



REPORTS TO:	Board of Directors
REPORT FROM:	ASCLS Region V October 10, 2020 – February 16, 2021
SUBMITTED FOR:	2021 Interim Board of Directors Meeting
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Opportunities or Threats

Forces or environmental factors external to ASCLS that create the potential for positive outcomes (Opportunities) or negative outcomes (Threats) for ASCLS, laboratory professionals, or the healthcare system.

North Dakota:

- Recruiting New Members – unable to go into schools and talk to the students

South Dakota:

- Three out of four of our Science Fairs have been cancelled due to Covid, thus limiting exposure of laboratory science to students

Wisconsin:

- Covid continues to be a threat to our field – both ASCLS as we get so much from in person events as well as our career as our people are all overtired, overworked, and just plain exhausted. This makes anything extra like a board position out of the question. As an opportunity, the lab is getting a lot of publicity! Let’s hope we can get some new students out of it.

Activities Since the Last Report

Region V:

Responded to requests for information and electronic votes

Created Zoom meetings as requested for Region V states

- PAC Mtg – 10/22, 1/19
- Benchmarking Workgroup – 10/22, 2/4
- Region V Council Mtgs – 10/26, 11/23, 1/25
- Mentorship Mtg – 10/28
- MN Metro Area SA Mtg – 10/29
- ASCLS Board Mtgs – 11/6
- ASCLS BOD Check-in Calls – 12/1, 1/5, 2/2
- Region Simplification Mtg – 12/2,
- MN Fall Board Mtg – 12/17
- MN CLC Cmte Mtgs – 12/8, 12/29, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11
- Labvocacy Webinar – 1/12
- PRISM Book Club – 1/13
- ELMC² Conference – 1/15-1/16

- Mid-Year HOD – 1/17
- Candid Conversation – Glenda Price – 1/18

Region V Leadership Academy:

- In re-development for class to begin in October

Minnesota:

- Scientific Assembly Metro Area October 29th- First all virtual scientific assembly with 75 registered.
- Fall Board meeting held on October 14th
- Participated in lapsed membership campaign
- All delegates attended House of Delegates Mid-Year meeting on January 17th
- E-Laborate newsletter sent to all members.
- Transfer of treasury duties with Audit scheduled.
- Planning for a virtual state meeting

North Dakota:

- November 23rd – attended Region V Leadership Council
- December – ASCLS-ND State Planning Committee decided our annual meeting will be virtual.
- January 17th – attended 2021 ASCLS House of Delegates Mid-Year meeting.
- Will be having our state board of directors meeting February 23rd
- ASCLS-ND State meeting will be virtual this year. Dates are April 29th & 30th

South Dakota:

- Last board meeting held Jan 13, 2021. Spring 2021 SD meeting will be held in Spearfish, SD at the Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center Apr 29th and 30th, 2021. This will be a hybrid meeting with appropriate social distancing.
- Spring Meeting Planning Committee meeting held Feb. 5th and 17th.
- Second Spring 21 Volusion-SD was sent out to ASLCS -SD members and uploaded to the website.
- Since all but one Science Fair has been cancelled, ASCLS-SD will donate \$100.00 to the top winner in the CLS category for the Northern SD Mathematics and Science Virtual Fair.
- Information for the ASCLS-SD scholarships have been discussed to include essay component. These scholarships will be awarded at the spring meeting.

Wisconsin:

- Several delegates attended the House of Delegates Mid-Year Meeting, January 17th
- Board Meeting, February 10, 2021

Items of Celebration or Concern

These items can be positive or negative issues that are not strategic threats or opportunities, activities of the group, or specific requests for action.

Minnesota:

- After a lapse of publishing a newsletter we have succeeded in getting one out to members.
- Celebration to all the medical Laboratory professionals that have tried their best to take care of patients during this pandemic.

North Dakota:

- Finding young members to attend ASCLS Region V Leadership Academy
- Finding members to volunteer to do the state newsletter and website

South Dakota:

- President Elect-Elect position is still open.
- Bylaws were submitted for a third time for approval. Policies cannot be updated until the Bylaws are approved.
- ASCLS-SD Volusion Spring 2021 was submitted to members.

Wisconsin:

- We have several people that are candidates for lifetime achievement awards. Wisconsin is very lucky to have had such long term leaders in our association.
- We are moving forward with a virtual (smaller scale than normal) Spring Meeting. Apr 12-15. We will have 8 speakers, a business meeting and an awards ceremony. The speakers are all chosen and set! We even have each speaker honorarium covered by a sponsor!

Request for Action

South Dakota:

- I move that the Board of Directors recommend recruit ideas to help fill vacant BOD and Committee positions for SD.