

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS

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NEWSLETTER

Minutes of the Board meeting held on Sunday, November 9, 1997

In the enclosed minutes please note the Nominations Committee report. Drs. Terry Bowersock, Scott Dee, Inge Eriks, Brad Fenwick, Masukazu Matsumoto, and P. Gobal Reddy were nominated for the three positions that will be vacated on the Board of Directors. According to our constitution additional nominations for the office may be made by petition over at least three signatures of three diplomates in good standing if the petition is received by me before February 15, 1998.

Drs. Carlton Gyles, Lorraine Hoffman, and David Huxsoll were nominated for Honorary Diplomate status. A ballot will be going out in March.

At the CRWAD meeting in Chicago on November 9-11, 1997, ACVM organized a very timely symposium on Host pathogen interactions: Implications in the design of novel vaccines." Speakers included Drs. B. Brett Finlay, University of British Columbia; Jeff Miller, UCLA; Aravinda de Silva, Yale University; and Bruce Levin, Emory University. The symposium was well attended by more than 200 people.

The ACVM certifying examinations were given in Chicago just prior to the CRWAD meeting. This year seven candidates passed the exam. They were Drs. David Brown,

University of Massachusetts Medical School; Daniel Grooms, Michigan State University; Jeffrey Isaacson, Mayo Clinic Foundation; Melissa Kennedy, University of Tennessee; Steve Kleiboeker, Plum Island Animal Disease Center; J. Lindsay Oaks, Washington State University; and Amy White, University of Nebraska.

The Diplomates were welcomed at the annual meeting and banquet held at Berghoff's restaurant with 54 Diplomates and guests in attendance. At the banquet, three microbiologists were recognized as Honorary Diplomates and presented with certificates. They were Drs. Lynette Corbeil, University of California , School of Medicine; Phil Lukert, University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine; and Gerald Woode, Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine. They were recognized for their long and distinguished contributions to veterinary microbiology throughout their careers.

Awards consisting of a certificate and check were presented to five graduate students for their presentations. One for each of Bacteriology/Mycology (D.J. Keil, Kansas State University); Immunology (K. Pandher, Oklahoma State University); Virology (C.L. Topliff, University of Nebraska); Best Poster (J. Shin, University of Minnesota), and Best Overall (Don Kahn Award). This year the Don Kahn Award went to G.T. Robertson, Louisiana State University.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Dues are still \$20 –an exceptional bargain until January 31, 1998 when they go to \$30 for those of you who have not paid. Please make remittances payable to ACVM by check drawn on a US bank or by international money order. Emeritus or Honorary Diplomates do not need to pay dues (donations are always welcome).

1997 98 Diplomate Directory

Please visit our Web Site for the updated and detailed Directory, Constitution, Bylaws, and Newsletter information. If you do not have access to the Web or if you let me know. Please notify me of any corrections for the directory (please print out the Directory Information Correction Form and return it to me). Corrections may be made also by e-mail. Costs are going up including our expenses at meetings; the Web Site is significantly reducing printing and mailing costs, and it is my hope that we can minimize the number of directories to be printed and mailed.

Suggestions and Corrections

Please contact Dr. Leon Potgieter for additional information, to make corrections or provide suggestions potgieter@utk.edu.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Plaza Room of the Ramada Congress Hotel

Chicago, Illinois

5:30 P.M., Sunday, November 9, 1997

MINUTES

Attendance: Board members: Drs.H.W. Dickerson, A.E. Castro, C.S. Hayhow, L.K. Schlater, C.A. Baldwin, D.S. McVey. Also present were: R.L. Jones, D.G. Simmons, L.N.D. Potgieter, R.W. Fulton, G.H. Frank, J. Storz, G.M. Buening, M.D. Lairmore, L.D. Pearson, Y.M. Saif, R.F. Rosenbusch, C.M. Scanlan, F.A. Osorio, D.H. Ley, S. Kapil, Chengappa, M.M.

