

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel
Chicago, Illinois
Denver / Houston Room 5th Floor
Sunday, December 4, 2011

MINUTES

Attendees: Dr.'s T.E. Besser, K.V. Brock, B.A. Byrne, C.C.L. Chase, M. DeBey, M.M. Chengappa, B. Ellis, J.R. Fahey, R. Griffith, C.L. Gyles, C.S. Hayhow, S. Kariyawasam, M. Kennedy, J.L. Kiel, B.C. Love, P. Meeus, D.S. McVey, S. Olsen, Y.M. Saif, D.L. Suarez, E. Subbiah, H. Van Campen, D.M. White, A. Woolums, and C. Yason. Also in attendance was J.L. Hayhow.

Board Members Present: Dr.'s T.E. Besser (2012), B.A. Byrne (2014), C.C.L. Chase (2012), J.R. Fahey (2012), B.C. Love (2014), D.S. McVey (2012), P. Meeus (2014), D.L. Suarez (2013), H. Van Campen (2014), and D.M. White (2014).

Call To Order

President D.S. McVey called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM Central Time. Roll call was taken and all diplomates and guests present introduced themselves. The minutes from the July 17, 2011, ACVM Board of Governors' meeting in St. Louis, Missouri were discussed. Motion by Chris Chase and second by J.R. Fahey to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President D.S. McVey extended a warm welcome to all the attendees. He noted that the college can be very proud that the AVMA has approved parasitology as a specialty within ACVM. Scott delayed discussion on other 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. He stated that all committees are up to date and the members are listed on our website. In 2012 we will need to fill some open positions on our committees.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director J.L. Hayhow thanked everyone for renewing her contract and for their confidence in her to serve the college. She reminded everyone to ensure their dues were paid up to date. We now have the option to pay dues using PayPal, which has thus far been a very successful alternative for our members. The ACVM certification application was revised but some applicants

still are confused about the difference between a recognized versus accredited veterinary college.

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 2012. 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. On October 31, 2011, we had a balance of \$60,463.38 in our checking account and \$17,478.50 in CD's, for a total of \$77,941.88. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. The proposed budget for 2012 was reviewed.
- b. Request for Emeritus Status: There were no requests for ACVM Emeritus Status.
- c. Deceased: Edward H. Bohl (OH), Gordon R. Carter (VA), Julius Fabricant (NY), and Phillip A. O'Berry (IA); there was a moment of silence in their memory.

Motion by J.R. Fahey and second by B.A. Byrne 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 eleven (11) candidates sit for the general exam with seven (7) achieving a passing score (7/11 or 64%). Eight (8) candidates sat for the virology examination and four (4) passed (4/8 or 50%). Six (6) candidates sat for the immunology examination and two (2) passed (2/6 or 33.3%). Seven (7) candidates sat for the bacteriology / mycology examination and three (3) passed (3/7 or 43%). There were nine (9) passing scores for the 21 specialty examinations administered (9/21 or 43%). The net result was nine (9) new diplomates were certified. Motion by Chris Chase and second by B.C. Love to accept the recommendation of the ACVM Examinations Committee to approve these new diplomates. The motion passed unanimously. The new diplomates for 2011, which were certified in Virology are Melissa Bourgeois, Yun Young Go, Baibaswata Nayak, and Anurag Sharma. The new diplomates for 2011, which were certified in Bacteriology / Mycology are Kris Clothier, Abdul Lone, Jean Mukherjee, and Ashutosh Verma. The new diplomates for 2011, which were certified in Immunology are Tamara Gull and Anurag Sharma. Dr. Woolums will provide examination results to each candidate electronically. There was a brief discussion concerning the proposal by Dr. Woolums to provide additional guidance and clarification to the new diplomates concerning submission of examination questions. It was agreed that the information

