

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois  
Denver/Houston Room  
Sunday December 7, 2008

MINUTES

**Attendees:** Dr.'s K.V. Brock, C.C.L. Chase, M.M. Chengappa, H.W. Dickerson, J.R. Fahey, L. Gershwin, C.L. Gyles, C.S. Hayhow, S. Kariyawasam, M.A. Kennedy, J.L. Kiel, D.S. McVey, D.K. Meyerholz, S.K. Narayanan, K. Pabilonia, S. Rajeev, J.A. Roth, Y.M. Saif, E. Subbiah, R.P. Wilkes, A. Woolums, C. Yason, and K.-J. Yoon.

**Board Members Present:** Dr.'s M.M. Chengappa (2010), H. W. Dickerson (2010), J.R. Fahey (2009), L. Gershwin (2009), C.L. Gyles (2011), M.A. Kennedy (2009), D.K. Meyerholz (2010), R.P. Wilkes (2011), and K.-J. Yoon (2011).

**Call To Order**

President M.M. Chengappa called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Since there were no members participating via conference call we elected to turn off the speaker phone. Roll call was taken and all diplomates present introduced themselves. The minutes from the July 21, 2008 ACVM Board of Governors' meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana were reviewed. Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by J.A. Roth to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

- a. Chris Hayhow summarized the financial status of the college. We have renewed our non-profit status with the State of Illinois and our change of agent with the AVMA and State of Illinois was approved. On December 31, 2007, we had a balance of \$33,138.24 in our checking account and \$16,011.60 in CD's, for a total of \$49,149.84. On November 1, 2008, we had a balance of \$33,747.56 in our checking account and \$16,380.13 in CD's, for a total of \$50,127.69. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. The proposed budget for 2009 was reviewed.
- b. Request for Emeritus Status: Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by J.A. Roth to approve Hollis Utah Cox (LSU) and Pedro Villegas (UGA) for ACVM Emeritus Status. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Deceased: Richard L. Walker (UC Davis).

Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by J.A. Roth to approve the report of the Secretary-Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Committees**

- a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. A. Woolums, Chair  
Amelia reported that the committee held three workshops during the year to update the examinations. All of the Part II examinations have been updated and the Part I examinations continue to be reviewed and revised as needed. Amelia reported that a sample exam was provided to each candidate. She also reported that the pass rate was 60% for the general examination and 75% for the specialty examinations. This year we had eight (8) candidates sit for the general exam with three (3) achieving a passing score (3/8 or 37.5%). Six (6) candidates sat for the virology examination and four (4) passed (4/6 or 67%). Six (6) candidates sat for the immunology examination and one (1) passed (1/6 or 16.7%). Nine (9) candidates sat for the bacteriology/mycology examination and three (3) passed (3/9 or 33.3%). There were eight (8) passing scores for the 21 specialty examinations administered (8/21 or 38%). The net result was four (4) new diplomates were certified and one (1) diplomate added an additional subspecialty. Motion by K.-J. Yoon and second by H.W. Dickerson to accept the recommendation of the Examinations Committee to approve these four (4) new diplomates and the additional subspecialty for the current diplomate. The motion passed unanimously. The new diplomates for 2008, which were certified in virology are April Johnson, Won-Il Kim, and David White. Dr. Orhan Sahin is a new diplomate certified in Bacteriology / Mycology, and Dr. Rebecca Wilkes was certified in the additional subspecialty of Bacteriology / Mycology.
- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Drs. Chris C.L. Chase and D. Scott McVey, Co-Chairs  
Chris Chase reported that the title of the symposium for this year is "Stress and Innate Immunity." If you have any ideas for topics for 2009 please provide them to Chris, Scott or another member of the committee as soon as possible. Scott McVey reported that we have commitments from Pfizer Animal Health and Fort Dodge Animal Health to support the joint ACVM/AAVI symposium and our other activities at the 2008 CRWAD meeting. In addition, we have an agreement in place for AAVI to provide ACVM \$1,000.00 in support of the symposium.
- c. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair  
Steven Olsen indicated that we have nine (9) posters and twenty (20) oral presentations to evaluate at this meeting. He asked that anyone interested in assisting with evaluation of the graduate student presentations at CRWAD contact him as soon as possible.
- d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Dan Keil, Chair  
Dan Keil was unable to attend but Dr. Sanjeev Narayanan gave the report in his absence. The committee has already secured seven (7) candidates

