

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

*Gold Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel
Denver, Colorado
10:00 AM, Sunday, July 20, 2003*

MINUTES

Attendance: Board members: Drs. K.V. Brock, C.S. Hayhow, D.S. McVey, J. Roth, and E.L. Thacker.

Minutes of the board of governors

New members to the board of governors were recognized
C.S. Chase (2006), C. Chengappa (2006), S. Olsen (2006)

Minutes from the 2002 Meeting were reviewed and approved.
(motion: Hayhow, Second: Roth)

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

- a. **Financial Report.** The ACVM balance sheet was reviewed (balance as of 6/30/03 was \$21,444.88). The income/expense report from cash flow report from 7/1/02 to 6/30/03 was presented (income of \$11,497.05 and expenses of \$13,803.32). Donations from industry are down considerably due to the economy and consolidation.
- b. **Request for Emeritus Status.** None
- d. **Deceased.** Dr. Gaylord McKissick

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

Committees and Representative Reports.

Examinations Committee.

Dr. Kleiboeker was unable to attend and forwarded a report from the examinations committee. This year will be the first set of candidates to sit for the examination under the new format. This year 9 candidates applied by the standard route and 4 were unanimously approved by the examinations committee. For the remaining five candidates, a number of committee members were concerned about their eligibility to practice veterinary medicine since each did not graduate from an AVMA-approved college of veterinary medicine, had not completed the AVMA's examination administered through the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates, and did not provide documentation of their eligibility to practice veterinary medicine. Each of the five candidates was contacted and following discussion the other five candidates were recommended for approval by the examinations committee.

Nominations to the examination committee were Sreekumari Rajeev (Immunology).

The report was approved unanimously (motion: Hayhow, second: Roth).

Continuing Education and Program Committee.

Dr. Eileen Thacker reported that the CRWAD symposium program has been set and costs should be reasonable for 2003. The topic of the symposium will be Bioterrorism and will include Dr. Corey Brown as a keynote speaker and 3 other speakers. The symposium will be held on Sunday afternoon as usual. Dr. Thacker reported that the ACVIM joint symposium efforts have not been resolved.

Nominating Committee. No report.

Honorary Diplomat Nominating Committee. No report.

Continuing Education Funding Committee. Dr. Scott McVey, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that approximately one third of the letters have been sent out and follow-up phone calls were being conducted. It was mentioned that consolidation of requests for funding from different organizations AAVI, CRWAD and ACVM should be done to not duplicate and dilute fund-raising efforts. Due to downswing in the economy and mergers of some major pharmaceutical companies it is becoming more difficult to solicit donations.

Graduate Student Awards Committee. No report.

American Board on Veterinary Specialties. Dr. Brock reported on attending the ABVS meeting in March, 2002. Following review of the annual report the ABVS requested that the ACVM must change the wording the constitution. This would be discussed under new business.

Council on Biological and Therapeutical Agents. No report.

Motion to collectively accept all reports was approved unanimously.
(Motion: Hayhow, second: Thacker)

Old Business.

The vision statement that was sent out in the Spring 2003 newsletter was discussed. It is the perception that the interest level of ACVM diplomates has decreased. The discussion centered on ways to increase interest. Several things were discussed such as potential meetings with related organizations such as ACVIM and ASM. Meetings for

ACVM members was suggested maybe with a rotation schedule between AVMA and ACVIM. AVMA meeting advantage, AAVLD and USAHA. Finding place for our specialty was discussed. College should begin dialogue with AAVLD/USAHA for the potential for a satellite meeting. Use meeting to advertise our specialty and educate our diplomates. This issues will be placed on the agenda and re-visited at CRWAD.

New Business

Changes to the constitution were submitted which involved changing the wording from "subspecialty" to "specialty". Previous changes from "Chair" and "Vice-Chair" were changed to "President" and "Vice-President". These changes were requested by the ABVS.

Unanimously approved changes to constitution. (Motion: Thacker, Second: Brock)

ACVIM canine guidelines were discussed. The contribution of three ACVM diplomates on the AAHA subcommittee to develop the guidelines were recognized; Dr. Dan Kiel, Dr. Skip Carmichael, and Dr. Eileen Thacker. It was discussed that the ACVM should request a formal invitation to approve guidelines. The President will appoint a committee and committee will report with response by November meeting.

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 A.M.