

# **ACVM Board of Governors Meeting**

**Sunday December 4, 2016**

**9 AM - 12 PM CST, 10 AM – 1 PM EST, 8 AM – 11 AM MST, 7 AM – 10 AM PST**

1. Call to Order (C. Chase) Meeting called to order at 9:03 am CST
2. Approve Agenda (C. Chase) no new additions to the agenda
3. Moment of Silence was held for Drs. Prem Paul and John Berg
4. Roll Call (R. Wilkes) BOG members in attendance: Chris Chase, Deep Tewari, Josh Daniels, Anne Zajac, Tim Frana, Dave White, Eileen Thacker, Claire Miller, Dustin Loy, and Becky Wilkes. Additional diplomates present: Chris Hayhow, M.M. Chengappa, Amelia Woolums
5. Reports
  - a. D. Tewari– committee status, D. Tewari expressed concerns about some diplomates being overcommitted (ie on several committees) while others are not involved. Hopes to involve more people in 2017. Some members on the exam committee are not contributing as needed and replacements are needed.
  - b. R. Wilkes- Secretary and ABVS, Paperwork has been submitted to ABVS for full recognition of the Parasitology RVS, R. Wilkes reminded the group about the annual banquet on Monday evening at the Grand Lux Café.
  - c. T. Frana – Treasurer Report, inactive members and Website, T. Frana is working with Midwest Solutions to collect back dues (\$54,000 owed in back dues). Targeted reminders will be sent to those that have forgotten to pay in 2015 and 2016. Letters will be sent out to those in arrears for several years. Midwest Solutions will drive this.

- d. D. White- Communications, The latest newsletter has been released, discussions centered around how to increase use of listserv and increasing communication among diplomates. C. Miller suggested highlighting a diplomate each month through social media to increase awareness of ACVM. D. Tewari suggested quarterly spotlights with a mix of both old and new diplomates being highlighted.
- e. J. Daniels- Exam Committee, J. Daniels told the committee that the use of ExamSoft was successful and hiring Rob Malinowski from Michigan State was extremely helpful to the process. Consensus among candidates that took the exam with the new format that had taken the exam with the previous format said they loved the ExamSoft format. They were able to go back and look at previous items and were happy with the images. 11 people took the general microbiology exam, 2 took the general parasitology exam, 7 took bacteriology/mycology, 12 took virology, 7 took immunology, and 2 took the parasitology specialty exam. Exam results were not available at the meeting because of the new online format. Discussions among the exam committee and scoring will take place over the next two weeks. J. Daniels will provide exam scores to the BOG by email for approval. Changes for next year- Angoff scoring, will need 8 people for each exam to help with this. A call for volunteers will be sent to the membership. There was mention of soliciting the general membership to write exam questions for areas of the exam blueprint that are lacking.

- f. S. Olsen- Graduate Student Awards Committee, S. Olsen could not attend the meeting but provided the list of grad students competing for awards and provided abstracts.
- g. W. Odemuyiwa- Nominating Committee, Wole was unable to attend the meeting, B. Wilkes will contact him for nominations for BOG and Microbiologist of the Year.
- h. Continuing Education (Parasitology CE at AVMA?, AAVLD in 2017?)-
  - A. Thachil could not attend the meeting, but D. Loy suggested we could do a joint minisymposium with the Bacteriology subcommittee at AAVLD in 2017. The topic is likely going to be mycology. C. Chase reminded the group that there will be a minisymposium in Viral Pathogenesis at the CRWAD meeting in memory of Prem Paul. Some discussion centered around potential ACVM sponsorship of a speaker at the AAVP meeting at AVMA.
- i. Administrative Assistant- Midwest Solutions, J. Stalley has drafted a letter to be sent out to those owing dues with plans to collect back dues by the end of June or place members on inactive status to be in compliance with our by-laws

## 6. Old Business

- a. ACVM Residency Subcommittee- L. Ballweber, L. Ballweber was unable to attend the meeting but did provide a draft document for the Residency Training Standards for evaluation.

## 7. New Business

- a. Appointment of next Secretary and Treasurer- E. Thacker made a motion that B. Wilkes and T. Frana each serve an additional term as secretary and treasurer, respectively. The motion was seconded by J. Daniels and was unanimously approved.
- b. Exam fees and location/dates for 2017, The cost for each candidate to use ExamSoft is \$25. ACVM did not increase exam fees in 2016 to cover this fee. E. Thacker made a motion that the application fee be increased to \$350 from \$300 to cover this cost. Motion was seconded by B. Wilkes. J. Daniels opposed and all others were in favor. Motion was approved.  
  
J. Daniels will not be at OSU for the next exam. Discussion about location and date of the 2017 exams took place. It was suggested the exam not be held on the same weekend as CRWAD in case candidates want to attend the meeting. There was some discussion about the feasibility of using multiple exam sites. Some of the other specialty colleges do this, administering exams at all locations within a 48-hour time frame, but using a central site is more cost effective and easier. Details for exams will be worked out at a later date.
- c. Brainstorming- How can be ACVM be seen by AVMA and other associations as the go to group for infectious disease/immunology expertise?  
  
D. Tewari mentioned starting webinars to help with CE requirements for Maintenance of Certification. Logistics of this were considered. We currently pay a monthly fee to use GoToMeeting, but this is only for 25 people. There was discussion about providing RACE approved CE for this and potentially recording the webinars to make available to watch at a later date. D. Tewari will work on

setting up some webinars, with first one maybe in March 2017. There was also discussion about forming a seminar subcommittee.

Additional discussion centered around the possibility of submitting news releases to JAVMA to announce things like our Microbiologist of the Year or new BOG members.

8. Adjourn, meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am CST.