

SouthEastern Association for Clinical Microbiology
Minutes Summer SEACM Board Meeting
Spartanburg Marriott, Spartanburg, South Carolina
November 1, 2017

Call to Order

The board meeting was called to order by David Lockhart, President Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6:47 pm. Board members introduced themselves and stated where they worked and the position they held there. There were 18 members in attendance and a quorum of eligible members for voting purposes was met.

In Attendance:

Chris Ayers	Sandra Bandstra	Amanda Blackwall	Gerry Capraro	Carole Carter
Robin Connelly	Nakia Gambrell	Jason Johnson	Ray Kaplan	David Lockhart
Kathleen Milloy	Allison McMullen	Amanda Moore	Steve Muddiman	Dawn Perlotto
Stacy Reeves	Frankie Rice	Mitzy Rumley	Micschelle Thompson	

7 current board members were absent.

Absent:

Kitty Anderson	Melodie Beard	Amber Cochran	Jane Fouché	Laura Skinner
Lisa Steed	Albertha Woodard			

Board Members retiring and or resigning from positions.

Melodie Beard, Amber Cochran, Mitzi Rumley (2018 will be her last year), Albertha Woodard

Review of past minutes: A motion was passed with corrections accepted for the Summer June 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Summer board minutes will be resent out with Fall minutes as it seems E-mail with attached minutes was not received by everyone.

Note: Voting member; president, president elect, secretary, treasurer, directors state and at large.
Committee chairs and members are not voting members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer / Mitzi Rumley

Balance brought forward =	\$26,676.33
Income January 1, 2017 – October 29, 2017 =	\$43,310.47
Total Income as of October 29, 2017 =	\$73,986.60
Total Expenses January 1, 2017 – October 29, 2017 =	\$31,485.49
Cash Balance on Hand October 29, 2017 =	\$42,401.31
Total Additional Income (Money Market, CD's) =	\$57,861.00
Total Balance on Hand (including reserves as of October 29, 2017) =	\$100,362.31

Mitzi Rumley announced the board would need to find a new treasurer, Mitzi will stay on one additional year to train the new treasurer.

Membership: David Lockhart for Melodie Beard (absent)

52 – Georgia

44 – Virginia

52 – North Carolina

40 – South Carolina

15 – Others

Melodie Beard is retiring her position and the board will need to find a membership chair.

Trend noted that membership is getting lower every year.

David Lockhart requested that the board help out with the Registration desk tomorrow.

Jason Johnson volunteered to be the point person with Chris Ayers and Mitzi Rumley.

Nominations: David Lockhart

Note: Nomination Chair, Albertha Woodard resigned from the board.

Slate of Nominations:

Allison McMullen, PhD, Georgia Junior State Director
Director Microbiology,
AU Medical Center,
Augusta, GA

Amanda Blackwell, South Carolina State Director
Microbiology,
Spartanburg Reg Med Ctr,
Spartanburg, SC

Carole Carter	President (2018)
Mischelle Thompson	Director at Large (2020)
Ray Kaplan	Director at Large (2018)
Mitzi Rumley	Treasurer
Sandra Bandstra	Secretary

*Gerald Capraro, PhD Director Micro, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC Program Chair
(*Does Not need to be nominated)

General discussion about the Nominations committee and other general board resources discussed:

1. There shall be a Nominations Committee which shall be composed of a chairperson and the Area Directors.
2. Nominations from regular members shall be submitted to the Area Directors one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the annual meeting of members.
3. The Nominating Committee shall make one nominations for President, one or more for President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer, and one or more for the members of the Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee shall present the slate of candidates to the voting members of the Corporation by mail ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of members.
4. A member in good standing shall be eligible to vote for or against the nominees. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Starting January 1, 2018 New password for board login on website will be SEACM2018

Board Login – SEACM2017 Password till end of year.

Finance Committee was used as an example to showcase Calendar of Events.

Reminder - Budget due from Senior State Directors in January, please send it to Robin Connelly

Finance committee will then set the budget in January for the Spring State Area Meetings.

The budget is set at the summer board meeting for the Fall Annual Meeting.

Topics discussed about issues with getting more folks to attend meeting, ideas brought up about getting our vendors more involved in notifying and asking their customers to attend meetings. Every option should be looked at to improve SEACM.

Publications – Frankie Rice

102 former SEACM members did not renew.

Publications chair Email hospitals, vendors, posted on clinical sites.

Only one return no address.

Website – Steve Muddiman

Web master is doing an excellent job, Paypal seems to be going through OK. Registration on line. Steve asked the Committee Chairs to look over pages to see what need to be changed in their committee information listed on the board pages. A lot of information is outdated, it needs to be reviewed and bring up at our next board meeting for changes or send out E-mail.

Timelines need to be accurate.

Steve asked board to please look at your pages on website for your position.

Educational awards - Carole Carter

No report Carole asked to change the Education award name to Travel Award.

