

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Marriott Convention Center Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana
Julia Room
Monday July 21, 2008

MINUTES

Attendees: Dr.'s A. Banda, M.M. Chengappa, L. Gershwin, C. Gyles, C.S. Hayhow, M.A. Kennedy, M. Libal, D.S. McVey, J.A. Roth, T. Stevenson, D. Suarez, R. Wilkes, and A. Woolums.

Board Members Present: Dr.'s L. Gershwin (2009), M.A. Kennedy (2009), M. Libal (2008), and J.A. Roth (2008).

Call To Order

President Jim Roth called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Several members participated via conference call. Roll call was taken. Due to lack of a quorum of the Board a motion was made by M. Libal and second by M. Kennedy to suspend the rules. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the December 2, 2007 ACVM Board of Governors' meeting in Chicago, Illinois were reviewed. Motion by M. Kennedy and second by M. Libal to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. President Roth welcomed and introduced the newly elected Board members who will take office at the completion of the meeting today. Dr. M.M. Chengappa is the President-elect, and Drs. C. Gyles, R. Wilkes, and K.J. Yoon are the new Board members. President Roth thanked the Board members that have completed service at the completion of the meeting today. The Board members completing service are Drs. M.C. DeBey, M. Libal, A.J. Phipps, and J.A. Roth.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a. Chris Hayhow summarized the financial status of the college. Our tax report for 2007 was filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and approved. We are now in compliance with all IRS regulations. In addition, we have renewed our non-profit status with the State of Illinois and completed our change of agent with the AVMA and State of Illinois. 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 June 7, 2008, we had a balance of \$33,110.09 in our checking account and \$16,011.60 in CD's (interest pending), for a total of \$49,121.69. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. The proposed budget for 2008 was reviewed.

- b. Request for Emeritus Status: Motion by M.M. Chengappa and second by D. Suarez to approve Daniel J. (Jack) King for Emeritus Status. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Deceased: Lyle E. Hanson, Emeritus Charter Diplomate, 1967 (Indiana); Russell Eaton Smith, Emeritus Charter Diplomate, 1967 (Massachusetts).

Motion by A. Woolums and second by M.M. Chengappa 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 is working hard to update the examinations. The bacteriology / mycology subcommittee met in March to update old questions and prepare new questions. The immunology subcommittee will meet in August 2008, and the virology subcommittee will meet in September 2008. Amelia reported that all 15 of the applicants were certified to sit for the exam in 2008. We now have seventy-three (73) candidates in the pipeline that are eligible to sit for examinations this year. Amelia proposed we have a sample exam posted on our website. The members in attendance supported the proposal.
- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Drs. Chris C.L. Chase and D. Scott McVey, Co-Chairs
Scott 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. Also, Scott McVey reported that we have commitments from several companies 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. 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 was unable to attend. However, anyone interested in assisting with evaluation of the graduate student presentations at CRWAD is requested to contact Steven Olsen as soon as possible.
- d. **Nominating Committee:** Drs. Terry Bowersock and Dan Keil, Chairs
M.M. Chengappa agreed to work with Terry Bowersock to secure at least six (6) candidates for the three (3) positions that will be available on the Board of Governors in 2009. Dr X.J. Meng was approved as the ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2008. However, the committee is still seeking names of candidates for the award for 2009. Dr. Carlton Gyles was approved to receive the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award 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 Terry Bowersock or Dan Keil as soon as possible.

- e. **Recruitment Committee:** Dr. Amelia Woolums, Chair
Amelia Woolums and her committee have done a tremendous job in their activities. Based on the work completed President Roth agreed to sunset the committee at this time.
- f. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris Chase, Chair
Chris Chase was unable to attend the meeting but the financial records for ACVM will be audited prior to the Board meeting in December 2008.
- g. **American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Chris Hayhow
Chris Hayhow reported that the ACVM annual reports for 2007 were submitted to and approved by the AVMA. The reports for 2008 are being prepared at this time.
- h. **COBTA:** Dr. Chris Chase
Chris Chase was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion by T. Stevenson and second by M.M. Chengappa to approve these reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. ACVM Biosecurity Task Force: Jim Roth reported that we have twenty-two (22) 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.

New Business

- a. Election of three new ACVM members to the Board of Governors in 2009: M.M. Chengappa will work with Dan Keil and Terry Bowersock to secure 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. Election of Vice President for 2008-2009. Motion by M.M. Chengappa and second by D.S. McVey to approve J.R. Fahey as Vice President for 2008-2009. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. ACVM Committee Members: Our committees are in place and no action was taken; however, M.M. Chengappa agreed to follow-up on this issue.
- d. 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, motion by T. Stevenson and second by D.

Suarez that all members delinquent on payment of dues more than two years will be listed as “inactive.” In addition, the ACVM Vice President will attempt to contact these members to raise awareness of their status. Chris Hayhow will contact AVBS staff to determine whether we can list delinquent members as inactive in the AVMA directory. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. AVMA Congressional Fellowship: John Sullivan from AVMA came before our Board and discussed the program. Drs. Ashley Shelton and Ellen Carlin are the fellows for this year. They outlined their activities and recommended that if anyone is interested in applying for a fellowship for next year that the term is August to August, and the deadline for 2009 is February 12, 2009. If you have questions call 800-321-1473, extension 3208 or fellowship@avma.org.
- f. Parasitology subspecialty: Drs. Susan Little (Oklahoma State Univ.), Patrick Meeus (Pfizer Animal Health), and Karen Snowden (Texas A&M Univ.) came before the Board. They made a proposal to consider allowing them to join our college as a new subspecialty. They have about 450 members, including students, veterinarians and non-veterinarians. The process to add a new subspecialty is outlined by the AVMA. After a long discussion it was agreed that our college is very interested but the organizing committee for the parasitology subspecialty will need to submit a written proposal to our Board for review and approval by our membership. If approved, then we will need to work with AVMA to put a plan in place to add the new subspecialty to ACVM. They agreed to work on a proposal for review by the ACVM Board by September 1, 2008, or sooner if possible.
- g. Dues for retired members: A proposal by Dr. A. Castro to have retired members pay dues was discussed. It was agreed that the topic would be tabled for discussion at our Board meeting in December 2008.
- h. New Board members: James Roth welcomed all the new Board members and thanked those Board members rotating off for service. Dr. James Roth was given special thanks for his tremendous service as ACVM President these last four years.

Adjourn

Motion by T. Stevenson and second by D.S. McVey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.