

**ASCLS-New Mexico Meeting
April 5, 2008**

Location: UNM HSSB

Commenced: 10:40 am

Current Members: 33 (+/-0)

Attendees:

Pam Owens (Acting President)

Cecily Yee

Margaret Alba

Monique Gonzales

Cornelia Ramirez

Johanny Martinez

Charles Faingnaert

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance: ~\$10,000

Paid Out (*since last meeting*): \$-

Deposited (*since last meeting*): \$-

OLD BUSINESS:

(blue text = updated information) (green text = new information under existing topic)

- Student/Young Professional Recruitment (POCs: Nicolette Dumas, Monique Gonzales, Charles Faingnaert) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - Start to collect Student/FYP applications and compile information (Charles)
 - Create general ASCLS-New Mexico brochure (Charles)
 - Rough draft completed and feedback received
- Internet (POC: Charles Faingnaert) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - Update website
 - Charles will investigate "e-votes" for use with the website
 - The official website was posted March 21st. Between March 21st and April 4th, there were 98 visitors. Please remember to use the site for recent meeting information and direct interested laboratorians to the "membership" page for more information.
 - The ASCLS Region VI website has changed our link from <http://www.zianet.com/g-man/> to <http://ascls-newmexico.org>
 - E-mail addresses (xxx@ascls-newmexico.org) have been created for: membership development chair (mdc), awards, and first year professional representative (fypr). These are what will be presented on the website and will help add continuity to the organization as new officers and board members take over.
 - Charles has learned how to create mailing lists (listservs) and has created one for the Fall Symposium on that webpage. He will instruct the Fall Symposium Committee members on how to manage it.
- Activation Letter (POC: Pam Owens) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - Pam will compile an e-mail list and mail out letters
 - The letters will be sent out soon

- Fall Symposium (POC: Lee Danielson) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - Lee Danielson is the Symposium Committee Chair. She may be contacted at Ldanielson@salud.unm.edu with questions and ideas for guest speakers.
 - Once again, the Fall Symposium is October 30-31 at the UNM Continuing Education Center. Details will be posted on the website as they become available.
 - Margaret presented an outline of the schedule for the annual symposium. For the most part, it will be a series of three simultaneous 50-minute lectures.
 - Pam raised the issue of how we should publicize the event. The periodicals *Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals* and *ASCLS Today*, and the websites for ASCLS and Region VII, were mentioned.
 - More ideas for guest speakers (to include ones specifically for students about to take their certification exams) were generated
 - We still need speakers from a wide variety of facilities to ensure we have a diverse symposium. If anyone has any contacts or ideas, please let the Symposium Committee know – their contact information is available on the website.
 - Cecily stated it may be possible to earn up to twelve P.A.C.E. contact hours if the entire event is attended
- State Registration (POC: Pam Owens) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - Register with state as a non-profit organization
 - It looks like taxes will not need to be paid on the current account balance
- Bylaws (POC: Pam Owens) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - Pam will work with the ASCLS Bylaws Committee to update our bylaws
 - The official communication method of the state society will change from the “Roadrunner” newsletter to the ASCLS-New Mexico website
- 2008 Legislative Symposium (POC: Charles Faingnaert) STATUS: **CLOSED**
 - Charles presented a summary of what happened at Leg Day, to include:
 - Competitive Bidding
 - Laboratory Personnel Shortage (Allied Health Reinvestment Act and Reauthorization/Increased Funding for Title VII)
 - Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule Modernization Act of 2008
 - Information on the merger between ASCP and NCA, and the overwhelming thoughts on state licensure, were also presented
 - Charles brought up the need to get a Political Action Committee started and visit our elected officials this summer, while they are in the state, to raise the issues discussed at Leg Day

NEW BUSINESS:

- ASCLS Pins (POC: Pam Owens) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - ASCLS pins have been ordered for members
- ASCLS Pens (POC: Pam Owens) STATUS: **CLOSED**
 - The ordering of ASCLS pens will be put on hold until more funds are available

- Official Budget Report (POC: Joy Hamilton) STATUS: **OPEN**
 - Joy is preparing a detailed fiscal report so we know exactly where we stand

NEW MEMBERS: We would like to welcome the following individuals to ASCLS-New Mexico. They have been formally added to the state roster since January 2008. Welcome and thank you for joining!

- Monique Gonzales (Collaborative)
- Angela Bahr (Student)
- Mary Doshi (Professional I)

Concluded: 12:05 pm

The next meeting will be held at UNM (HSSB, Room TBD) on Saturday, May 10th, at 10:30 am. HSSB is building 266, located across from the Medical Center Library, and at the intersection of Stanford Drive and Marble Avenue. Parking is available at the large medical parking lot long Tucker Road (off of Stanford Drive). No parking permit is required on the weekends. Please do not park in the reserved parking spaces. ***If the front door to the building is locked, please be patient until someone with a key arrives.***

The Acting President approved these minutes on April 10, 2008.

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Charles L. Faingnaert
ASCLS Student Member