

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists – Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016

Present: Tiffany Warren, Diana Williams, Tanja Kopp, Kristen Fripp, Danny Kirkpatrick, Lynn Black, Mike Healy, Nicole Astor

Next meeting: To be determined by President – late June/early July

Meeting called to Order @ 8:02 pm, Meeting adjourned @ 8:58 pm

President Warren tabled the Forendex report and added to agenda a discussion of 2017 joint meeting

I. Treasurer Report

\$40,000 in all accounts, \$13,000 in a CD. All banking is with SunTrust

II. Membership

~480 individuals lists on master sheet

~190 have paid 2016 dues

Discussion on what to do with remaining members. Decided to give 2 more attempts before we vote to terminate membership for non-payment. Post on website and send dues reminder June 1st end date for 2016 dues.

III. SAFS 2016 Annual Meeting

Agenda given: Monday through Wednesday: workshops; Wednesday night: posters and vendor reception; Thursday: general meeting and banquet (Travis Owens, speaker); Friday: section meetings

Eight vendors have paid.

Issue with meeting is that ISHI, the NE association and SW association meetings are all on same week.

Every past president will be offered complimentary registration

Workshops coming together, June 1st live

Registration price with increase monthly (similar to 2014 meeting)

Voted to pass reimbursement to Diana for shipping meeting items to Mike – approved.

Student registration – 2016 program chair asked if it is OK to charge for food in addition to small registration fee – board agreed it was OK to do so.

IV. ABC

\$250 scholarship available to a SAFS member for exam (recipient would be responsible for sitting fee). Board makes decision to award and informs ABC. ABC provides the funding.

Desiree Reed is only board member on ABC form SAFS. We can fill an at-large spot as well.

Will solicit applicants and decide at next meeting.

V. Bylaws

Membership – changes needed.

Bylaws and administrative rules should be reviewed and revised = to be conducted at future meeting.

VI. Joint meeting

MAFS coordinator has requested assistance with planning on meeting – Nicole and Mike suggested we use SAFS ABC list since ABC certification can include assisting in meeting planning

VII. Open Floor

Tanja suggested that annual meeting should be attended by all board members for entire week. The meeting hosts should cover registration and SAFS funds should cover travel. Any workshops not included in registration would be covered by member's agency. This was tabled till the next meeting for a vote.