

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists – Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022

Present: President Lynn Black; Secretary Karlie McManaman; Treasurer Tanja Kopp; Members-at-Large Nicole Astor, Mike Healy, Laura Lawrence and Toni Broome; Immediate Past President Danny Kirkpatrick, Diana Williams, Erin Tracy

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting called to Order @ 7:09pm, meeting adjourned @8:01pm

1. Previous meeting minutes read/approved
2. 2022 meeting
 - a. Update from Dianna – still need Biology & Trace chairs, people are saying they want to come but no one is committing (sending abstracts, lists of needs, etc.).
 - b. General concern that people won't register early enough and/or presenters won't commit to be able to offer specific workshops.
 - i. Mike spoke up – hesitant to cancel the meeting again because everyone else has done some kind of meeting and we don't want people to forget about us.
 - ii. Tanja suggested doing a one- or two-day virtual meeting, with one workshop for each discipline and then a business meeting. We have the funds for this to be free to SAFS members.
 - c. Motion to move 2022 meeting to virtual approved. Diana will reach out to Helms Briscoe to negotiate with the hotel and to potential speakers to get a couple workshops.
3. Treasurer report – no major changes
4. ABC update from Erin – filled At Large position, Foundational Knowledge Exam is out being field tested, Erin has served on several committees and proctored multiple exams.
5. Committee recruitment update – Tiffany will chair Communication and Awards Committee, Laura will mail everything to her. Tanja reached out and got a couple Tennessee members to agree to help on a committee and will target Mississippi next. Still need chairs for Audit and Training, Education and Research Committees.
6. Other business
 - a. Forendex – Chris Matchett said Agnes Winokur (DEA) will take over
 - b. SAFS will still sponsor ABC sitting since a couple people had registered. Host at a hotel near the Atlanta airport. Need to repost as being in Atlanta instead of Chattanooga. Erin will get it set up and we will look for someone local to proctor to reduce costs.
 - i. Laura suggested offering a perk to people taking this exam, such as waiving application fee to join SAFS. All agreed.
 - c. All agreed that attending virtual meeting will count for people who want to become SAFS members.