

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois  
Denver/Houston Room  
Sunday, December 2, 2007

MINUTES

**Attendees:** Dr.'s C.S. Baldwin, T.L. Bowersock, C.C.L. Chase, M.M. Chengappa, M.C. DeBey, J.R. Fahey, L Gershwin, C.S. Hayhow, M.A. Kennedy, B.C. Love, D.S. McVey, D.K. Meyerholz, S. Olsen, A.J. Phipps, S. Rajeev, Y.M. Saif, C. Scanlan, K.K. Srivastava, E. Subbiah, J.F. Timoney, D.N. Tripathy, R. Walker, R. Wilkes, A. Woolums, and C.V. Yason.

**Board Members Present:** Dr.'s C.S. Baldwin (2010), M.C. DeBey (2008), J.R. Fahey (2009), L. Gershwin (2009), M.A. Kennedy (2009), D.K. Meyerholz (2010), A.J. Phipps (2008), and J.A. Roth (2008).

**Call To Order**

Due to travel issues President Jim Roth via conference call from Ames, Iowa called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Roll call was taken. The minutes from the July 15, 2007 ACVM Board of Governors' meeting in Washington, DC were reviewed. Motion by J.R. Fahey and second by A.J. Phipps to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

- a. Chris Hayhow summarized the financial status of the college. Recently we were contacted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). We are now in compliance with all IRS regulations. We now need to submit a tax report each year to confirm our non-profit status. Therefore, we are now tracking our income and expenses on a calendar year basis. On December 31, 2006, we had a balance of \$24,613.43 in our checking account and \$15,143.61 in CD's, for a total of \$39,757.04. On November 1, 2007, we had a balance of \$30,789.93 in our checking account and \$15,525.79 in CD's, for a total of \$46,315.72. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. A proposed budget for 2008 was reviewed.
- b. Request for Emeritus Status: None
- c. Deceased: None.

**Committees**

- a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. B.C. Love, Chair

Brenda reported that the pass rate was 60% for the general examination and 75% for the specialty examinations. Brenda reported that 27 of the 29 applicants were certified to sit for the exam in 2007. We had 19 candidates sit for examinations this year. This year we had thirteen (13) candidates sit for the general exam with eleven (11) achieving a passing score (11/13 or 85%). Twelve (12) candidates sat for the virology examination and seven (7) passed (7/12 or 58%). Five (5) candidates sat for the immunology examination and one (1) passed (1/5 or 20%). Six (6) candidates sat for the bacteriology/mycology examination and none passed (0/6 or 0%). There were eight (8) passing scores for the 23 specialty examinations administered (8/23 or 35%). The net result was eight (8) new diplomates were certified. Motion by A.J. Phipps and second by M.A. Kennedy to accept the recommendation of the Examinations Committee to approve these eight (8) new diplomates. The motion passed unanimously. The new diplomates for 2007 are K. Pabilonia, A. Banda, A. Torres, J. Anderson, I. Cote, F. Origgi, V. Srinivasan, and Y. Kim. A discussion ensued concerning the positive results based on the changes implemented during the last two years to help better prepare candidates for the examinations. Brenda Love proposed that we set up a workshop of members of the ACVM Examinations Committee and other interested diplomates to help improve the examinations. A.J. Phipps moved and seconded by L Gershwin to allocate up to \$10,000.00 to the ACVM Examinations Committee to organize a workshop between now and July 2008 to improve the examinations. The motion passed unanimously. A discussion ensued concerning the ABVS proposed recommendation concerning the ADA. M.M. Chengappa agreed to submit proposed verbiage to Chris Hayhow to include in our application form.

- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Drs. Chris C.L. Chase and D. Scott McVey, Co-Chairs  
Chris reported that the title of the symposium for this year is "Nutritional Immunology." If you have any ideas for topics for 2008 please provide them to Chris or another member of the committee as soon as possible. Scott McVey reported that we have generated \$8,500.00 in support of the joint ACVM/AAVI symposium at the 2007 CRWAD meeting. In addition, we have an agreement in place for AAVI to provide ACVM \$1,000.00 in support of the symposium. Scott requested we find a diplomate to train as chair of the fundraising portion of the committee.
- c. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair  
Steven reported that we have 18 posters and 16 presentations to grade. The oral presentations will be assigned to one of the following areas: molecular, *in vitro* or *in vivo*. Anyone interested in assisting with evaluation of the graduate presentations is requested to contact Steve Olsen as soon as possible.
- d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Dan Keil, Chair

Terry Bowersock gave the committee report. They have secured the names of seven (7) candidates for the three (3) positions that will be available on the Board of Governors in 2008. They have also secured the names of three (3) candidates for the office of ACVM President. Finally, they have five (5) candidates for ACVM Honorary Diplomate in 2008. However, they are still seeking names of candidates for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2008. If you are aware of a deserving candidate for either of these awards please contact Terry Bowersock or Dan Keil as soon as possible. A discussion ensued concerning criteria for nomination of Honorary Diplomates. Based on the discussion Jim Fahey agreed to revise his proposal and submit it to Jim Roth.

