

Board Study Session – Pre Convention

April 2, 2003

The meeting began at 7pm.

Present: President John Wentz
President-elect Becky See (and acting secretary in the absence of Joan Aldrich)
Past president Duncan Samo
Treasurer Candace Schaper
Board of Directors: Dave Falleur
Karen McClure
Christina Thompson
Student Forum Representative Sandy Wortman
Finance Chair Camille St. John

Began discussions with Karen asking the group to review the scholarship applications. Dave and John were excused from the review since their students are competing for the award.

The next discussion involved how to conduct the voting for the National Delegates at the first Business meeting. Ballots will be given to PF1, PF2, and Emeritus members only.

Dave reported that many of the mailings sent out for this meeting were returned due to wrong addresses of our members. He will send a list of the wrong addresses and/or address changes to Teresa to update the membership database.

John and Becky then relayed the information from Karen Murray concerning the New Member packets. The jackets for the packets will be ready by April 11th. Karen is requesting information for the packets from all of the Board and Districts. This item will be discussed at the Business meeting.

Candace reported on the status of TACLS finances. We have depleted our money market account due to these expenses: \$5000 for the PSA, \$2223 for the New Member folders (5000 packets), and 2 convention seed monies (Austin and Houston) in one year. We are still receiving checks from Advance; the last was for \$2400. We need to encourage our hospitals to use Advance for recruitment.

Camille then reviewed the budget and reminded us that she did tell us to spend money, however we also need to consider obtaining revenue.

Candace suggested that we move some money from the 6 month CD to the Money Market account. However we can't do that until September without incurring a penalty.

Much discussion ensued on our annual meeting structure so as to make money on our annual meetings. Also suggested was a return to the Traveling Seminar. It was suggested that 4-5 speakers could travel the state giving C.E. presentations.

TACLS main focus must be to revive our profession.

Christy, John and Duncan talked about their meetings with legislative aides today. It was very fruitful. One representative's office offered to consider an Interim Study to collect data regarding the shortage of laboratory personnel.

Christy also suggested that we consider preparation of a second PSA that focuses on how you find out who is performing your laboratory testing. We should investigate the possibility of working with the AARP on this PSA.

John discussed whether we should ask Shirlyn to consider more than once a year ASCLS renewal period. Shirlyn had originally asked John not to bring this to the ASCLS Board. It has been brought up to the Board before and ASCLS said it would be too costly to offer this service. John will talk to Shirlyn and ask her to poll the ASCLS Board and ask for suggestions on how to recruit new members when it is only full value for 30 days out of the year. How will this 30 day a year recruiting help our membership?

We ended the discussion about possibly working with Dr. Allison and TMA on a project related to laboratory personnel shortage and quality of laboratory testing. It was suggested that before we do this, we find out what is TMA's goal for the lab shortage project.

The meeting ended at 9:05 pm.