- will be provided to each new diplomate with their scores. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the need for a job task analysis and use of an exam consultant to review all of our examinations. Patrick Meeus stated that the parasitology group has collected information and that it may help clarify some questions concerning the job task analysis. He agreed to share the information with the ACVM Board. It was agreed that we would investigate the issue further and that Amelia would submit a proposal to the Board concerning options for working with a consultant to improve the examination process. Next we discussed the nominating letters for candidates for certification by ACVM. It was agreed that we would add information to the application form to clarify what is needed by ACVM diplomates when they write letters of support for potential diplomates. As requested by ABVS, Amelia agreed to update the list of books listed as references on the certification list. Amelia and her committee were thanked for their outstanding efforts,
- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Drs. Kamesh Sirigireddy, Chair
Dr. Sirigireddy was unable to attend the meeting. President McVey delayed discussion of a symposium until later in the agenda.
 - c. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair
Previously, Steven Olsen submitted the abstracts to be reviewed by e-mail. It was requested that anyone interested in assisting with evaluation of the graduate student presentations at CRWAD contact him as soon as possible. We have approximately 35 oral presentations and 10 posters to evaluate this year.
 - d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Sanjeev Narayanan, Chair
Sanjeev Narayanan was unable to attend the meeting. President McVey reported that in 2012 we will elect a President and fill the three (3) positions that will be available on the Board of Governors. We are currently seeking nominations for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award for 2012. In addition, we are soliciting candidates for consideration for ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2012. 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.
 - 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 2011 were submitted to ABVS / AVMA and will be reviewed at the ABVS meeting in February 2012. At the ABVS meeting in 2011, the status of veterinary specialty certification was a major topic.
 - g. **COBTA:** We do not have an ACVM diplomate on COBTA at this time. As seats come open we need to ensure we have candidates to fill the open positions.

Motion by Chris Chase and second by D.L. Suarez to approve the committee reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. ACVM Symposium at CRWAD: There is no symposium planned for 2011. There was a long discussion concerning whether we should hold a symposium in 2012. It was agreed that we need to re-evaluate how we organize and finance the symposiums. Scott McVey reported that we have struggled to obtain donations the last few years. CRWAD Executive Director Bob Ellis came before the Board and requested we hold a symposium in conjunction with CRWAD in 2012. We were provided several options to consider. Dr. Ellis requested we keep him updated and if possible provide a final decision by June 2012. The attendees discussed the role of ACVM as an educational association. President McVey agreed to appoint a committee to investigate our options and plan for the future.
- b. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2011 will be presented on Monday, December 5, 2011. Dr. Y.M. "Mo" Saif is the recipient for 2011.
- c. Parasitology specialty: Secretary Treasurer C.S. Hayhow reported that on April 13, 2011, parasitology was officially added as a new specialty to our college. We have a transition team in place 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. There were approximately 28 ACVM Charter parasitologists approved. Thus far, twenty (20) have paid dues, received their plaques, and are active ACVM diplomates. Four have paid dues and their plaques have been ordered. The remaining four candidates are in the process of completing the requirements to become ACVM diplomates. President McVey reported that the parasitology group has a onetime option to have up to five (5) candidates approved for ACVM Honorary Diplomat status for 2012. Patrick Meeus agreed to follow up on this activity. In addition, Patrick Meeus reported that the parasitology group would like to administer their first examination in 2012. We will continue to keep everyone updated on the activities and progress.

New Business

- a. ACVM Election in 2012: In 2012 we will elect a President and three new ACVM Board members. If anyone is interested please contact the nominating committee or ACVM Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible. Due to the unfortunate passing of ACVM Board member Lindsay Oaks there is an opening on the ACVM Board. Motion by Scott McVey and

- second by J.R. Fahey to appoint Patrick Meeus to the ACVM Board to fill the unexpired term of Lindsay Oaks. The motion passed unanimously.
- 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. Previously we discussed designating members delinquent in dues as “Inactive and not in good standing.” It was agreed that the Board would review the status of delinquent members and decide how to move ahead.
 - d. Late payment of dues: We are pleased to report that a number of members have now paid their dues. It was agreed that the Board would review the status of delinquent members and decide how to move ahead.
 - e. We plan to have a Board meeting in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in San Diego, California in 2012.

Adjourn

Motion by Scott McVey and second by J.R. Fahey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.