

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2018

- Meeting called to order by President Desiree Reid at 1:07 pm, established that we had a quorum
- President Reid thanked the 2018 planning committee for a great meeting
- Announced future meeting locations
 - 2019: spring Asheville, North Carolina
 - 2020: fall Atlanta, Georgia (joint meeting)
- Nominations Committee: no report
- Membership committee: Desiree Reid. Announced 2018 applicants up for vote (see below) All voted into membership
 - Romanoski, Jessica
 - Chit Khin, Samantha
 - Cone, Lyndsay
 - Crawford, Kristen
 - Martin, Cori
 - Reagan, Elizabeth
 - Nomichith, Lindsay
 - Hardin, Michelle
 - Bowen, Karen
 - Snipe, Jennifer
 - Gugliotta, Alison
 - Mathis, Emily
 - Wells, Sharee
 - Gines, Cynthianna
 - Ransom, Tara
 - Bono, Marissa
 - Peck, Melissa

- Secretary Fripp: announced membership at 326 and asked for minutes to be approved; so moved by member(s)
- Treasurer Kopp: reported that as of March 31st, \$38,617.28 in main account. \$9058.89 in 2018 meeting account, 2,267.00 in 2019 meeting account. 2020 account will be established. Motion to accept report, Michelle Shepherd and Laura Zimmerman (second). Approved
- Audit Committee: audit will be done once all monies from 2018 meeting have been finalized, as reported by Committee Chair Lynn Black
- Awards Committee: Committee Chair Laura Zimmerman presented awards to meeting planning committee (Kristen Fripp, program chair; Lynn Black, social chair; Laura Zimmerman, workshop chair) and to officers, board members, and committee chairs. Laura also informed membership about SAFS social media presence via Instagram and Facebook.
- ABC update (Mike Healy): Thanked Desiree Reid and Nicole Astor for serving as SAFS representatives on the ABC Board. Shared the following information with membership
 - 2008 or later you must have 15 specialty points
 - Fellow or Diplomate – proficiency tested is only difference
 - ABC is working on accreditation through ISO, with the following areas:
 - Molecular biology
 - Drug Analysis
 - Comprehensive criminalistics
 - Fees are going up
 - ABC will be offering electronic submission for continued certification requirements; previous year certification through June 1st
 - SAFS membership is 5 of 10 points
- President Reid asked for volunteers to keep the organization going – serve on a committee, offer your expertise (such as a workshop presenter), volunteer to assist with an annual meeting. There are many ways to contribute to the organization.
- Meeting adjourned 1:51 pm