

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Omni Hotel at the CNN Center`
Atlanta, Georgia
Spruce Room
August 2, 2010

MINUTES

Attendees: Dr.'s C.C.L. Chase, M.M. Chengappa, H.W. Dickerson, J.R. Fahey, J.S. Guy, C.S. Hayhow, J.L. Hayhow, D.S. McVey, S.K. Narayanan, D.C. Quenelle, J.A. Roth, Y.M. Saif, K.K. Srivastava, D.L. Suarez, G.A. Uhlich, H. Van Campen, and A.R. Woolums

Call To Order

President M.M. Chengappa called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM Eastern Standard Time. Roll call was taken and all diplomates present introduced themselves. The minutes from the December 6, 2009, ACVM Board of Governors' meeting, which was held in Chicago, Illinois were reviewed. Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by J. A. Roth to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. President M.M.Chengappa introduced Johnora Hayhow as the ACVM Executive Director and thanked her for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

President's Report

President M.M. Chengappa gave a brief report. He welcomed all the new ACVM Board members and gave a special greeting to the newly elected President Scott McVey. The ACVM Board will continue to act on the white paper that was approved by the college.

Vice President's Report

Vice President J.R. Fahey gave a brief report. He will assist the ACVM Nominating Committee to seek candidates for the three new positions on the ACVM Board for 2011.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a. Chris Hayhow summarized the financial status of the college. Our tax return was filed with the IRS and approved. We have renewed our non-profit status with the State of Illinois. On December 31, 2009, we had a balance of \$47,521.41 in our checking account and \$16,785.94 in CD's, for a total of \$64,307.35. On May 31, 2010, we had a balance of \$51,367.68 in our checking account and \$17,091.80 in CD's, for a total of \$68,459.48. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. Motion by J.R. Fahey and second by J.A. Roth to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

- b. Request for Emeritus Status: Motion by J.A. Roth and second by H.W. Dickerson to approve Melissa Libal (TX) and L.N.D. Potgieter (TN) for ACVM Emeritus Status. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Deceased: There was a moment of silence to recognize H.G. Purchase.

Committees

- a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. Amelia R. Woolums, Chair
 Dr. Woolums reported that this year we had twenty seven (27) applicants for certification by examination. The ACVM Examinations Committee reviewed all the applications and recommended approval of the application of twenty-two (22/27) of these candidates. The ACVM Board endorsed the recommendation of the ACVM Examinations Committee. Chris Hayhow reported that all 27 applicants were notified of the vote of the Board. We now have approximately 100 candidates eligible to sit for our examinations this year. Dr. Woolums discussed the issue that when the applicants are applying by Routes 2 and 3, they need to provide more documentation. She requested that any diplomates writing letters of support for the applicants make sure to remind them of this fact. C.S. Hayhow added that each year he requests more information from the applicants but many prefer to do it their way. Drs. Sylte and Rajeev will be rotating off the ACVM Examinations Committee. The proposed new members of the committee will be John Ellis, Immunology, E. Subbiah, Virology, Josh Daniels, Bacteriology. Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by D.L. Suarez to approve these new members of the Examinations Committee. Motion passed. Dr. Woolums also gave a brief report on a proposal to obtain professional outside consulting for the committee. The proposal was for up to \$75,000 a year. Dr. Woolums agreed to follow up with the ACVM Board with more details at a later date.
- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Dr. Chris C.L. Chase, Chair
 Dr. Chase reported that the title of the symposium for this year is "Emerging and Re-Emerging Zoonotic Pathogens." If you have any ideas for topics for 2011 please provide them to Chris Chase, Scott McVey, or another member of the committee as soon as possible. Chris Hayhow reported that based on efforts by Scott McVey we have a commitment from Pfizer Animal Health for the ACVM/AAVI symposium and our other activities at the 2010 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:** No report.
- d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Sanjeev K. Narayanan, Chair
 Dr. Narayanan stated that he has six (6) names for the Distinguished Microbiologists award for 2011. J.R. Fahey agreed to work with the committee to solicit candidates for the ACVM Board election in 2011. In 2011 we need at least six (6) candidates for the three (3) positions that will

