

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois  
Indiana/Iowa 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sunday, December 2, 2012

MINUTES

**Attendees:** Dr.'s T.E. Besser, K.V. Brock, B.A. Byrne, M.M. Chengappa, J. Daniels, M. DeBey, J.R. Fahey, T. Frana, C.S. Hayhow, S. Kariyawasam, J.L. Kiel, D.S. McVey, H. Naikare, S. Olsen, K. Platt, K. Sirigireddy, E. Subbiah, A. Swinford, D. Tewari, R. Wilkes, and A. Woolums. Also in attendance was J.L. Hayhow.

**Board Members Present:** Dr.'s B.A. Byrne (2014), J.R. Fahey (2015), H. Naikare (2015), S. Olsen (2013), A. Swinford (2015), and D. Tewari (2015)

**Call To Order**

President J. Fahey called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM Central Time. Roll call was taken and all diplomates and guests present introduced themselves. There was a motion to suspend the rules as we did not have a quorum of Board members. Motion by M.M. Chengappa and second by T. Besser to suspend the rules. Motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the August 5, 2012, ACVM Board of Governors' meeting in San Diego, California were discussed. Motion by M.M. Chengappa and second by T. Besser to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report**

President J. Fahey extended a warm welcome to all the attendees. He brought up three issues: (a) the parasitology specialty transition is going well as this was the first parasitology exam given, more information will be provided by the exam committee; (b) continuing education progress will be given by the committee; and (c) recertification required by ABVS will be discussed later in the meeting. President Fahey raised the issue of ACVM Board member Brenda Love and her personal situation. Amelia Woolums agreed to fill the unexpired term of Brenda Love. Motion by S. Olsen and second by M.M. Chengappa to approve A. Woolums to fill the unexpired term of Brenda Love on the Board. Motion passed unanimously. J. Fahey agreed to notify Brenda Love by U.S. mail.

**Vice President's Report**

Vice President S. Olsen stated that activities for all committees for 2013 are ongoing.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director J.L. Hayhow reported that the ACVM banquet would be held on Monday evening at 6:00 pm and all members are welcome to attend. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist of the Year for 2012 is Dr. Leon Potgieter. Unfortunately, Dr. Potgieter was not able to attend. Dr. R. Wiles has agreed to present the award to him in Tennessee, and photos will be taken and sent to the ACVM office. This year we had six (6) Honorary Diplomates. The five (5) Parasitology Honorary Diplomates are Thomas R. Klei, Jitender P. Dubey, Bert E. Stromberg, Dwight Douglas Bowman and Byron L. Blagburn. They have received their awards as they were unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Richard Witter is the other Honorary Diplomate and he will be attending the 2013 meeting to receive his award. Dr. Witter sent his gratitude to the association for bestowing this award to him. J. Hayhow stated that in 2013 there will once again only be one (1) Honorary Diplomate as it was a one time event to award the additional five parasitologists. She also mentioned that it is time again for nominations for both the Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist of the Year and Honorary Diplomate awards. The 2013 non profit form has been completed and mailed to the State of Illinois. J. Hayhow stated that the form requires we state our purpose as "non profit association for educational purposes." There was a brief discussion regarding this matter. All the 2011 diplomates have received their plaques. We had 25 applications for 2012 and 24 were approved to sit for ACVM exams. J. Hayhow requested that all diplomates remind applicants that they are applying with the ACVM and that parasitology is a specialty within ACVM. There was confusion last year as several of our parasitology applicants thought they were applying with the parasitology group not ACVM. The American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) annual reports have been completed and submitted to the AVMA. Dr. C. Hayhow will once again be attending the ABVS meeting in February as our ACVM representative. During 2012 only 40% of our diplomates paid dues

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

- a. C. Hayhow handed out copies to the ACVM Board members of the cash flow summary from January 1 thru December 31, 2011, the cash flow summary from January 1 thru October 31, 2012, and the 2013 proposed budget. He stated that as of October 31, 2012 we have income of \$34,244.62 and expenses were \$52,421.02. With the two Certificates of Deposit we hold total assets of \$60,057.09. The association had expenses this year higher than usual due to the fact we paid for the parasitology exam committee to meet and finalize the preparation of the parasitology exam, and for the office to purchase a computer and printer. The proposed budget for 2013 was also discussed.
- b. Request for Emeritus Status: There were no requests for ACVM Emeritus Status.
- c. Deceased: There was a moment of silence for Victor J. Cabasso who passed away recently.

Motion by T. Besser and second by B.A. Byrne to approve the officer reports.  
The motion passed unanimously.