1. Call to Order: Dr. Harry Dickerson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes: Previously distributed minutes were approved (Hayhow, McVey).
3. Secretary-Treasurer's Report:
 - a. **Financial Report.** The ACVM balance sheet was reviewed (balance as of 11/6/97 was \$27,547.73). The cash flow report from 1/1/97 to 11/6/97 was presented (a positive balance of \$9,249.96 existed on 11/6/97). \$8,800 was donated by industry for the symposium and another \$1000 is pending. Dues from about 40 members are still owing. Projected expenses include the banquet (approximately \$1500), speaker expenses (about \$2500), Roosevelt University examination expenses (\$500), student awards (about \$600), office expenses (about \$1000).
 - b. **Request for Emeritus Status.** The board awarded emeritus status to Drs. J.R. Long, D.P. Anderson, L.E. Carmichael, A.R. Dommert.
 - c. **Deceased.** None.
 - d. **Dues status.** A summary of the dues status of all members was presented to the board.

A motion to accept the report was made and passed (Castro, Baldwin).

4. Committees and Representative Reports:

- a. **Examinations Committee Report:** The Examination Committee reported on the results of part I and part II examinations. Fourteen candidates took part I of the examination and seven passed

(five of nine approved in 1997 and two of five approved before 1997).

Eight candidates presented themselves for part II examination. The passing score is 75%. Four sat for the immunology subspecialty and two passed. Two sat for the bacteriology examination and both passed. Seven sat for the virology examination and five passed. The net result is the certification of six new diplomates and the certification of one diplomate in an additional subspecialty. All five that were approved and passed part I in 1997 were certified in one or two subspecialties. Other activities include a critical review in August by the entire committee of a draft of the part I examination with 10 to 15% excess questions. This ensures a high quality examination. The committee reported that one of the weakest areas in the part I question bank is the "Biochemistry" section and recommended that this section be changed to "Molecular Biology and Technology" to reflect current practices. The committee will adapt and refine a model used by the National Board Examination to validate questions used for ACVM examinations. Questions will be reviewed to determine for what level mastery of the knowledge is essential; how important are the knowledge and skills tested by the item; and to what extent candidates' correct responses to the item would be critical in differentiating adequate from inadequate performance. Motion was made and approved to accept the report (McVey, Schlater).

This action grants certification to the following:

David Brown	Virology and Immunology
Dan Grooms	Virology
Jeff Isaacson	Immunology
Melissa Kennedy	Bacteriology
Steve Kleiboeker	Virology
Lindsay Oaks	Virology, Bacteriology
Amy White	Virology

- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Dr. C.S. Hayhow reported that the program on Host Pathogen Interactions at the CRWAD meeting in Chicago was an enormous success. It was very well attended and the speakers were excellent. He promoted the program for the Symposium on Monday morning on July 27 at the AVMA meeting in Baltimore. The topic is Antimicrobial Resistance; the speakers are Stephen Sundlof of FDA, Frederick Angulo from CDC and Kathleen Ewert from industry. Dr. Hayhow asked for input concerning topics for future symposia (to be submitted to Dr. Terry Bowersock). Motion to accept the report was made and accepted (Baldwin, Castro).
- c. **Continuing Education Funding Committee:** Chairman of the committee, Dr. Gerald Buening reported that fund-raising efforts were very successful this year. \$8,800 was received and \$1000 is pending. Dr. Buening attributed the success to the approach used to contact industry and a better environment for industry. Dr. Buening has made arrangements to pass on all the materials to the new Chairperson of the committee. Motion to accept the report was made and approved (Baldwin, McVey).
- d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Osorio and his committee nominated six candidates for the three slots on the Board of Governors that will be vacated in July. The nominees are Terry L. Bowersock, Scott A. Dee, Inge S. Eriks, Brad W. Fenwick, Masukazu Matsumoto and P. Gopal Reddy. The final report of the committee is due on December 15. Other nominations can be made by petition over at least

three signatures of members in good standing received by the secretary/treasurer before February 15. A ballot will be sent out early in March. A motion to accept the report was made and approved (Hayhow, Schlater).

