

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS BOARD OF
GOVERNORS' MEETING**

**Belmont C Room, Gaylord Opryland Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee
2:00 PM, Sunday, July 14, 2002**

MINUTES

Attendance: Board members: Drs. K.V. Brock, B.R. Charlton, R.L. Jones, M.A. Kennedy, S.Kleiboeker, D.S. McVey, J.A. Roth, D.L. Suarez and E.L. Thacker. Also present were: Drs C.C.L. Chase, Chris Hayhow, L.N.D. Potgieter, D. Simmons.

1. **Call to Order.** Dr Melissa Kennedy called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes.** Previously distributed minutes were approved (Charlton, Kleiboeker).
3. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report.**
 - a. **Financial Report.** The ACVM balance sheet was reviewed (balance as of 6/30/02 was \$23,751.15). The cash flow report from 1/1/02 to 7/11/02 was presented (income of \$11,317.02 and expenses of \$5,423.74). \$8,000.00 was donated by industry for the symposium.
 - b. **Dues status.** A summary of the dues status of all members was presented to the board. Dues are currently due for the year.
 - c. **Request for Emeritus Status.** The Board approved the requests for emeritus status from Dr. Konrad Eugster
 - d. **Deceased.** None

A motion to accept the report was made and passed (McVey, Jones).

4. **Committees and Representative Reports.**
 - a. **Examinations Committee.** Dr. R.L. Jones, Chair of the Examination Committee reported on Dr Robert Jones reported that the committee had received five applications this year. Three candidates that had applied by the standard route and one that applied by the alternate route one were unanimously recommended for approval by the committee. One additional applicant applied by the alternate route one and was approved by the committee by a vote of 6 to 3. Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the 4 individuals that had unanimous recommendation by the committee and was passed. Based on the recommendation of the examinations committee, a second motion was made to approve the individual that had also applied to the standard route and was seconded by Dr. Hayhow. This motion was voted down by the board of governors by a unanimous No vote.

Dr. Jones reported also that Part I examination is to be administered on Wednesday, September 4, 2002. Part II examinations are to be administered at Millenium Hotel in St. Louis on Saturday, November 9, 2002. The examination schedule will be as follows: Bacteriology 9:00 AM, Immunology at 12:30 noon and Virology at 3:30 PM.

Dr. Jones recommended that an examination workshop be held by the examination committee for a question writing session. It was estimated to require one nights lodging for 10 examination committee members and 2 adhoc individuals at a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000. The workshop would be held on the Friday night before the examination. Motion by Jones, seconded by Brock was approved by the board.

Discussion was held concerning changes in the schedule of administration of the examination. The changes had been discussed at the previous board meeting (see minutes from Nov, 2001). A petition was submitted signed by six diplomats accompany proposed changes to Article V of the ACVM Constitution. The changes had been circulated previously to the board of governors and were discussed. Motion to amend the constitution was made by Jones, seconded by Suarez. Motion to adopt changes to the constitution regarding the examination was passed unanimously

Nominations to the examination committee were Brad Fenwick (Immunology), Dr. Nathan (Bacteriology/Mycology), Steve Kleiboeker (Virology).

The report was approved unanimously (Roth, Charlton).

- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee.** Dr Chris Chase reported that the joint symposium at the ACVIM meeting was a success and had increased exposure of the ACVM. Sessions were held on immunology and infectious diseases with approximately 75 to 150 people in the sessions. The theme next year will be Molecular diagnostics and speakers are being solicited for companion animals. The next meeting should be in June held in Charlotte, NC. ACVM is involved with infectious disease committee to help plan speakers. New members nominated to serve on the committee were Amelia Woolums, Gene Erickson. Eileen Thacker is currently serving as Vice Chair and will become chair next year. Dr. Chase is remaining as Chair during the transition.
- c. **Nominating Committee.** No report.
- d. **Honorary Diplomate Nominating Committee.** No report.
- e. **Continuing Education Funding Committee.** Dr. Scott McVey, Chairperson of the Committee, submitted a written report which was included in the agenda materials. Due to downswing in the economy and mergers of some major pharmaceutical companies it is becoming more difficult to solicit donations. The donations from industry were reviewed.
- f. **Graduate Student Awards Committee.** No report.
- g. **American Board on Veterinary Specialties.** Dr. Brock reported on attending the ABVS meeting in March, 2001.
- h. **Council on Biological and Therapeutical Agents.** Dr. Don Reynolds submitted a reported summarizing the activities of COBTA during the past year

Dr Kennedy requested a motion to collectively accept all the reports. The motion made by David Suarez and seconded by S. Mcvey was approved unanimously.

5. **Old Business.**

6. **New Business.**
None.

7. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 P.M.