



REPORTS TO:	Board of Directors
REPORT FROM:	Region V
SUBMITTED FOR:	2020 Fall 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.

South Dakota:

COVID has provided challenges and opportunities to be able to participate in ASCLS activities. Spring 20 meeting was cancelled - current committee is looking to hold a Hybrid meeting with Social Distancing and virtual options.

Wisconsin:

Covid –canceled the ASCLS Wisconsin meeting in LaCrosse in 2021

Activities Since the Last Report

Region V:

Responded to requests for information and electronic votes

Found two members to submit articles for ASCLS Today

Assisted states with setting up zoom meetings and Scientific Assembly (MN)

- Board of Directors: 7/7
- Board Check-in Call: 8/4, 9/1, 10/6
- Executive Committee: 8/10, 9/19,9/20
- Regional Standardization: 10/5
- Constituent Society Leaders Orientation: 8/20
- Region V Council: 8/12,9/28
- Membership Committee: 7/8
- Benchmarking Workgroup: 7/23, 8/27,9/24
- Choosing Wisely Committee: 8/20
- Tips for Hosting Vitual Meetings: 8/24
- Diversity Advocacy Committee: 9/3
- North Dakota Board Meeting: 9/29
- Leadership Academy Committee:
- Worked with the hotel in SD to cancel/reschedule Region V Symposium over calls and emails

Region V Leadership Academy

- Students worked on their class project via Facebook; read their book on leadership: July - Oct

- Session: History of ASCLS – Crystal Paul, Jenna Amundson presenters: 10/4
- Presented Conducting Successful Meetings and Professionalism during full day of sessions 10/8
- Other sessions presented by Melissa Kasper, Crystal Paul and Jenna Amundson
- Students gave their book reports, presented project and graduated 10/8

Minnesota:

Board meeting to be held October 14,2020

Scientific Assembly scheduled for October 29th as a virtual meeting with speakers scheduled. Added new NW/Central area Director.

North Dakota:

- ASCLS National Meeting held virtual
- ASCLS Region V August meeting
- ASCLS Region V September meeting
- ASCLC North Dakota Fall Meeting
- Planning for ASCLS North Dakota Spring meeting April 29th – 30th, 2021 in Grand Forks

South Dakota:

Unofficial Crossover Meeting with BOD and Committee members – 8/20/2020. The President emailed each BOD and committee member a copy of their current job description for review.

First Official Meeting - held 9/23/2020. Bylaws have been submitted to the National Committee and requested changes have been resubmitted by the Past President (Stephanie Jacobson) to the National Committee for approval. Once the Bylaws are approved, we will begin revising the SD SOP's as they have not been revised since 2014.

Wisconsin:

Held our Fall Board of Directors Meeting. Decided to cancel our annual conference scheduled for April 2021. Will move forward to Madison in 2022.

Submitted bylaws, sent back for revisions an resubmitted

Beginning working on a much smaller scale education event to replace the ASCLS Wisconsin Meeting.

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:

Galina Dronova - great job on scheduling and organizing a Scientific Assembly as a virtual event. Holding this via Zoom is an opportunity to reach out to more members and students throughout the state.

South Dakota:

ASCLS-SD Volusion newsletter was reinstated. Our Developing Professional, the President, and Past President wrote articles that were included. Stephanie Jacobson did a wonderful job putting the letter together for distribution.

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.