

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING
Americana Congress Hotel/Music Room
Chicago, Illinois
Sunday, November 9, 2003

MINUTES

Attendees: Dr.'s T.L. Bowersock, C.C.L. Chase, M. M. Chengappa, M. Debey, C.S. Hayhow, S.B. Kleiboeker, S.C. Olsen, Y.M. Saif, D.L. Suarez, E.L. Thacker, A. Woolums, M. Kennedy, and B. Fenwick

Call To Order

President Scott McVey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The minutes from the July 2003 ACVM Board of Governors' Meeting in Denver were presented Kenny Brock.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Brock)

1. Financial report given by Dr. Kenny Brock

- a. Dr. Kenny Brock reported that we have a balance of approximately \$29,500.00.
- b. These funds included receipt of approximately \$2900 in dues and examination fees and \$5250 in corporate support for the Research Symposium.
- c. Dr. Kenny Brock reported that he was continuing to update the College's web pages and email addresses for diplomats.

2. Request for Emeritus Status: none

3. Deceased: none

Committees

a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. Steve Kleiboeker, Chair

The general examination was given on Friday, November 7, 2003. Seven candidates took the test and four of these candidates achieved passing scores. Three candidates took the Virology test and two passed. No candidates sat for the Bacteriology and Mycology examination. Four candidates took the Immunology test, but none of these candidates achieving a passing score. Motion by M.M. Chengappa, seconded by M. Kennedy to support the recommendation of the Examinations Committee to approve Elankumaranas Subbiah as a Diplomate within the subspecialty of virology. The motion passed

unanimously. (One candidate passed the part two Virology exam but failed the general examination.)

b. Graduate Student Awards Committee: Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair

Abstracts were received and judging teams have been organized.

c. American Board of Veterinary Specialties:

Dr. Kenny Brock reviewed the history of a request from The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA – via Dr. Mike Paul) for the ACVM to review and endorse a report authored by the Canine Vaccine Task Force of the AAHA. A note of appreciation was received from ABVS. (See Old Business, below).

d. COBTA: Dr. Don Reynolds

No report at this time.

e. Budget Committee:

No report at this time

f. Nominations Committee: Dr. Terry Bowersock, Chair

Terry agreed to initiate the process as soon as possible. Candidates for election for three BOG member positions as well as President and Vice-President of the BOG are needed.

g. Honorary Diplomat Nominating Committee: Dr. Terry Bowersock, Chair

Dr. Janice Miller was elected as an Honorary Diplomat in 2003 (nominated by Dr. David Suarez).

h. Continuing Education and Program Committee: Dr. Eileen Thacker, Chair

The title of the symposium for this year is: "Agriculture Bioterrorism and Biosecurity." Suggested topics for 2004 were routes of immunization and delivery technologies.

i. Continuing Education Funding Committee: Dr. D. Scott McVey, Chair

Contributors for 2003 included Pfizer Animal Health. PAH has agreed to increase their level of support to cover the previous contributions of Pharmacia Upjohn as

supporter of the Graduate Student Awards. Other contributors included Merial Limited, Fort Dodge Animal Health and Biomune.

Dr. McVey reported on discussions between ACVM and AAVI (McVey/Thacker/Chase) and CRWAD regarding requests for corporate funding. All agreed to make funding requests activity-specific and to communicate between organizations.

New Business

- a. Dr. Brock reported that he had some difficulty getting plaques to winners of the graduate student competitions. HE requested that the judging committee assist in obtaining correct information on the winners.
- b. Dr. McVey requested that the BOG consider meeting in the summer or late spring of 2004 by conference call to facilitate attendance.

Old Business

- a. The ACVM vision statement, as revised, was discussed. The ACVM has opportunities for growth based on recognizing and rewarding graduate students for research achievements, mentor recognition of excellence among peers, veterinary infectious disease expertise, and facilitating scientific meetings. There was a consensus to continue some strategic planning. The BOG agreed to look in to this to develop some specific activities and goals, considering the appointment of a special, ad hoc committee or team – recognizing that this activity would continue past the upcoming elections.
- b. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA – via Dr. Mike Paul) for the ACVM to review and endorse a report authored by the Canine Vaccine Task Force of the AAHA. A note of appreciation was received from ABVS. [Report of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Canine Vaccine task Force: Executive Summary and 2003 Canine Vaccination Guidelines and Recommendations. *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*.2003. 39: 119-131.] An ad hoc committee of ACVM diplomats had been appointed by Dr. Scott McVey during the summer of 2003 to review this report and render a summary opinion. Dr. Jim Roth chaired this committee and the members were Drs. Mary Debay, Russell Greene, Melissa Kennedy and Eileen Thacker. Dr. Jim Roth transferred the summary to Dr. McVey on November 03, 2005. The report was discussed briefly and endorsed by the Board of Governors to be forwarded to AAHA.
- c. The BOG was reminded that the 2004 meeting was to be held in Chicago at the Congress Hotel and the 2005 meeting will be in St. Louis, MO.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 PM.

DSM (from notes and conversations – 05 JAN 2007)