

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Americana Congress Hotel  
Seminar Room  
Chicago, Illinois  
Sunday, November 14, 2004

MINUTES

**Attendees:** Dr.'s T.L. Bowersock, C.C.L. Chase, M. M. Chengappa, M. Debey, L.J. Gershwin, C.S. Hayhow, S.B. Kleiboeker, B. Love, S.C. Olsen, D. Reynolds, J.A. Roth, Y.M. Saif, D.L. Suarez, E.L. Thacker, J. Timoney and A. Woolums

**Board Members Present:** Dr.'s C.C.L. Chase (2006), M.M. Chengappa (2006), C.S. Hayhow (2005), S.B. Kleiboeker (2005), B. Love (2007), S.C. Olsen (2006), J.A. Roth (President), D.L. Suarez (2007), J. Timoney (2007), and A. Woolums (2005).

**Call To Order**

President Jim Roth called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Due to illness, ACVM Secretary-Treasurer Kenny Brock was not in attendance. The minutes from the August 16, 2004 ACVM Board of Governors' conference call were summarized by Chris Hayhow.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

1. President Jim Roth outlined the requirements in the ACVM Constitution and By-laws for appointment of the ACVM Secretary-Treasurer. He recommends the Board approve Chris Hayhow as the next ACVM Secretary-Treasurer. There was a motion by M.M. Chengappa, which was seconded by David Suarez to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Chris Hayhow agreed to work with Kenny Brock to transition in as our new Secretary-Treasurer. Please note that with this approval Chris Hayhow served as secretary at this meeting in the absence of Kenny Brock. Jim Roth further explained that he will work to transition the ACVM website from Auburn University to Iowa State University. Jim anticipates that it will take approximately two months to complete the transition. Once the transition is completed then Chris Hayhow will make changes to the website as needed.
2. Financial report given by Dr. Chris Hayhow
  - a. Chris Hayhow summarized the financial report given by Kenny Brock during the ACVM Board of Governors' conference call of August 16, 2004. At that time Kenny Brock reported that we had a balance of approximately \$27,000.00. We discussed the need to

prepare a revised budget after we receive the updated financial report from Kenny Brock.

- b. Due to the absence of Kenny Brock we were unable to review the status of our dues. When the report is received from Kenny Brock it will be made available to the membership.
- c. Request for Emeritus Status: none
- d. Deceased: Dr. Benjamin S. Pomeroy

## **Committees**

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

The general examination was given on Friday, November 12, 2004. Three candidates took the test and two of these candidates achieved a passing score. The subspecialty examinations were given on Saturday, November 13, 2004. One candidate took the Virology test and failed; one candidate took the Bacteriology and Mycology test and failed; and five candidates took the Immunology test, with two of these candidates achieving a passing score.

Based on the results of these examinations, Dr. Roger Parker and Dr. Matt J. Sylte were proposed as new ACVM Diplomats. Both of these candidates passed testing with a subspecialty in immunology. Motion by M.M. Chengappa, seconded by Steven Olsen to support the recommendation of the Examinations Committee to approve the two candidates as Diplomates with subspecialties in immunology. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Kleiboeker then discussed activities of first year exam committee members, which is to review the questions on the general examination. Potential candidates to serve on the committee for 2005 were solicited. Nominations to the Examinations Committee were Terry Bowersock (Bacteriology and Mycology), Laurel Gershwin (Immunology) and Mary Debey (Immunology). No workshop was held this year. Therefore, the only committee expense was for the examination room, which was used for 3 days @ \$125.00 per day.

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

Steven emphasized that the award winners need to receive their checks as soon as possible. This year there are 16 posters and 31 oral presentations entered in the competition, so help is needed with grading all of these entries. Steven Olsen presented a proposal for a new format to group the oral presentation for grading. The new format would place the presentations into 3 groups. These are 1) In vitro, 2) In vivo, and 3) Molecular. Motion by Amelia Woolums, seconded by M.M. Chengappa to approve the proposal for the new format. The motion passed unanimously.