- e. **Honorary Diplomat Nominating Committee:** Dr. Johannes Storz reported that the committee was forwarding three names for consideration as Honorary diplomates. They are Carlton L. Gyles, Lorraine J. Hoffman and David L. Huxsoll. Summaries of their achievements and full vitae were presented by Dr. Storz. A telephone poll of the Board of Governors on these nominees will be taken within two weeks. This will allow careful review of the materials provided. A 2/3 majority approval by the Board of Governors and the general membership is required for election to honorary membership. It was recommended that members of the Board of Governors receive vitae on honorary diplomate nominees at least two weeks before the November meeting. A motion to accept the report was made and approved (McVey, Hayhow).
- f. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Kapil reported that 52 graduate student presentations are in the competition this year, 26 oral presentations and 26 posters. Only 3 oral presentations were entered for the immunology section (and thirteen bacteriology and ten virology presentations were entered). Discussion ensued concerning the growing trend for graduate students to enter the poster competition and whether the Don Kahn award could be awarded for a poster presentation. Consensus developed not to change the guidelines for graduate student awards at this time. Dr. Kapil made an appeal for volunteers to assist in evaluation of the presentations. A motion to accept the report was made and approved (Hayhow, Schlater).
- g. **American Board on Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Potgieter detailed the report made to ABVS by the secretary/treasurer. It included demographics on ACVM membership and summaries of candidate performance for the past six years. He mentioned also that all specialty organizations are assessed \$200 per year by AVMA. A motion to accept the report was made and approved (Castro, McVey).
- h. **Council on Biological and Therapeutical Agents:** No report. Dr. Robert Fulton encouraged diplomates to present themselves for election to the Council on Research through their respective state organizations (state AVMA House of Delegates). The Council is involved in selecting recipients of various prestigious research awards such as the Excellence in Research (for various species), American Kennel Club Research Award, Practitioner Research Award, American Feed Manufacturers' Award.
- i. **NOAH Coordinator Report.** No report.

5. New Business:

- a. **Proposal for Infectious Disease Specialty:** An ad hoc committee chaired by Dr. Ken Nusbaum had been appointed to report on this issue. Dr. Nusbaum was unable to attend the meeting but had indicated to the Chair that his preliminary review with colleagues was not encouraging. It was suggested to include Dr. Scott Dee, a practitioner and diplomate, on the committee. A short discussion on this issue ensued and the Chair indicated that it should be included on the agenda for the July meeting.
- b. **Constitutional Change (Section 1, Article 2 of Bylaws) Concerning Eligibility of Nominating Committee for Office:** Submitted by Dr. R.D. Welsh. This motion had been tabled at the AVMA meeting in Reno (1997). It was noted that the motion should be presented over signatures by three diplomates in good standing. Dr. Welsh was not present at the meeting and the secretary/treasurer shall contact him to advise him of this requirement. It will be placed on the agenda of the July meeting providing the signatures are submitted.
- c. **Update of Constitution and Bylaws:** Dr. Potgieter presented several housekeeping changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Action was postponed until the appropriate number of signatures is submitted.

6. Other Business:

- a. **Virtual Library:** An E-mail request to subscribe to a list of mail lists for inclusion in a virtual library: microbiology and virology section was denied by consensus of the Board.

7. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Employment

DIAGNOSTIC VIROLOGIST - The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission is seeking applicants for a diagnostic virologist in its Little Rock Diagnostic Laboratory. The ideal candidate would possess a D.V.M. degree from an AVMA accredited institution, an advanced degree in virology, ACVM eligibility, and a license to practice veterinary medicine in the United States. Other candidates with a Ph.D. in virology with diagnostic laboratory experience will be considered. Responsibilities include supervision of the virology/serology sections in the Little rock and Springdale labs, consultation with practitioners and animal industry personnel, and diagnostic test development. The salary range is \$55,000 top \$65,000. Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three professional references to Dr. Paul E. Norris, Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, Little Rock, AR 72205. For additional information contact Dr. Norris at 501-225-5650 or fax 501-228-7494. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

MICROBIOLOGIST - The Department of Veterinary Pathobiology in the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in the Section of Microbiology, Immunology, and Public Health at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. The department has 26 faculty members and 37 graduate students. Newly constructed and recently renovated research facilities are available. Responsibilities of the position include organizing and teaching microbiology and infectious disease courses in the undergraduate and graduate veterinary medicine curricula and development of an extramurally funded research program. Qualifications for the position include a Ph.D. degree and experience in microbiology. Experience in molecular pathogenesis of animal diseases or animal models of human diseases and excellence communication skills are required. The D.V.M. or an equivalent degree is desirable. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Review of applicants will start on March 15, 1998, and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, names of three references, and a letter of professional interests and aspirations to: H. Leon Thacker, D.V.M., Ph.D., Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, 1243 Veterinary Pathology Building, Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907-1243. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer/Educator. Women and minority applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.