

ACVM Board of Governors Meeting

Thu, Mar 8, 2018 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM EST

1. Call to Order (C. Chase) Meeting called to order at 12:39 pm.
2. Approve Agenda (C. Chase)
3. Roll Call (R. Wilkes) Those in attendance included C. Chase, T. Frana, A. Zajac, D. White, D. Loy, C. Miller, J. Daniels, H. Adams, S. Dee, T. Gull, K. Clothier, R. Wilkes and Jennifer Stalley with Midwest Solutions
4. Moment of Silence was observed for Dr. Kunwar Srivastava
5. Consent Calendar (approve Dec. BOG meeting minutes) Dec. BOG minutes were approved.
6. Old Business
 - a. ACVM Residency Committee- approve final document (K. Clothier) K. Clothier sent out final edits following comment period. The final version was unanimously approved.
 - b. Midwest Solutions- suggestion was made to have a calendar by month for ACVM as well as a policy and procedures document
7. Reports
 - a. D. Tewari (committees and webinars)- D. Tewari was not present, J. Stalley has helped put together a list of individuals willing to serve on committees. Deep will finalize the list for approval by the BOG
 - b. R. Wilkes (ABVS meeting, By-laws changes, Hana Van Campen request for Emeritus, Microbiologist of the Year)- R. Wilkes discussed the need to make changes to the by-laws to reflect P&P changes from ABVS (no longer suggesting mediation for appeals process). R. Wilkes mentioned ABVS change in representation, which now includes a psychometrician, non-specialist veterinarians representing small animal, large animal, and equine medicine, a vet state board representative, an AAVMC rep, and 4 specialists from the previous ABVS. R. Wilkes is one of the specialists elected to serve on the new ABVS for a 4-year term. The previous ABVS (with a representative from every specialty) is now called the VSOC (Veterinary Specialty Organizations Committee). The ABVS voted to approve the ACVM 1-year report and continued full-recognition. R. Wilkes announced that the Microbiologist of the Year, Dr. Ab Osterhaus has agreed to present at our mini-symposium at CRWAD. He will also attend the ACVM banquet to receive his award. R. Wilkes reminded the BOG that this is our 50th year as a fully recognized AVMA specialty.

- R. Wilkes made a motion to accept Hana Van Campen's request for emeritus status, seconded by D. White, and was unanimously approved.
- c. T. Frana (Treasurer's Report)- budget proposed reflects what was presented at the Dec. meeting. Due to collection of past-owed dues, ACVM's net worth has increased in the last year. There are now approximately 225 inactive members and 180 active members following corrections to the database based on dues payments. J. Stalley mentioned that some diplomates are on a payment plan to catch up on dues payments and when all dues are paid, these individuals will be moved back to active status.
 - d. D. White (Communications)- D. White requested information for the newsletter that will be coming out soon.
 - e. J. Daniels (Exam Committee)- Exams will be given at Colorado State University to reduce costs associated with the venue. The exams will occur on Nov. 16-17 and arrangements have been made for a discounted hotel rate for the applicants. J. Daniels is working with D. Tewari to finalize the list of new members for the exam committee. D. Loy will take over as chair following the next meeting, but J. Daniels will continue to offer support. Rob Mallenowski will continue to provide Exam Soft platform management. We will continue to need a psychometrician to help evaluate the exam performance to continue to improve the exams. D. Loy mentioned a survey that was sent to the past year's exam takers to seek feedback to improve process and requested information regarding exam location and timing. There was no inclination either way as to whether the exams should coincide with CRWAD.
 - f. A. Thachil (Continuing Education)- A. Thachil was not present. C. Chase mentioned that CRWAD will now have a program committee which will allow for more input.
8. New Business
- a. Brainstorming- How can ACVM be seen by AVMA and other associations as the go to group for infectious disease/immunology expertise? S. Dee started a discussion that centered around AMR and how ACVM could provide guidance for the practitioner including providing CE talks or preparing a position paper that could be published. D. White mentioned this idea was previously suggested, but there were no volunteers to write any position papers for publication. C. Miller mentioned ACVM diplomates are doing this type of work (including her), just not in the name of ACVM. Potentially there is a need for an AMR subcommittee to push out a product. T. Frana mentioned a need to update our website to make it more contemporary and allow for hosting seminars/CE through the site, which would increase our visibility. Consolidation of activities through the website (including database, webinars, listserv, etc) would be useful. D. White suggested we could get a Webex license for webinars if needed and suggested an upgraded website may not be worthwhile at this time because we don't appear to have a need for improved communications capabilities. D. Loy suggested it is important to have an updated site for the younger generation of students that might

be interested in ACVM certification. A. Zajac mentioned the importance of having an individual committed to continually updating the site to keep it current.

9. Adjourn- meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Minutes approved by the BOG 7/2/18