- e. **Recruitment Committee:** Dr. Amelia Woolums, Chair  
Amelia Woolums reviewed the previous recommendations from the committee. Many activities are moving ahead. Amelia Woolums reported that she received a tremendous response to her request for ACVM liaison at veterinary schools. Activities are ongoing to improve communications between ACVM and AAVLD. We are looking for a host of our list serve. Finally, a white paper on the significance of veterinary microbiology and ACVM is being prepared. Amelia was thanked for her tremendous effort to move ahead this important area.
- f. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris Chase, Chair  
Chris Chase stated that he had reviewed the financial records and audited the books for ACVM. He stated that the records look good and that everything adds up.
- g. **American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Chris Hayhow  
Chris Hayhow reported that he submitted the ACVM annual report to AVMA. This report will be reviewed at the ABVS meeting in Schaumburg, Illinois in February 2008.
- h. **COBTA:** Dr. Chris Chase  
Chris Chase reported that the main focus of COBTA at this time is compounding.

Motion by D.K. Meyerholz and second by A.J. Phipps to approve these reports. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- a. ACVM Biosecurity Task Force: Jim Roth reported that we have three additional members. Jim has contacted USDA, EMOC, CDC, DHS, the area veterinarians in charge (AVIC) and the state veterinarians to inform them of our activities and willingness to assist as needed.
- b. AAVI/ACVM Symposium: Plans are ongoing to select a topic for 2008.
- c. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2007 will be presented on Tuesday December 4, 2007. Dr. Gordon R. Carter is the recipient for 2007. He has already received the award. Due to health

- issues Dr. Carter was unable to travel to the meeting. However, Dr. M.M. Chengappa has agreed to give a presentation on the behalf of Dr. Carter.
- d. We have regained our non-profit status with the IRS.

### **New Business**

- a. Election of three new ACVM members to the Board of Governors and a President in 2008: Jim Roth, Dan Keil and Terry Bowersock have secured candidates for these Board positions. If anyone is interested in serving on the ACVM Board please contact Terry Bowersock or Dan Keil as soon as possible.
- b. ACVM Committee Members: Our committees are in place and no action was taken.
- c. Resolutions to revise the ACVM Constitution and By-laws. First, there was a motion by M.C. DeBey and second by A.J. Phipps to change the ACVM By-laws, Article II., Section 1.(4) to read (4) Graduate Student Awards Committee: "The Graduate Student Awards Committee shall consist of up to twelve (12) diplomates. The committee will establish procedures for the recognition of graduate students who present outstanding papers at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases." The motion was unanimously approved. Second, there was a motion by J.R. Fahey and second by A.J. Phipps to change the ACVM By-laws, Article II., Section 2. to read "Members on all standing committees shall serve three (3) years with the exception of the Chair of the Examinations Committee who will serve a five year term. A vice Chair of the Examinations Committee will be appointed one year prior to assuming the position of chair. One third of the members of each committee shall be appointed annually by the President of the Board with the approval of the majority of the Board at the time of the July meeting. Tenure of standing committee members shall begin immediately following appointment at the July meeting." The motion was unanimously approved.
- d. History of the ACVM: Our College was formed in 1966. Dr. Richard Ross has documented the first 40 years of our history. There was a motion by M.C. DeBey and second by D.K. Meyerholz to commend Dr. Ross for his outstanding efforts. The motion was unanimously approved.
- e. Meeting at AVMA in July 2008 in New Orleans: We plan to have a Board of Governors meeting in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in 2008.
- f. Name of award: Dr. M.M. Chengappa recommended that we consider selecting deserving ACVM members to honor when giving awards. The issue will be discussed at our next Board meeting. It was recommended that all candidates must be ACVM diplomates.
- g. Fees for certification by ACVM: Chris Hayhow presented a proposal whereby fees should be increased for applicants for ACVM diplomate status. There was a motion by M.C. DeBey and second by D.K. Meyerholz to increase the application fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00 effective

immediately. The motion passed unanimously. It was the consensus of the meeting attendees not to increase the examination fee until the exams are improved.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by M.C. DeBey and second by A.J. Phipps to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 PM.