

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists – Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2016

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

Next meeting: During SAFS Annual Meeting in September

Meeting called to Order @ 8:02 pm, Meeting adjourned @ 9:53 pm

President Warren informed Board that Nicole Astor would join meeting after we discussed and voted upon SAFS member to fill open at large seat on ABC Board

I. At-Large position to ABC Board

Discussion about history of board and position given; current board is heavy on trace evidence scientist, few biology and one chemist. Board members asked if SAFS member had to be a fellow or diplomat. Board has received via email nominees' information. Vote was done – results were Nicole Astor: 3 votes, Karlie McManaman: 2 votes, Patricia Barnes: 0 votes, Ashely Hinkle: 1 vote and Amy Winters: 0 votes. Tiffany will send information to ABC with our nomination of Nicole Astor to the open At-large board seat on ABC.

II. Minutes Approval

Minutes were read to Board. Moved to accept by Danny and Mike. Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer Report

Funding is the same as last meeting. Still waiting on \$19,000 reimbursement from Forendex.

IV. SAFS 2016 Annual Meeting

Registration is set and live on website. Workshops are shaping up: 3 day clan lab, GCIR, DART/MS, Structural Elucidation, Agilent (either 1.2 or full day); couple of workshops geared to lawyers; Bruce McCord for full day biology; hair exam (1/2 day); some posters, Sunday arrival for special pricing is good; Thursday banquet – semiformal; spoke to colleges (UT, FIU and UCF)

IV. SAFS 2016 Annual Meeting: Board Travel

Board approved providing travel and lodging for all Board members for the week of SAFS meeting (Sunday through Friday). Provide receipts to Treasurer for reimbursement if not direct billed or travel purchased with SAFS credit card

V. Bylaws and Administrative Rules

Talked about bylaws and decided we should proceed with update now and get out to members 30 days prior to business meeting so vote can take place at SAFS 2016 meeting. See attached for updated Bylaws. Hold off on administrative rules until after bylaws vote and approval.

VI. Website

Discussion on need for new and updated website which we pay a company to manage; bring ideas and/or quotes to next business meeting

VII. Membership

Termination list will be brought to September Board meeting for vote and approval.