

SOCIETY OF ARMED FORCES MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTISTS

2003 SAFMLS GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

25 Mar 03

Silver Legacy Resort, Reno NV

1. Call to Order: The Society President, LtCol Dale Ferguson called the meeting to order at 0735.

2. Review of Previous Minutes: The minutes from the 2002 Business Meeting were printed in the Society Scope and available on the web site for membership review. The minutes were approved at the Board of Directors Meeting on 23 March 03.

3. Treasurer's Report: LtCol Ferguson presented the Treasurer's report that was provided by CDR Ciorlorito. Info provided was as follows:

Cash balance on 17 Mar 02	\$216,528.39
Cash Receipts from 17 Mar 02 – 18 Mar 03	\$109,819.55
Cash Disbursements from 17 Mar 02 – 18 Mar 03	\$108,984.36
Cash Balance on 18 Mar 03	\$217,363.58

The general balance for the Society has risen to a baseline of approximately \$150K since 2001. Spikes in balance correspond with revenue inflows from vendors in advance of each annual meeting with most disbursements following.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as is.

4. Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the membership report, which was approved. A breakdown of members is as follows:

Army	274	Regular	538
Air Force	247	Associate	51
Navy	88	Applicant	33
DOD Civ	10	Emeritus	11
USPHS	8	Other	4
USAR	3	Total	637
USNR	3		
USAFR	2		
Allied	2		
Total	637		

Statistics do not reflect 42 new applicants approved at BOD meeting on 23 March 03.

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5. New Applicant Review: There were 42 new applicants approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on 23 March 03. The breakdown was as follows:

USA	20
USAR	4
USAF	9
USAFR	2
USN	4
USNR	1
USPHS	2

6. Society Scope Update: LtCol Mapp announced that he will be transitioning to a new position within the Society and is looking for someone to take over the responsibilities of Editor for the Scope. He requested that anyone interested contact him for additional info.

7. Future Meeting Locations: LtCol Livingstone reported that the locations have been selected for the next three meetings. The locations are as follows:

Boston, MA	Sheraton	22-26 March 04
Jacksonville, FL	Adam's Mark	13-17 March 05
Reno, NV	Silver Legacy	March 06

8. Old Business:

a. By-Laws Change: The Board of Directors, at their 23 Mar meeting approved a change to the By-Laws concerning the role of the Members-at-Large. The following information was added to the duties of the Members-at-Large:

Members-at-Large shall provide at least one article per year per military service branch, supporting the purpose and objectives of the Society, for publication in the Society Scope. Members-at-Large shall engage in active advocacy and recruiting for Society members. Members-at-Large shall provide support to the Annual Meeting as directed by the Planning Committee Chair. Members-at-Large will be the first consideration to fill the Society's Secretary role in the event the Secretary is unable to participate in Society functions (e.g. deployed). This interim appointment will be voted on by the Board of Directors and appointed by the President.

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9. New Business:

a. Elections: Nominees for SAFMLS officers were posted and the President proposed that uncontested nominees be voted on verbally as a slate. A motion to that effect was recognized and passed. A paper ballot was used to decide the contested position of Navy Member-At-Large. The following members were elected:

President-Elect	Marilyn Brew, LTC, MS, USA
Vice President	Jean Ruddell, Maj, BSC, USAF
Army Member-At-Large	Eva Calero, MAJ, MS, USA
Air Force Member-At-Large	Julie Zwies, Maj, BSC, USAF
Navy Member-At-Large	Felix Alphonso, LCDR, MSC, USN

The President congratulated the new board members and thanked the outgoing members.

b. Logo Contest: The current Society logo has been used since 1971. A recommendation has been made that a new logo be created for the Society. Anyone interested in submitting a design for a new logo should send it to LtCol Mapp and a winner will be chosen from those submitted.

10. The meeting adjourned at 0805.

Respectfully submitted,

// Original Signed //

Christine L. Congdon, LCDR, MSC, USN
Acting Secretary