## **Committees**

- a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. A. Woolums, Chair
- A. Woolums reported that the pass rate was 44% for the general microbiology examination, 100% for the general parasitology examination, 53% for the microbiology specialty examinations, and 33% for the parasitology specialty examination. This year we had eighteen (18) candidates sit for the general exam with eight (8) achieving a passing score (8/18 or 44%). Nine (9) candidates sat for the virology examination and eight (8) passed (8/9 or 89%). Seven (7) candidates sat for the immunology examination and four (4) passed (4/7 or 57%). Thirteen (13) candidates sat for the bacteriology / mycology examination and four (4) passed (4/13 or 31%). Three (3) candidates sat for the parasitology examination and one (1) passed (1/3 or 33%). There were seventeen (17) passing scores for the 32 specialty examinations administered (17/32 or 53%). The net result was 12 new diplomates were certified. One diplomate was already certified in Immunology and became certified this year in Virology. Motion by A. Woolums and second by B. Byrne to accept the recommendation of the ACVM Examinations Committee to approve these new diplomates. The motion passed unanimously. The new diplomates for 2012, which were certified in Virology are Faizal Abdul Careem, Dharani Ajithdoss, Dustin Loy, Satyender Valipe, Samuel Yingst, and Yugendar Reddy Bommineni who is already certified in Immunology. The new diplomates for 2012, which were certified in Bacteriology / Mycology are Davide Giovanardi, Dustin Loy, Neil Pople and Anil Thachil. The new diplomates for 2012, which were certified in Immunology are Dustin Loy, Alex Rodriguez-Palacios, Sudha Somarajan, and Jan Suchodolski. The new diplomate for Parasitology is Jelena Palic. Dr. Dustin Loy sat for all three of the microbiology specialty exams and is certified in all three specialties. Dr. Reddy Bommineni is already a diplomate certified in Immunology. Dr. Woolums will provide examination results to each candidate electronically. Dr. Woolums stated that she had received the job analysis survey and her committee will be working on the results and will report their findings in the near future. The certification study guidelines will be sent to the ACVM office for uploading on the ACVM website. This is Dr. A. Woolums last year to serve as chair of the exam committee. Effective July 2013 the new chair will be Josh Daniels. He has requested the board provide administrative assistance as he will not be able to do all of the clerical work as Dr. Woolums has in the past. He requested an assistant for at least 80 – 90 hours @ \$10.00 an hour. This assistant would do scanning, make copies and mail information. A brief discussion took place regarding activities, who he would hire and the confidentiality and safety of the ACVM exams. Dr. Daniels also asked if

he could purchase an optical scanner. He agreed to provide a financial proposal to the board. Dr. A. Woolums and her committee were thanked for their outstanding efforts.

- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Dr. Kamesh Sirigireddy, Chair  
Dr. Sirigireddy discussed the need for a symposium. He is working with a task force that includes Dr.'s Bowersock, Dryden, Osorio, Van Campen, and Fahey. He provided an update on the task force activities. He requested we conduct a survey and have a company administer the survey. The cost will be a one time fee of \$24.00. Motion by S. Olsen and second by T. Besser to approve the request. The motion passed. Dr. McVey will contact the parasitologists to see if they are interested in working on a symposium.
- c. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair  
He requested assistance in grading the posters and presentations this year at CRWAD.
- d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Mary DeBey, Chair  
Dr. DeBey is working on new ACVM Board members and will send the information to the ACVM office as soon as possible. We are currently seeking nominations for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award for 2013. In addition, we are soliciting candidates for consideration for ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2013. The committee is now seeking names of candidates for both of these awards for 2013. If you are aware of a deserving candidate for either of these awards please contact M. DeBey as soon as possible.
- e. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris Chase, Chair  
Chris Chase was not able to be at the meeting and his report was given by J. Hayhow. He approved the financial reports and proposed budget and suggested we pay close attention to the expenses in 2013.
- f. **American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Chris Hayhow  
Chris Hayhow reported that the ACVM annual reports for 2012 were submitted to ABVS / AVMA and will be reviewed at the ABVS meeting in February 2013. At the ABVS meeting in 2012, the status of veterinary specialty recertification 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 that we have candidates to fill the open positions. Please contact Dr. Y.M. Saif or C. Chase with any questions.

Motion by B. Byrne and second by S. Olsen to approve the committee reports. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- a. ACVM Symposium: The ACVM did not sponsor a symposium in 2012. There was a long discussion concerning whether we should hold a

symposium in 2013 and where it should be held. It was agreed that we need to re-evaluate how we organize and finance the symposiums. Dr. Kamesh Sirigireddy, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee is working on this issue.

- b. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2012 will be presented to Dr. Leon Potgieter by R. Wilkes, since Dr. Potgieter was not able to attend.
- c. Parasitology specialty: Secretary Treasurer C.S. Hayhow reported that the transition is progressing. The first exam in Parasitology was given this year. We will continue to keep everyone updated on the activities and progress.

### **New Business**

- a. ACVM Election in 2013: If anyone is interested in serving on the ACVM Board please contact the nominating committee or ACVM Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible.
- b. Committee members: Please contact Vice President S. Olsen if you would like to be considered for one of our committees.
- c. J. Hayhow reported that she had been contacted by Dr. H. Dickerson regarding the status of the "White Paper" that had been given to the ACVM Board in 2009. J. Hayhow is to send the "White Paper" back out to the current board for comments.
- d. Outlook for 2013: J. Hayhow gave a brief report on her outlook for the 2013 budget. She stated the association could once again have diplomates volunteer to serve as Executive Director and eliminate that position. We could not pay for the exam committee members to attend and administer the examinations. We could charge for diplomates seeking emeritus status. We could make the exam fees non refundable.

Based on these comments the board agreed to make the exam fees non-refundable starting with 2013 applicants. Motion by S. Olsen and second by T. Besser to increase dues effective July 1, 2013 for 2014 from \$100.00 to \$125.00. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. ACVM website. J. Hayhow stated that on August 5, 2012, she was instructed to work on the "not in good standing list." Unfortunately, to do this she needed the ACVM Board to vote to approve the cost to relocate the server, redesign the web and pay to keep the server functioning. A ballot was sent out to the entire board and one board member voted. President Fahey stated that he had received comments from a couple members of the board regarding this ballot but was requested not to forward them. J. Fahey agreed to solicit bids for a server and the upkeep.
- f. It will be noted in upcoming ACVM Newsletters that Honorary Diplomates may donate to the college, as they are not required to pay dues.
- g. The board discussed having a board meeting in conjunction with AVMA in 2013. There was a brief discussion and we agreed to have a meeting. S.

McVey will contact the parasitologists and see if we can use their meeting room.

**Adjourn**

Motion by A. Woolums and second by B. Byrne to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.