

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists – Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017

Present: Diana Williams, President; Desiree Reid, President Elect; Tanja Kopp, Treasurer; Kristen Fripp, Secretary; Tiffany Warren, Immediate Past President; Board Members-at-Large: Nicole Astor, Danny Kirkpatrick, Lynn Black, Mike Healy

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting called to Order @ 7:06 pm, Meeting adjourned @ 9:54 pm

Minutes from previous meeting were approved. Motion by Desiree Reid, second by Danny Kirkpatrick. Will be placed on website along with minutes as secretary can add them.

Diana will make an announcement tomorrow morning at plenary session about our business meeting. If we do not have a quorum, we can do electronic voting

I. Treasurer Report (Tanja Kopp)

Tanja stated ~\$18,211 in main account; \$2483 seed money in 2018 meeting account; \$2267 will be transferred into 2019 meeting account; remaining account will be closed; CD has \$13,800. Tanja will pay for SAFS Board hotel bills – just let her know. A travel form will be placed on the website for member to access for all travel reimbursement. Board given preview of form. All requests for reimbursement must be submitted online within 45 days of completion of travel.

II. SAFS Annual Meetings 2018-2020

2018 (Lynn Black and Kristen Fripp): Hotel signed, working on workshops and plenary session. Spring 2018 (May 1-4) in Charleston, SC.

2019 (Danny Kirkpatrick): Danny will work on meeting with SAFS members from NC; hoping to hold it in Asheville

2020 (Diana Williams and Desiree Reid): Looking at 4 hotels (2 in Buckhead and 2 in Olympic Park) Decided on Hyatt Regency.

III. Nominations (Tiffany Warren)

Danny accepted the 2018 president elect nomination. 3 people to vote on for at-large positions. Two will be voted in and final one will serve Danny's remaining term. Nominations will be:

- o Desiree Reid: President
- o Danny Kirkpatrick: President-elect
- o Tanja Kopp: Treasurer
- o Kristen Fripp: Secretary
- o Mike Healy: member at large
- o Nicole Aster: member at large

IV. Ed Rhodes Scholarship

Ed Rhodes Scholarship: 1 application received from Lynn Black; motion: Tanja 1st, Kristen 2nd.
Approved – all yeas

Discussion of Ed Rhodes Scholarship – we can award one annually and maybe more than one if funding available. What should qualifications be?

- o Member in good standing for at least 2 years
- o Sponsor Letter (someone familiar with applicant's work (supervisor or coworker and non-SAFS member OK)
- o Affirmation note that they will prepare for the exam
- o CV of applicant
- o Should award on April 1st (good for 1 year)
- o Open October 1-November 30th with board approval of recipient December 10th.

V. Open Discussion

Discussion of how to get more people involved in the organization. Possible ideas regular update on web; tout benefits of SAFS; recruitment video?; student area on web site?

Discussion on Forendex: how to pay for it? Corporate sponsors? Desiree and Mike will look into that. We cannot continue to support it free of charge.

Administrative rules: reviewed possible changes; secretary will compile and get out for board.
Vote sometime in 2018.

Other discussions: should we open an online store for shirts, mugs, other SAFS merchandise?

Meeting logo contest – with winner receiving free registration?