

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS BOARD OF GOVERNORS'
MEETING

Coral Reef Room of the Atlantis Hotel

Reno, Nevada

2:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 22 1997

MINUTES

Attendance: Board members: Drs. H.G. Purchase, A.E. Castro, C.S. Hayhow, L.N.D. Potgieter. Also present were: R.A. Crandell, T.B. Crawford, R.E. Dierks, L.J. Gershwin, R.L. Jones, H.W. Lupton, P.G. Reddy, and D.G. Simmons.

Call to Order. Dr. Graham Purchase called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Two items were added to the agenda (request for endorsement of Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights - Potgieter) and letter to veterinary colleges about ACVM - Castro). It was noted that only four Board members were present; a motion was made and approved to suspend the By-laws of the Constitution (Purchase, Castro).

Welcome to the New Board of Governors Members. The new Board of Governors members is Drs. C.A. Baldwin, T.B. Crawford and R.E. Dierks.

Approval of the Minutes. Previously distributed minutes were approved (Hayhow, Castro).

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

Financial Report and Review by Budget Committee. The budget committee reviewed the financial statement for 1996 and financial activity for the period that Dr. Potgieter has been responsible for the Secretary/Treasurer's duties (from January 1, 1997). The committee also reviewed recommendations to reduce expenses. Dr. Linda Schlater reported by E-mail that everything was in order and had no questions about the budget. They concurred that ACVM should consider printing and mailing the directory only to those who do not have web access and to place some of the newsletters only on the web. Dr. Schlater recommended also that the usual honoraria be paid to certain officers of the organization. A detailed account of the financial activity from January 1997 to June 30, 1997 was presented to the Board. Balance of all accounts on June 30 was \$18,852.02.

Request for Emeritus Status. The board awarded emeritus status to Drs. W. M. Colwell, R.E. Dierks, W. P. Heuschele, R.M. Nakamura, and F.W. Scott and M. Sevoian.

Deceased. Drs. Charles Cunningham, C.L. Chow and Edward Wedman died over the past year.

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, Hayhow).

Committees and Representative Reports.

Examinations Committee Report. The Examination Committee reported on the applications of 10 candidates (compared to 7 in 1996). One application was received too late for consideration (actually was an applicant for 1998). The credentials of all candidates were satisfactory. The applicants were Fatai Ayanwale, David Brown, Daniel Grooms, Jane Christopher-Hennings, Jeffery Isaacson, Jimmy Kwang, Lindsay Oaks, Ramesh Vemulapalli, Amy White and Kyoung-Jin Yoon. Administration of Part I qualifying examination is scheduled for September 10, 1997. Part II subspecialty certifying examinations are scheduled at Roosevelt University, Chicago on November 8, 1997. Immunology at 10:00 a.m., Bacteriology at 2:00 p.m. and Virology at 5:00 p.m. Motion was made and approved to accept the report (Potgieter, Hayhow).

Long Range Planning Committee. Chairman Dr. R.L. Jones indicated that the committee had completed its charge and had reported the results at the last meeting. No urgent problems had been identified and the Long-Range Planning Committee was now officially dissolved. Dr. Purchase thanked Dr. Jones and the committee members for a job well done. A proposal to establish a sub-specialty on Infectious Diseases developed by L.N.D. Potgieter and A.M. Legendre (ACVIM member) was read and discussed. Dr. Purchase proposed that the new Chairman set up an organizing committee to explore the issue and report at the next meeting.

Continuing Education and Program Committee. Dr. C.S. Hayhow reported that the program on emerging diseases at the AVMA meeting in Reno was an enormous success. It was very well attended and the speakers were excellent. He handed out the program for the Symposium at the Conference of Research Workers in Chicago on November 9, 1997. Dr. Hayhow asked for input concerning topics for future symposia.

Continuing Education Funding Committee. Dr. Potgieter reported that the Committee already had been active. The representative from the AAVI had contacted the Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Beuning (the new Chairman of the Committee). Dr. Beuning also had requested ACVM letterhead to use in solicitations. A list of potential donor names and addresses had been provided to the Committee.

Graduate Student Awards Committee. No report.