Scholarship – Kitty Anderson

(only 3 applicants to choose from)

Jessica Beynor UNC Chapel Hill, NC

Karishma Rajani Augusta University, GA

Program – Gerry Caparo

Workshops: Thursday, November 2

7:00 – 7:50 am	Complimentary breakfast and educational session provided by BD Diagnostics
7:30 am	Registration begins
8:00 – 11:30 am	Workshop #1: Anaerobes Diane Citron Anaerobe Systems Workshop #2: Molecular Diagnostics Rick Hodinka, PhD University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville, SC
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Complimentary lunch and educational session provided by Quidel
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Workshop #1 Workshop #2

Note: morning workshops will be repeated in the afternoon to ensure that all attendees have the opportunity to participate in both workshops.

4:40 – 8:00 pm Exhibit Hall Grand Opening
6:00 – 8:00 pm Exhibits and SEACM Wine & Cheese Reception

General Session Topics: Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4
Friday Symposia – November 3, 2017

7:00 – 7:50 am Complimentary breakfast and educational session provided by Copan Diagnostics
7:30 am Registration
8:00 – 8:15 am Introduction
8:15 – 9:15 am Infectious Disease Serology Elitza Theel, PhD, D(ABMM) Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
9:15 – 10:15 am MALDI-ToF & the Continued Need for Microbiologic Expertise Kevin Alby, PhD, D(ABMM)
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
10:15 – 10:30 am Break
10:30 – 11:30 am Diagnosis of Central Nervous System Infections Amy Leber, PhD, D(ABMM) Nationwide
Children's, Columbus, OH
11:30 am – 12:00 pm SEACM Business Meeting and Awards Presentation
12:00 – 1:30 pm Exhibits and Complimentary Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 pm Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing and Reporting April Abbott, PhD, D(ABMM) Deaconess
Health, Evansville, IN
2:30 – 3:30 pm Gram Stains Steve Dallas, Ph.D., D(ABMM) University of Texas Health Science Center, San
Antonio, TX
3:30 – 3:45 pm Break
3:45 – 4:45 pm Total Lab Automation in Clinical Microbiology Carey-Ann Burnham, PhD, D(ABMM)
Washington University, St. Louis, MO
5:00 – 7:00 pm Complementary dinner and educational session provided by Bruker Daltonics

Saturday Symposia – November 3, 2017

7:30 – 8:20 am Complimentary breakfast and educational session provided by BioFire
8:30 – 9:30 am Digital Microbiology Nathan Ledebor, PhD., D(ABMM) Medical College of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
9:30 – 10:30 am What's the Buzz About Arboviruses? Emerging and Re-emerging Arthropod-Borne Virus
Western Hemisphere Ryan F. Relich, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)SM Indiana University
School of Medicine, Indiana University Health, Indianapolis, IN
10:30 – 10:45 am Break
10:45 – 11:45 am Weiridobacters Lars Westblade, PhD., D(ABMM) Cornell Medical School, New York, NY
11:45 – 12:00 pm President's Closing Remarks

It was noted this meeting hosted many new speakers who have never spoken at SEACM before.

At registration the following will be given to attendees.

Notepads – Luminex
Pens – Puritan and Copan
Bags – Microbiologics

SEACM logo folders
Flash drives – 100 all presentations on them – ZeptoMetrics
Mugs – 95 left from last Fall meeting
Flashlights – 100 from Hardy Diagnostics
Wifi available

Exhibit / Vendors – Dawn Peralto

34 Vendors
12 Sustaining
Paypal worked really well

Corporate Liason - Chris Ayers

59.16 refunded.

State Spring Meetings

VA - ?
GA – Stacy Reeves
SC – Amanda Moore – March 8th, 2018
NC – Laura Brandt

Complete listing of Microbiology supervisors in all 4 states under Constant Contacts.
Email blasts out very simple. By end of the year it should be in place (Dave Lockhart)

MailChimp - Email instead of sending via postage mail. Save a Date postcard with info.

New Buisness

Email previous members to see if they would come back 2 or 3 years.
Carole's SWACM 4 SEACM Trip –
Sept 36th Annual meeting
Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas
Approx. 400 members More Volunteers
Not many young folks
Not as many folks attended
Robust program 3 full days and ½ day Saturday
Learning opportunities available morning noon and night
Vendor sponsored full buffet breakfast offered all 4 morning s with speakers
Vendor sponsored full buffet lunch and dinner offered with speakers
SWACM offered morning and afternoon breaks and missing meals
Day one Wed morning and afternoon choose between 6 Work Shops
Day two Thurs 8-9pm
6 lectures two 15 min breaks
30 min for poster judging
2 hr lunch and exhibits
Evening 5-7pm vendor dinner with speaker 7-9pm exhibits
Day three Friday 8-445pn
6 lectures

Two 15 min breaks
15 min business meeting and award presentation
Another 2 hour lunch exhibits and posters

Sat 1/2 day morning choose between 3 workshops
15 speakers some did workshop and lecture
SWACM ideas
Vendor Card – vendor sign card, then when all signed put in for drawing
Vendors sent out emails, postcards for advertising
SWACM offers regional workshops instead of state meetings
SWACM is organized differently
May be beneficial for SEACM to check it out.

Retreat? Weekend in March?
Any issues pending?

With no further discussion, meeting was adjourned and all board members helped get registration packets ready for the morning.

Respectively submitted Sandra J. Bandstra 12-2-17