



AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Minutes: Microbiology/Public Health SA Meeting

Wednesday August 2, 2017

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

San Diego, CA

- I. Welcome, Call to order, Lynda Britton, Ph.D., MLS(ASCP)^{CM} at 8:45 a.m. Dr. Britton turned the meeting over to the new Microbiology SA chair, Marcia Firmani, Ph.D., M
- II. Minutes from ASCLS 2016, Philadelphia, PA were approved unanimously.
- III. Attendance & contact information sheet was distributed
- IV. Election of Vice Chair.
 - a. There were two nominations for the Microbiology SA vice chair position: Mona Bakeer, Ph.D., MLS(ASCP)^{CM} and Donna Duberg, MA, MS, MT(ASCP)SM
 - b. After an anonymous ballot vote it was announced that Donna Duberg is the new Vice Chair.
- V. Congratulations to Susie Zanto for the receiving the 2017 Professional Achievement Award. A nominee is needed for 2017.
- VI. Update from the Consumer Response Team:
 - a. Representatives from the Consumer Response Team provided an overview about the process.
 - b. Anyone who is interested in becoming part of the team to answer microbiology-related questions should reach out to Frank Scarano.
- VII. Volunteers requested to write and submit an article to *ASCLS Today*. The article is due February 1, 2018.
 - a. Kate Franz volunteered to write a case study, but was looking for mentorship.
- VIII. Discussion on *Clinical Lab Investigations* (CLI), which may get consolidated. Many members stated that they are not using CLI to obtain case studies and did not know about CLI.
- IX. ASCLS 2018 will be in Chicago, IL. Members should reach out to contacts in the Chicago area for presentations. Presentation proposals should be submitted from the Microbiology Scientific Assembly and are due August 11, 2017. Various suggestions for topics and speakers were made, including:

- a. Antimicrobial Stewardship. Suggested Erik Munson from Milwaukee, WI.
 - b. Rhodney Rhoades already submitted some proposals
 - c. Big data – invitation from Sam Holman but was not sure if Microbiology was included
 - d. Sepsis
- X. Professional Achievement Award 2016 – need someone by early February or before. E-mail Marcia Firmani at (firmanim@email.gwu.edu) or message Marcia on member community to nominate someone active in the scientific assembly. You cannot nominate winners from the previous 10 years. The previous winners are:
- o 2007 – 2011 – no winners
 - o 2012 – Maribeth Flaws
 - o 2013 – Frank Scarano
 - o 2014 – Fran Ingersoll
 - o 2015 – Jim Griffiths
 - o 2016 – Rhodney Rhode
 - o 2017 – Susie Zanto

The eligibility criteria are:

- i. Must be a member of ASCLS for 4 years
 - ii. Current member at the time of award
 - iii. 4 current consecutive years of scientific assembly
 - iv. Active in programs and policies at various levels
 - v. Chairs and Vice Chairs are not eligible until their term is up
- XI. Committee members were encouraged to use the member communities. Rhodney Rhode volunteered to show people how to use it. Someone suggested that a module be developed on how to navigate and change settings in the communities.
- XII. Suggestion made by a member to generate scientific assembly contact in every state. For example, state presidents turn in rosters of leadership. Most states do not have a scientific assembly. New Jersey has a state SA, which Nadine provided an overview on.
- XIII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by Marcia Firmani, Chairman