American Board on Veterinary Specialties. Dr. Potgieter reported that ACVM had been granted continued full recognition. The only concern expressed was the relatively low percentage of credentialed applicants sitting for the examination.

Council on Biological and Therapeutical Agents. Dr. R.L. Jones read a written report from Dr. Ed Stephenson. The main issues addressed by COBTA are:

Proposed AVMA endorse a position that FDA reconsiders its decision to ban the continued sale of dipyrone; approved by the Executive Board but FDA followed through with the ban.

Proposed that the AVMA co-sponsor a veterinary/production conference on therapeutic and production drugs with the American Sheep Industry and the Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners. The Executive Board approved but the concept failed because of dissolution of the ASRP.

Provided significant input to AVMA for response to the FDA on AMDUCA.

Forwarded once again the following: "That until further scientific information becomes available, aminoglycoside antibiotics should not be used in cattle, except as approved by FDA." The Executive Board disapproved once more. Reference Committee approved the position and will be voted on by the House of Delegates.

Proposed that the AVMA educate veterinarians in their role in the Veterinary Feed Directive through the use of educational materials developed jointly with other members of the Veterinary Feed Directive Coalition. Approved by the Executive Board.

Worked in conjunction with the Judicial Council, to expand the VCPR definition to provide for emergency coverage. The Executive Board adopted the Judicial Council version.

Revised the "Guidelines for Veterinary Prescription Drugs" to incorporate the changes induced by AMDUCA. The Executive Board approved.

NOAH Coordinator Report. No report.

6. New Business

Election of Officers. Dr. Chris Hayhow had been nominated by the Nominations Committee (Drs. Graham Purchase and Bob Jones) to be Vice-Chair. No nominations were received from the floor and Dr. Hayhow was elected by acclamation. Dr. Harry Dickerson succeeds Dr. Purchase as Chair.

Approval of New Committee Members, Committee Chairs, Representative to ABVS, Representative to COBTA and Coordinator of NOAH. The slate presented by Dr. Purchase was discussed and a vote was taken where nominations exceeded the slots to fill. The slate then was presented by Dr. Purchase and accepted (Castro, Potgieter). (See the 1997 Directory on the Web).

Constitutional Change (Section 1, Article 2 of By-Laws) Concerning Eligibility of Nominating Committee for Office. Submitted by Dr. R.D. Welsh. Because Dr. Welsh was absent and because the meeting was being conducted under suspension of the by-laws, the motion was tabled (Crandel, Dierks).

ACVM Web Site. Dr. Potgieter discussed the establishment of the ACVM Web Site at the University of Tennessee. It could save on expenses by allowing fewer printings and mailings of the Directory and Constitution. Perhaps the directory could be printed only for those who request it. We had a large number of candidates this year and everyone downloaded the information and application materials from the Web.

Election Results for Honorary Membership. Dr. Purchase reported that the College had elected Drs. Lynette Corbeil, Phil Lukert and Gerald Woode to ACVM honorary membership.

Meeting of General Membership. Dr. Purchase indicated that official ACVM meetings were for the Board of Governors and inquired whether there was any interest in holding an official meeting of general membership. There was little support for the need of such a meeting and it was stated that general membership's input was to select a board and on the mail-in vote on certain issues as stated in our constitution.

Letter to Colleges of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Castro argued for sending a letter from ACVM to Deans of Veterinary Colleges urging them to consider ACVM board certification in their hiring practices. Dr. Purchase indicated that Deans annually receive a copy of our directory/constitution and information about certification for potential candidates. Perhaps this request could be sent at the same time.

7. Other Business

Poster Expense. The board authorized the payment to Iowa State University of an additional \$300.00 to cover the full expense of the ACVM poster (Hayhow, Castro).

Research Report. Dr. Potgieter received a copy of the research report from the University of California at Davis College of Veterinary Medicine.

Charge for Advertisement in Newsletter. It was decided to continue our policy of placing appropriate notices in the ACVM newsletter without charge.

Request for Nominations for the AJVR Board of Scientific Reviewers. No nominees were identified.

Request for Endorsement of the Association of Animal Rights Veterinarians. Subject was tabled (Simmons, Potgieter).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.