

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019

- Meeting called to order by President Desiree Reid at 1:02 pm, established that we had a quorum
- Secretary Fripp read the 2018 Annual Business Meeting Minutes, Desiree motion to accept as written, Nicole Astor approved, all in favor
- Audit Committee: Chair Lynn Black reported all in order. The 2019 meeting was in the black at ~\$12,000
- Membership committee: Desiree Reid. Announced 2019 applicants up for vote (see below) All voted into membership
 - Fulcher, Brittney
 - Schmidt, Ronald
 - Dowell, Nicole
 - Kallenbach, Zach
 - Bassett, Dawn
 - Villarreal, Micheal
 - Rippman, Kevin
 - Shelton, Rachelle
 - Bennett, Ryan
 - Parker, Chris
 - Baxter, Georgana
 - Weathers, Jamie
 - Butler, Julie
- Historical committee: No report
- Training, Education, and Research Committee: report submitted by Chair Rachel Duke, read into the record by Desiree Reid (see attached).
- Treasurer Kopp: reported the following: \$20,194.00 in main account. ~\$72,000 in 2019 meeting account, ~\$2000 in 2020 meeting account. SAFS also has a CD with \$13,865.95. Motion to accept report, Desiree Reid and Dale Nute (second). Approved.

- Communications and Awards Committee: Committee Chair Laura Zimmerman presented awards to meeting planning committee and to officers, board members, and committee chairs. Laura also reminded membership about SAFS social media presence via Instagram and Facebook.
- 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.
- Nominations Committee: Chair Diana Williams. Up for election: Lynn Black, President-Elect and Laura A.Z. Lawrence, fill Board member at large position vacated by Lynn Black. All ayes, none opposed, congratulations to President-Elect Lynn Black and Board member-at-large Laura A.Z. Lawrence
- 2020 Meeting Update: Desiree Reid. Reminder meeting is a joint meeting with SWAFS and MWAFS occurring September 14-18, 2020 in Atlanta, GA. Planning Committee consists of the following:
 - D. Reid: program chair
 - D. Williams: social chair
 - N. Astor: plenary session and special topics workshops chair
 - D. Mable: trace workshops/section chair
 - C. Miles: molecular biology workshop/section chair
 - TBA: questioned documents workshop/section chair
 - M. Healy: drugs and toxicology workshop/section chair
 - T. Keller: general section chair

Funnel workshop suggestions to Desiree and Diana who will get them to appropriate individual; plea for 2020 presenters and posters

- ABC: Nicole Astor asked that any questions and/or concerns be brought to her attention so she can address at Board meeting; exams can be offered either publicly or privately and either at meeting or your laboratory; Kristen Fripp reminded membership that there is a pilot program for biology tests to be offer next year, free to take exam and if you pass, you can apply for certification
- No old or new business to address
- Moment of silence was held for Beth Horton, long time SAFS member and representative on ABC Board
- Meeting adjourned 1:41 pm