

Second Business Meeting
TACLS
April 3, 2004

Roll

President	Becky See
President-elect	Christina Thompson
Past president	John Wentz
Secretary	Joan Aldrich
Treasurer	Candace Schaper
Board members:	Karen McClure
	Dave Falleur
	Karen Chandler
	Vicki Freeman
	(Karen Murray - absent)
Finance Chair	Cheri Jennings
Region VII Director	Shirlyn McKenzie
ASCLS President	Barbara Brown

Nominations Committee - Phil Kostroun

A run-off election is necessary for delegate position #6. Ballots were distributed for selection among Debbie Faubion, Vicki Freeman, and Melissa Bowen. Tellers appointed for this election are Sandra Tijerina, Ellen Sanderson, Phil Kostroun. Ballots were distributed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

President Becky See

attended all board meetings
chair of the 2004 TACLS convention
frequent communication with the board, members, and regional director
attended ASCLS Legislative Day

President-elect Christina Thompson

attended all board meetings
attended 2003 ASCLS meeting
attended ASCLS Legislative Day
is contact person for planning the 2005 TACLS convention

Past-president John Wentz

attended all board meetings
attended 2003 ASCLS meeting
attended ASCLS Legislative Day
set up the Pay-Pal system to pay for TACLS products and activities by credit card.
Next year the system will be expanded to include exhibitor fees and TACLS donors.

Secretary Joan Aldrich (written report submitted)

attended all board meetings and distributed minutes of the meetings
attended 2003 ASCLS and CLEC meetings
prepared a diskette of minutes taken during 2001-2004 tenure to be distributed to the incoming Secretary

Treasurer Candace Schaper

attended all board meetings
kept the financial records for TACLS
current balances: checking \$6,755.64
 money market 24,341.22
 CD 71,738.04 (per 12/31/03 statement)

Board Member Dave Falleur (written report submitted)

attended all board meetings
attended TSAHP meeting
editor of 6 issues of TACLS News published so far during 2003-2004
communicated with editors of other state newsletters regarding advertising rates
contacted and distributed the TACLS PSA to 5 TV stations in the Austin area
 News 8 Austin (Time-Warner), KTBC Channel 7 (Fox), KVUE Channel 24
 (ABC), KXAN Channel 36 (NBC), KEYE Channel 42 (CBS)
starting plans for a continuing education meeting of the Austin District Society of
 TACLS to be held in the near future on Clinical Microscopy

Board Member Vicki Freeman

attended TX CLEC meeting
web-master for both Region VII and TACLS web sites
 updates: career section contains the PSA
 includes contact information for all CLS and CLT programs in Texas
 need update of the student section of the web site
 more job postings for the web site are arriving
facilitated establishment of Pay-Pal through the TACLS web site

Board Member Karen McClure

attended both ASCLS CLEC and TX CLEC meetings
program co-chair for 2004 TACLS meeting
chair of task force for revamping of TACLS Student Bowl competition
trained a new coordinator for the TACLS Student Bowl competition
chair of the ASCLS Career Ladder Task Force

Board Member Karen Chandler

attended all board meetings
attended the ASCLS Leadership Development Seminar
distributed the TACLS PSA to 4 TV stations
organized the Silent Auction benefiting Childrens Miracle Network/TACLS Scholarships;
 this year's gross receipts \$970

a representative of CMN will be present following tomorrow's board meeting to accept a check for their half of the proceeds.

Board Member Karen Murray

(absent - report of activities regarding the New Member Packet deferred until Old Business)

Finance Chair Cheri Jennings

proposed TACLS budget for 2004-2005 was distributed

Motion to accept the budget was made and seconded. **Motion approved** by voice vote.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONS

District and State Affairs (Commissioner Karen Murray)

Nominations Committee Report of Elections- Phil Kostroun (written report submitted)

President-elect Karen McClure
Secretary Melissa Bowen
Board Member Judy Baughman
Nominations Committee Sandra Cabrera
Sandra Tijerina

Member of the Year John Wentz

Delegates to ASCLS (in order of ballots received):

Joan Aldrich
John Wentz
Duncan Samo
Karen McClure
Karen Chandler
Vicki Freeman

Alternate delegates will be appointed in order from this list:

Melissa Bowen
Debbie Faubion
Melissa Leaver
Linda Smith
Sandra Cabrera
Candace Schaper
Thomasine Newby
Michelle Kanuth
Carol Creech
Lynn Little

Membership Development Committee - Melissa Leaver

increased TACLS membership has resulted from both improved recruitment and retention has written a follow-up letter that is sent to lapsed members

will write a welcome letter to send to new members to inform them of TACLS activities

Education (Commissioner Karen McClure)