### **c. American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Kenny Brock

Due to the absence of Kenny Brock no report was given.

d. **COBTA:** Dr. Don Reynolds

1. The Compliance Policy Guidelines (CPG) for bulk drugs is under review from a legal standpoint since questions exist for pet and companion animal use.
2. Food Safety Vaccines: The Virus Serum Toxin Act (VSTA) defines the approval process for animal vaccines. The Food Drug and Cosmetic Act defines the process for the approval of human and animal drugs. However, where do preharvest vaccines fall? For example, a vaccine for *E. coli* O157H7 versus a vaccine for rabies. COBTA submitted a resolution to AVMA that preharvest vaccines are under the jurisdiction of USDA/APHIS. USAHA also approved a resolution supporting this position. The current strategy is to facilitate discussions between Dr.'s Steven Sundloff and Rick Hill to determine how to move ahead.

e. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris Hayhow, Chair

Chris Hayhow agreed to work with the committee to provide a revised report when the completed financial report is received from Kenny Brock.

f. **Nominations Committee:** Dr. Terry Bowersock, Chair

Terry agreed to initiate the process as soon as possible. If you are interested in serving on the ACVM Board of Governors' please contact Terry Bowersock.

g. **Honorary Diplomate Nominating Committee:** Dr. Terry Bowersock, Chair

No report at this time.

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

The title of the symposium for this year is "Advances in Vaccine Delivery Technologies."

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

In the absence of Scott McVey, Eileen Thacker, Secretary-Treasurer of AAVI reported that she would work with ACVM to determine the status of financial contributions for 2004.

Motion by Chris Chase, seconded by M.M. Chengappa to approve all of the Committee reports. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

- a. Election of a new ACVM Vice President: Motion by Chris Chase, seconded by David Suarez to approve Dr. M.M. Chengappa as the new ACVM Vice President. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Recognition for past ACVM officers: President Jim Roth will investigate how to recognize past ACVM Board members. Jim agreed to check with

Leon Potgieter concerning what was previously done. Motion by David Suarez, seconded by M.M. Chengappa to support this activity. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Recruitment and recognition of new ACVM Diplomates: AAVMC may be a good contact to help with promotion of our college. We need to develop a plan to solicit new members and to retain current members. Amelia Woolums agreed to serve as Chair of the committee. The mission of the committee is to investigate and make recommendations concerning what can be done to address these issues. The committee members are M.M. Chengappa, David Benfield, and Brenda Love. We will investigate whether AVMA has a notice to print in JAVMA concerning when our examinations are administered each year.
- d. Biosecurity Task Force: President Jim Roth discussed a proposal for ACVM members to serve on a Biosecurity Task Force. Jim stated “the mission of the task force is to assist local, state and federal officials in prevention of, response to, and recovery from infectious diseases which threaten food security or public health.” The Center for Food Security and Public Health at Iowa State University will provide task force members with resource materials. When the committee is up and running we will get a link to AVMA and the USAHA/AAVLD websites. Motion by Amelia Woolums, seconded by M.M. Chengappa for ACVM to encourage membership on this task force. The motion passed unanimously. Jim will initiate the process and provide contact information for FEMA and post the information on the ACVM website.
- e. M.M. Chengappa reported that Kansas State University is constructing a new BSL3 building, which should be ready in 2007.

### **Old Business**

- a. Jim Roth agreed to provide support for website development to update the ACVM website and transfer it from Auburn University to Iowa State University.
- b. Survey for the membership: Due to the absence of Scott McVey this issue was tabled.
- c. To continue to ensure that the college achieves its mission and the membership is aware of our activities we will have a conference call in early 2005, if possible. Also, the ACVM Board will plan to have a meeting at the AVMA convention in Minnesota in July 2005.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50 PM.