

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Conference Call
Ames, Iowa
Tuesday, August 1, 2006

MINUTES

Attendees: Dr.'s C.C.L. Chase (2006), M.M. Chengappa (2006), M. DeBey (2008), L. Gershwin (2009), C.S. Hayhow, M. Kennedy (2009), B. Love (2007), A. Phipps (2008), J.A. Roth (2008), D.L. Suarez (2007), J. Timoney (2007)

Call To Order

President Jim Roth called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The ACVM diplomates present each introduced themselves. Jim welcomed the three newly elected Board members. The new Board members are James Fahey, Laurel Gershwin and Melissa Kennedy. The minutes from the December 4, 2005 ACVM Board of Governors' meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri were reviewed. Motion by M.M. Chengappa and second by John Timoney to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a. Chris Hayhow summarized the financial status of the college since November 2005. On November 30, 2005 we had a balance of \$21,175.07 in our checking account and \$14,288.81 in CD's, for a total of \$35,463.88. On June 30, 2006 we had a balance of \$20,342.06 in our checking account and \$14,465.26 in CD's, for a total of \$34,807.32. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses since November 2005 was reviewed. Chris reported that one CD had already been transferred from Tennessee to Kansas. The second CD will mature in 2006 and will be transferred to Kansas at that time.
- b. Request for Emeritus Status: Dr. Roy D. Montgomery and Dr. Gopi Nayar were approved for Emeritus status. Motion to approve the request for Emeritus status by Andrew Phipps and second by M.M. Chengappa. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Deceased: Leland C. Grumbles (May 4, 2006).

Committees

- a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. Steve Kleiboeker, Chair
The Chair is currently looking for a virologist to serve on the Examinations Committee. Current activities include revision of a study guide for each of the four examinations. The committee is currently reviewing the entire bank of examination questions and also plans to provide sample questions

- for review by prospective diplomates. There are forty-one (41) candidates eligible to sit for the examinations this year. Twenty-nine candidates (29) from previous years are eligible to sit for the examinations and twelve (12) candidates that were approved in 2006 are eligible to sit for the examinations. We will receive an update from Chair Kleiboeker concerning why some of the candidates felt they did not pass the examinations in 2005 at our next Board meeting.
- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Dr. Chris Chase, Chair
The title of the symposium for this year is “Reproductive Tract Immunology.” Proposed speakers are Drs. Peter Hanson, Lynette Corbeil, Jane Hennings and Carol Ann Bolin. It was agreed that Chris Hayhow will follow up with Bob Ellis to order coffee for the attendees.
- c. **Continuing Education Funding Committee:** Dr. D. Scott McVey, Chair
Scott McVey provided a detailed report that indicated we have generated \$3,500.00 in support of the joint ACVM/AAVI symposium at the 2006 CRWAD meeting. We also have pledges from two companies for additional support of approximately \$4,500.00. Included in the report were recommendations as to how to generate additional monies to support our activities. It was agreed that the best way to generate financial support is for a specific item, such as an award, rather than asking for general corporate sponsorship. Chris Hayhow and Jim Roth will investigate the possibility of making this committee part of the Continuing Education and Program Committee.
- d. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair
Since this is not the time of peak activity for this committee no report was submitted.
- e. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Terry Bowersock, Chair
Terry Bowersock recommended we combine the Nominating and the Honorary Diplomate Selection Committees. Chris Hayhow and Jim Roth will investigate the possibility of combining these two committees.
- f. **Honorary Diplomate Selection Committee:** Dr. Terry Bowersock, Chair
Previously the committee submitted the names of three candidates for a new ACVM award. The ACVM Board approved Dr. Ian Tizard as the 2006 recipient of the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award. Chris Hayhow will coordinate Dr. Tizard’s presentation and obtain an award to be given to Dr. Tizard in Chicago in December. Dr. David A. Bemis was approved by the college as an ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2006.
- g. **Recruitment Committee:** Amelia Woolums, Chair
Amelia Woolums submitted a detailed report on recommendations from the committee. First, the Board approved the recommendation of the committee to prepare an accurate and detailed description of what ACVM Board certification represents. Amelia Woolums and her committee will work on this task. Second, the Board approved the recommendation of the committee to identify representatives to ensure that ACVM interacts

more effectively with AAVLD, AAVMC, and AVMA. Amelia Woolums and her committee will work on this task. Third, the Board approved the recommendation of the committee to write a position paper on the importance of veterinary microbiology to society. Jim Roth agreed to contact Dr. Brad Fenwick to help write the paper. Fourth, the Board approved the recommendation of the committee to have an ACVM Diplomate "Student Liaison" at each US and Canadian veterinary school. Amelia Woolums and her committee will work on this task. Fifth, the Board approved the recommendation of the committee to consider funding speakers at national meetings. It was agreed to have Amelia Woolums and her committee work on this task. It was proposed that funding of up to \$2,000.00 could be available for a meeting such as USAHA for 2006. Jim Roth agreed to contact Amelia Woolums to coordinate the possibility of such an activity.

- h. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris Chase, Chair
Chris Chase stated that he plans to review our financial records and audit the books for ACVM prior to the CRWAD meeting in 2006.
- i. **American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Chris Hayhow
Chris Hayhow reported that the AVMA Executive Board has approved another training session for 2007 on "trends in certification." The goal of the workshop, which will be held in conjunction with the ABVS meeting in Schaumburg, Illinois in 2007, is to develop criteria to prepare appropriate test questions and to evaluate our examinations. We want to ensure our examination is meaningful and legally defensible.
- j. **COBTA:** Dr. Chris Chase
Chris Chase reported that several issues are currently under review by COBTA. The most important issues are vaccine guidelines and duration of immunity. ACVM may be requested to provide input on these issues.

Motion by Mary DeBey and second by M.M. Chengappa to approve the Secretary-Treasurer and all of the Committee reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. ACVM Biosecurity Task Force: Jim Roth stated that we currently have 16 members. Jim has contacted USDA, EMOC, CDC, and DHS, to inform them of our activities and willingness to assist as needed. David Suarez will send additional potential contacts to Jim.
- b. Plans for the ACVM Banquet at CRWAD: Chris Hayhow asked for input concerning a site for the banquet since we have a new location and the fees he has been quoted to date are higher than we paid in the past. It was agreed that Chris will move ahead and coordinate planning of the banquet.
- c. ACVM/AAVI Symposium at CRWAD: The program has been finalized for 2006.

- d. Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award: The 2006 recipient is Dr. Ian Tizard. He will be recognized at the CRWAD meeting in December 2006 in Chicago, Illinois.
- e. History of ACVM: This is the 40th Anniversary of ACVM. Dr. Dick Ross has agreed to document our history.

New Business

- a. ACVM Committee Members: It was agreed that the Board would vote by e-mail to approve the new slate of Committee Chairs and members.
- b. Agreement with AAVI: Chris Chase stated that communication is the best it has been in years between AAVI and ACVM representatives. Plans for the annual symposium at CRWAD have been finalized. Chris Chase also agreed to discuss fundraising activities with members of AAVI.
- c. ADA and impact on the Examinations Committee etc: Steve Kleiboeker is working to address this issue. We will have an update at the Board meeting in Chicago, Illinois in December.
- d. AVMA Public Service Award: ACVM President James A. Roth was presented the AVMA Public Service Award at the AVMA meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Congratulations Jim!

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 AM.