

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel
Chicago, Illinois
Denver / Houston Room 5th Floor
Sunday, December 5, 2010

MINUTES

Attendees: Dr.'s T.E. Besser, C.C.L. Chase, M.M. Chengappa, J.R. Fahey, T. Frana, C.L. Gyles, C.S. Hayhow, J.L. Hayhow, S. Kariyawasam, J.L. Kiel, D.S. McVey, S. Narayanan, S. Olsen, K. Pabilonia, A. Phipps, J.A. Roth, Y.M. Saif, D.L. Suarez, E. Subbiah, E. Thacker, R.P. Wilkes, A. Woolums, and C. Yason.

Board Members Present: Dr.'s T.E. Besser (2012), C.C.L. Chase (2012), M.M. Chengappa (2010), J.R. Fahey (2012), C.L. Gyles (2011), and D.S. McVey (2012), D.L. Suarez (2013), and R.P. Wilkes (2011).

Call To Order

President D.S. McVey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM Central Time. James Roth and David Suarez participated via conference call. Roll call was taken and all diplomates and guests present introduced themselves. The minutes from the August 2, 2010, ACVM Board of Governors' meeting in Atlanta, Georgia were discussed. Motion by J.R. Fahey and second by T.E. Besser to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President D.S. McVey extended a warm welcome to all the attendees. He delayed discussion on individual topics until later in the agenda.

Vice President's Report

Vice President J.R. Fahey also extended his appreciation to all of the attendees for their interest in the activities of the college.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director J.L. Hayhow thanked everyone for their confidence in her to serve the college. She reminded everyone to ensure their dues were paid up to date.

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 for 2011. On December 31, 2009, we had a balance of \$46,835.09 in our checking account and \$16,785.94 in CD's, for a total of \$63,621.03. On October 31, 2010, we had a balance of \$51,867.14 in our checking account and

- \$17,243.11 in CD's, for a total of \$69,110.25. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. The proposed budget for 2011 was reviewed.
- b. Request for Emeritus Status: Motion by C.C.L. Chase and second by J.R. Fahey to approve Rebecca Morton (OK) for ACVM Emeritus Status. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Deceased: Johnnes "Hans" Storz (CO); there was a moment of silence in his memory.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the expenses and income of the college and our financial stability. Secretary-Treasurer C.S. Hayhow and Executive Director J.L. Hayhow submitted several options for the college to consider to help ensure our short and long term financial stability. It was agreed that President McVey would appoint a committee to investigate the options for the college.

Motion by T.E. Besser and second by C.L. Gyles to approve the officer reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Committees

- a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. A. Woolums, Chair
Amelia Woolums reported that the pass rate was 60% for the general examination and 75% for the specialty examinations. This year we had fifteen (15) candidates sit for the general exam with nine (9) achieving a passing score (9/15 or 60%). Seven (7) candidates sat for the virology examination and four (4) passed (4/7 or 57.1%). Six (6) candidates sat for the immunology examination and two (2) passed (2/6 or 33.3%). Twelve (12) candidates sat for the bacteriology / mycology examination and three (3) passed (3/12 or 25%). There were nine (9) passing scores for the 25 specialty examinations administered (9/25 or 36%). The net result was seven (7) new diplomates were certified and two (2) diplomates added an additional specialty. Motion by T.E. Besser and second by C.L. Gyles to accept the recommendation of the ACVM Examinations Committee to approve these new diplomates and the additional specialties for the current diplomates. The motion passed unanimously. The new diplomates for 2010, which were certified in Virology are Hayley Adams, Ratish Gambhira, Amar Patil, and Kamesh Sirigireddy. The new diplomates for 2010, which were certified in Bacteriology / Mycology are Julie-Helene Fairbrother and Axel Neubauer. The new diplomates for 2010, which were certified in Immunology are Amar Patil and Nagaraja Thirumalapura. Dmitry Volokhov was certified in the additional specialty of Bacteriology / Mycology. Michael Zhang was certified in the additional specialty of Immunology. It was agreed that this year we will provide examination results via hard copy; however, in the future results will be provided electronically. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the