Education Committee - Karen McClure

is chairing a committee appointed to investigate alternative methods for involving student members at the annual spring meeting including various modifications of the student bowl competition - will report at the Texas CLEC meeting.
the pool of questions for student bowl will be in Power Point format in time for next year's competition

Spring Meetings

Austin 2003 (Dave Falleur) - no additional report

Houston 2004

Cheri Jennings (finance chair) - approximately \$10,000 income with \$7000 seed-money owed to TACLS

Becky See (convention chair) approximately 325 attendees including vendors and sponsors and over 150 students

Corpus Christi 2005 (Christie Thompson)

have contracted with Omni Marina Hotel for the first weekend in April, 2005

(Thursday through Saturday)

need suggestions for speakers

Governance (Commissioner John Wentz)

Governance - John Wentz

report deferred until New Business

Government Affairs Committee Key Contact - Duncan Samo

attended ASCLS Legislative Day

has been appointed Region VII PAC representative

will be soliciting donations to PAC (near the Registration Desk) following this meeting

Bylaws - Joan Aldrich (written report submitted)

prepared amendments to the Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures to allow for appointment (instead of election) of the Nominations Committee; amendments have been approved by TACLS Board of Directors and ASCLS Bylaws Committee.

Motion to adopt the Bylaws amendments was made and seconded. **Motion was approved** by counting raised hands.

Motion to adopt the Standard Operating Procedures amendments was made and seconded.

Motion was approved by voice vote.

Amendments will be forwarded to the ASCLS office, the ASCLS Bylaws Committee, the TACLS Administrative Secretary, and the TACLS web master for updating and publication.

Public Relations (Commissioner Vicki Freeman)

Awards Committee - Ellen Sanderson

prepared awards for the Awards Ceremony, and will have engraving done on those whose winning status was pending
will present awards during National Medical Laboratory Week to Dr Red Duke and Dr Juan Stern for their participation in the TACLS PSA

Public Relations Committee - Carol Creech

has obtained a National Medical Laboratory Week proclamation from the office of Texas Governor Rick Perry; unfortunately photo opportunities are not allowed for presentation of the proclamation

Publication Committee - Dave Falleur

thanks to those who have contributed articles; more submissions are always desired
plans are to continue to have monthly issues and to add a student section

Leadership Development (Commissioner Karen Chandler)

tax receipts for contributions to the Silent Auction are available from Karen.

Old Business

New Member Packets (John Wentz reporting for Karen Murray)

the packets are available to be sent to new members but lack some inserts:

- welcome letter from the area/district
- information about local meetings and volunteer opportunities
- welcome letter from the TACLS president
- volunteer opportunities in TACLS

a several year supply has been prepared and will be distributed from the Administrative Secretary's office

materials submitted for inclusion in the packets should be in machine-readable form to facilitate up-dating from year to year

Candace Schaper is investigating sites for the 2006 TACLS meeting in San Antonio.

Melissa Bowen will co-chair. Soliciting volunteers and program suggestions.

Karen McClure suggests moving the meeting to later in April to avoid competition with other meetings.

New Business

ASCLS Legislative Day - John Wentz

this year's emphasis was to limit the damage to laboratories of the Medicare Modification recently considered by Congress.

in exchange for dropping the 20% laboratory co-pay, a demonstration project on competitive bidding for laboratory services was included in the bill.

note: the demonstration project hasn't been funded yet.

87 ASCLS members spoke to representatives of members of congress; special emphasis was placed on trying to assure that laboratory people would have a seat on the advisory committee for the demonstration project.

the bill for funding allied health education is deferred until the next congress; most current federally funded allied health grants require interdisciplinary activities which is difficult or inappropriate for most medical laboratory educational programs.

the Medical Laboratory Shortage Act is still in committee at Congress.

still requesting an update to the specimen collection fee; reimbursement (\$3.00) is still based on 1984 prices.

John Wentz has been appointed the Region VII representative to the ASCLS Government Affairs Committee.

Remarks from Barbara Brown, ASCLS President

She expressed support for the activities being undertaken by student members and their mentors.

The newly elected TACLS Student Representative is Adam Moya from the CLS program at Texas A & M Corpus Christi.

Joan Aldrich was recognized for years of service as she retires and leaves Texas.

John Wentz, out-going past president was escorted off the Board of Directors.

Newly elected officers were installed:

Nominations Committee	Sandra Tijerina
	Sandra Cabrera
Board of Directors	Judy Baughman
Secretary	Melissa Bowen
President-elect	Karen McClure
President	Christina Thompson

Address by President Christina Thompson specified that she plans to double-up on all appointments this year in order to mentor the next generation of active members.

Adjournment