheryl Herring  No report


12. Area V Report – Vacant

13. Area VI Report – Deborah Fox  No report


Karen (on behalf of Jessica Lasiter): Student paper awards will hopefully go out next week. Discussion about having this year’s awards presented at next year’s meeting, in addition to next year’s awards. Will let 2020 award winners know so they can plan to attend next year if they won this year. James will get winners posted online and on ASCLS community message board.

Jennifer – Only received 2 responses by mail. Discussion to consider some form of online or email voting. Bylaws need to be changed in order for this to happen but exceptions may possibly be made this year due to extenuating circumstances of COVID-19 that prevent us from voting in person. Cheryl – check with Cindy Johnson at the national level to make sure this is okay before proceeding. James will contact nationals about online voting options, possibly survey monkey.

Discussion about asking people in current leadership positions to continue their duties for 2020-2021. Sonya Hidalgo self-nominated for Area IV rep. Cheyenne will be willing to serve another term as ascending professional chair. Jennifer will continue in her role as Nominations Committee Chair and will contact Lacy Falke and Elizabeth Duck to see if they will stay on Nominations Committee.

Discussion about Delegates – reimbursement usually is $500 for meeting but should only cover registration reimbursement this year since the meeting is online. Delegates should only get reimbursed if they perform all usual delegate duties required. Delegates: James, Luke, Cheyenne, Mikayla, Jennifer, Karen, Norma; Alt: Karrie James will verify delegate numbers to be sure we have the right number.

17. Student Bowl – Rosalie Hendrix  No report

18. Career Recruitment – Mary Mitchell  No report
19. Education and Scholarships – Shannon Weems Nothing to report
Karen on behalf of Shannon: Shannon did not have a chance to send out a mass request for applications, but she did post information about applications online. Have only one application for Anna Harnan Scholarship so far. We will extend deadlines for scholarships for student and CE applications to May 16th. Karen will let Shannon know.

20. Web Master/Social Media – Karrie Hovis/Jessica Peel Nothing to report
Jessica is loving managing the Facebook page and has had a great response so far.

Kristin: There has not been a newsletter so far this year. Kristin asked for ideas or suggestions to improve the newsletter, like possibly adding the newsletter to the Facebook page. Cheryl: Some people don’t check Facebook, so it may be best to keep them separate; contact Jessica Lasiter to see if there were any previous issues that she remembers when she was the editor. Jessica Peel happy to help with whatever Newsletter Committee needs.

22. Membership Development – Bonnie Jo Taylor Report submitted

23. Finance – Patsy Jarreau No report
Joette: Change made back in Fall to increase student paper awards to $1500. Patsy and Joette don’t recommend any new changes.

Nothing to add.

Luke will look at PAC pins for possible mail-out or may give them out at next in-person meeting.


27. Bylaws – Karen Williams Report submitted
Karen has worked on the bylaws and gotten them 50-75% done and in new format which resembles national format. Will keep working.

Norma and officers had several online and telephone conferences in preparation for the meeting. Student elections: Cheyenne will continue to be Ascending Prof chair. Student elections are difficult because they are typically done face-to-face, so Student Forum officers will also continue in their positions.

29. Developing Professional Chair – Mikayla Thompson No report
Mikayla: Were able to do things differently to encourage student participation. Reached out to most if not all PDs throughout the state to nominate a student representative for each program. Came up with new fundraiser ideas and other ideas to get students motivated.
30. Ascending Professional Chair – Cheyenne Reyes Report submitted
   Will serve another term as chair.
31. Leadership Development— Lynda Britton No report
32. Old Business
   2021 LSCLS/ASCLS-MS Bi-state Meeting—James Gardner/Karrie Hovis
   Texas rescheduled Spring meeting for October due to COVID-19, which means they will
   no longer participate in our 2021 meeting in New Orleans. We will still invite TACLs to
   attend the meeting. Meeting dates will stay the same and will still be held at the
   Marriott. Will not incur any penalties for Texas no longer participating – no penalty as
   long at 80% of room block is filled. Numbers look promising.

Bylaws- Policies and Procedures

33. New Business
   ASCLS Joint Annual Meeting – previously discussed (see above)

CE opportunities
James will reach out with more CE opportunities as they become available. Karrie asked
(via James) about the possibility of online webinars, maybe once a month? Lee Ellen:
LSUHSC CLPC CE seminars, usually offered in person twice a year (6 credits per session)
will be put online; LSU will promote these as more info becomes available and
communicate that information to James.
   Michele – make sure that any proposed CE opportunities are PACE-approved.
   Claude: CDC weekly online updates/webinars have been offered in recent weeks. Jim
   Flannigan through ASCLS sends out info via email/ASCLS forum. Claude will make that
   info more visible on Facebook and in LSCLS online forum.

   Newsletter – previously discussed (see above)

34. Adjournment
   Motion to adjourn by Luke Caruso, seconded by Karen Williams.
   Meeting adjourned at: 7:14pm