for the three (3) positions that will be available on the Board of Governors in 2009. Dr X.J. Meng is the ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2008. However, the committee is still seeking names of candidates for the award for 2009. Dr. Carlton Gyles is the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist for 2008. Also, the committee is seeking names of candidates for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2009. If you are aware of a deserving candidate for either of these awards please contact Sanjeev Narayanan or Dan Keil as soon as possible.

- e. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris Chase, Chair  
Chris Chase reported that he completed the audit of our financial records for ACVM and everything appears to be in order.
- f. **American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Chris Hayhow  
Chris Hayhow reported that the ACVM annual reports for 2008 were submitted to AVMA and will be reviewed at the ABVS meeting in February 2009. The big topic at the ABVS meeting in 2008 was the status of veterinary specialty certification and the need for more specialists in academia.
- g. **COBTA:** Dr. Chris Chase  
Chris Chase reported that topics recently addressed included FDA acting to rescind the ban on use of cephalosporins, concerns with statements in the PEW report, the need for operating funds for USDA in Ames, Iowa, availability of a canine influenza vaccine, and use of antibiotics.

Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by L. Gershwin to approve these reports. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- a. ACVM Biosecurity Task Force: Jim Roth reported that we have twenty-three (23) 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 2009.
- c. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2008 will be presented on Tuesday December 9, 2008. Dr. Carlton L. Gyles is the recipient for 2008.
- d. Parasitology subspecialty: President M.M. Chengappa reported that we continue to make progress on potentially adding a new subspecialty to our college. A group of parasitologists submitted a petition to AVMA and we submitted a letter in support of their request to be added to our college. These documents will be reviewed by AVMA and the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS). The approval process for this new subspecialty will take some time as we work through the AVMA / ABVS requirements. It is anticipated that comments will be solicited from the AVMA membership and in the meantime guidelines for the new

subspecialty jointly developed. We will keep everyone updated on the activities and progress.

### **New Business**

- a. ACVM Committee Members: Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by K.-J. Yoon to approve S.K. Narayanan (Chair), D.S. McVey, and T. Bowersock as members of the ACVM Nominating Committee. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by C.L. Gyles to approve C.C.L. Chase (Chair), K.V. Brock, S. Kariyawasam, and C. Yason as members of the ACVM Continuing Education and Program Committee. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by J.R. Fahey to approve T. Frana (Bacteriology), S. Rajeev (Bacteriology), S. Narayanan (Immunology), and M.A. Kennedy (Virology) as members of the ACVM Examinations Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Status of members not current on dues. We have several members that have not paid dues. There was a recommendation that we should make these members “inactive” in status until they pay delinquent dues. Following a long discussion, it was agreed that Chris Hayhow will provide President M.M. Chengappa a list of all members delinquent on payment of dues more than two years and he will contact the members. If they do not pay then they will be listed as “inactive.”
- c. Dues for retired members: A proposal by Dr. A. Castro to have retired members pay reduced dues was discussed. It was agreed that at this time we should encourage retired members to consider requesting ACVM Emeritus Status if they are current on dues.
- d. Naming of awards presented at CRWAD: A proposal to name awards for distinguished members of ACVM was discussed. Drs. Chengappa and Olsen will submit a proposal for consideration by the Board.
- e. Dr. Amelia Woolums recommended that members of the ACVM Examinations Committee have expenses paid to the meeting. She agreed to provide a proposal to the ACVM Board for consideration.
- f. We plan to have a Board meeting in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in Seattle, Washington, July 12-15, 2009.
- g. A proposal from ACVIM for ACVM to participate in a list serve was discussed. It was agreed that we should follow-up on this opportunity.
- h. One Health Initiative: J.R. Fahey led a discussion on the merits of the project. He requested any ACVM members that are on the task force to contact him. In addition, we will write a letter in support of the initiative.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by J.R. Fahey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.