- be available on the Board of Governors. The committee is also seeking names of candidates for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award and ACVM Honorary Diplomate award for 2011. If you are aware of a deserving candidate for either of these awards please contact Sanjeev Narayanan or another member of the committee as soon as possible.
- e. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris C.L. Chase, Chair
Dr. Chase reported the budget was ok. A full audit of our financial records will be conducted by the ACVM Budget Committee prior to our meeting in conjunction with CRWAD in December 2010.
 - f. **American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Chris Hayhow
Chris Hayhow reported that the ACVM annual reports for 2009 were submitted to AVMA, reviewed at the ABVS meeting in February, and approved. Chris Hayhow and Executive Director Johnora Hayhow are working on the annual and five year reports for submission to ABVS. We remain in good standing as a college with AVMA. The proposal to include parasitology as a specialty within ACVM continues to move ahead with ABVS/AVMA.
 - g. **COBTA:** Dr. Chris C.L. Chase
Chris Chase stated that this will be his last report on COBTA activities since he rotates off the committee this year. C.L. Chase said there will be a position open for Microbiology in 2011. We need an ACVM diplomate on this council. Dr. Mo Saif will send the information on the position for review by the ACVM membership.

Motion to accept all of the committee reports by H.W. Dickerson second by J.A. Roth. Motion passed.

Old Business

- a. ACVM Biosecurity Task Force: The task force is ready but thus far has not been needed.
- b. AAVI/ACVM Symposium: Plans are being finalized for 2010. We are also initiating plans for 2011.
- c. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2010 will be presented on Monday, December 6, 2010. Dr. Fred Murphy is the recipient for 2010.
- d. The One Health initiative: Vice President J.R. Fahey encouraged diplomates to visit their web-site for more information.
- e. Parasitology specialty: Chris Hayhow reported that activities are moving ahead on the proposal to add the parasitology specialty within ACVM. We need to monitor preparation of the new Part 1 and specialty examinations for this new specialty. Drs. Chengappa and McVey agreed to lead efforts to determine how to respond to questions concerning applying for certification and administration of these examinations in 2011. This will include both ACVM diplomates and new candidates. Dr. A.R. Woolums

agreed to contact representatives from the parasitology group to assist in preparation of the new parasitology examinations.

New Business

- a. Election of ACVM Vice President for 2010-2011: Motion by M.M. Chengappa and second by D.L. Suarez to approve J.R. Fahey as ACVM Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Election of Board members in 2011: J.R. Fahey agreed to work with the ACVM Nominating committee to solicit candidates for the three board seats, and the candidates for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award and ACVM Honorary Diplomate award for 2011.
- c. Can non-DVM's earn diplomate status in ACVM: The question was asked whether we can allow non-DVM's to earn diplomate status in ACVM. In accordance with AVMA/ABVS guidelines we can only certify veterinarians into our college as diplomates. However, we can recognize other distinguished colleagues as Honorary Diplomates.
- d. Status of members not current on dues: We had a discussion concerning the status of our ACVM diplomates that have not paid dues. The suggestion was to make a separate list of members not in good standing. Also, we will make sure that these diplomates understand that once they are inactive they are no longer members in "Good Standing" with the college. J. Hayhow informed us that several of this years applicants listed diplomates for their letters of support that were not current on their dues. Many had not paid dues in several years, and one had never paid dues. Once the ACVM diplomates were contacted and informed that they could not support an applicant they immediately paid their dues. We agreed to make a separate list and notify each candidate if they were inactive.
- e. Fees for application to ACVM to sit for examinations: It was noted that the college is behind other specialty colleges in regards to their application fees. It was proposed that the new fee structure for ACVM applicants include an application fee of \$300.00 (certification fee), and the fee to sit for each examination remain \$100.00 (per each examination). Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by D.L. Suarez. Motion passed.
- f. The next ACVM Board meeting will be in conjunction with the CRWAD meeting in Chicago, Illinois on December 5, 2010.
- g. ACVM Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. M. M. Chengappa and Dr. J.A. Roth recommended that Dr. C.S. Hayhow remain as the ACVM Secretary/Treasurer. All approved and Dr. C. Hayhow accepted. Dr. M.M. Chengappa requested that there be information regarding newly appointed Executive Director Johnora Hayhow in the newsletter.
- h. Outgoing members were honored for their service to ACVM. Drs. C.S. Baldwin, M.M. Chengappa, H.W. Dickerson and D.K. Meyerholz have completed service on the Board. Effective at the conclusion of this Board meeting Drs. D.S. McVey, L. Oaks. D.L. Suarez and H. Van Campen will

each begin a three year term of service. Thank you to those members completing service, and welcome aboard to the new members.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM EST.