- use of an exam consultant to review all of our examinations. Amelia Woolums presented information for the college to consider criterion referenced based examinations. It was agreed that Amelia would submit a proposal to the Board concerning options for working with a consultant to audit our examinations and possibly make recommendations to improve the examination process. In addition, it was agreed that Amelia would send a request to the ACVM membership in solicitation of examination questions to assist the ACVM Examinations Committee. The goal is to increase the number of questions in our examination bank, and obtain a broad base of quality questions for use in future examinations. Amelia and her committee were thanked for their outstanding efforts,
- 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 “Emerging and Re-emerging Zoonotic Pathogens.” If you have any ideas for topics for 2011 please provide them to Chris, Scott or another member of the committee as soon as possible. Scott McVey reported that we have struggled to obtain donations for this year. Chris Hayhow reported that we did receive donations from Pfizer Animal Health and Intervet / Schering Plough Animal Health to support the joint ACVM/AAVI symposium and our other activities at the 2010 CRWAD meeting. We discussed the support of our colleagues from AAVI. President McVey agreed to talk with Board members of AAVI to see if they could provide additional financial support for the symposium. The last few year AAVI has provided \$1,000.00 in support of the symposium; however, this only covers a fraction of the expenses.
 - c. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair
Steven Olsen requested that anyone interested in assisting with evaluation of the graduate student presentations at CRWAD contact him as soon as possible. We have 27 oral presentations and 10 posters to evaluate this year.
 - d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Sanjeev Narayanan, Chair
Sanjeev Narayanan reported that the committee has already secured seven (7) candidates for the three (3) positions that will be available on the Board of Governors in 2011. We have received several nominations for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award for 2011. In addition, we have received the names of four candidates for consideration for ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2011. The committee is now seeking names of candidates for both of these awards for 2012. If you are aware of a deserving candidate for either of these awards please contact Sanjeev Narayanan as soon as possible. There was a discussion concerning the criteria for bestowing our ACVM awards. It was agreed that the ACVM Nominating Committee will prepare recommendations concerning criteria for candidates and submit it to the Board for consideration.
 - 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 2010, and our ACVM Five-Year report were submitted to ABVS / AVMA and will be reviewed at the ABVS meeting in February 2011. At the ABVS meeting in 2010, the status of veterinary specialty certification and the need for more specialists in academia was a major topic. Activities with the potential addition of the parasitology specialty within ACVM are moving ahead quickly.
- g. **COBTA:** Dr. Chris Chase
Chris Chase reported that his term on COBTA ended in 2010. Next year there will be an opening for a microbiologist on the COBTA Board. Chris encouraged everyone to consider running for the position.

Motion by T.E. Besser and second by J.R. Fahey to approve the committee reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. ACVM Biosecurity Task Force: Jim Roth reported that thankfully things have been quiet with the Task Force. Previously, Jim had 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 symposium topic for 2011. It was agreed that we need to re-evaluate how we organize and finance the symposium. Also, it was noted that new committee members are needed.
- c. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2010 will be presented on Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Dr. Frederick A. Murphy is the recipient for 2010.
- d. One Health Initiative: Vice President J.R. Fahey urged everyone to visit the website for more information.
- e. Parasitology specialty: Secretary Treasurer C.S. Hayhow reported that we continue to make progress on potentially adding a new specialty to our college. The parasitology group submitted a petition to AVMA on November 1, 2009, and we submitted a letter in support of their request to be added to our college. These documents were reviewed by AVMA and the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS). The recommendation was to move ahead with the proposal. In accordance with the AVMA / ABVS requirements, the proposal is now out for public comments from the AVMA membership. The comments will be summarized and reviewed by the ABVS members at their meeting in February 2011. It is anticipated that the ABVS will vote at that time whether to recommend approval of parasitology as a specialty within

ACVM. If the vote is to approve the recommendation then the AVMA Council on Research will evaluate the proposal at their spring meeting in 2011. If the Council on Research approves the recommendation from ABVS then parasitology will be a specialty within ACVM. In the meantime, it was agreed that we need to set up a transition team to ensure we are prepared to welcome the new parasitology specialty. The goal of the transition team is to prepare guidelines for our new colleagues and to address potential issues that might develop with the addition of the new specialty. We will continue to keep everyone updated on the activities and progress.

New Business

- a. ACVM Election in 2011: We have a slate of candidates that are willing to run for the Board. If anyone else is interested please contact the nominating committee or ACVM Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible.
- b. Committee members: Vice President J.R. Fahey is seeking committee members for the coming year. Please contact him if you would like to be considered for one of our committees.
- c. Status of members not current on dues. We have several members that have not paid dues. Beginning in early 2011, we will designate members delinquent in dues as "Inactive and not in good standing." Therefore, to ensure you are not on this list please pay your dues as soon as possible.
- d. Credit card payment: This issue of payment of fees by credit card was discussed. It was recommended that we contact the secretary of AAVI for assistance.
- e. We plan to have a Board meeting in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, July 16 through 19, 2011.

Adjourn

Motion by T.E Besser and second by J.R. Fahey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.