

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday September 27, 2005**

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:12pm by April Miles. Quorum was met.

Members present: April Miles, Brian Leonard, Maredyth Dutton, Helene Tolliver, Bret McNabb, Gregory Bell, Stephanie Harmon, Jason Kidd, Jennifer Reese, Brian Veltri, Adrienne Wood, Stan Avezov, Nicole Nyberg, Megan Lichty, Lisa St. Clair, Rebecca James, Angela Sartor, Chris Buckley, Calaveras Cunningham, Abel Gonzalez, Roselle Matli, Elena Shirley, Anne McDonald, Dr. Hildebrand, Dr. Kendall, Dr. Mohr.

April Miles swore in the new SCAVMA Executive Board members including the class presidents and class representatives and welcomed everyone to the SCAVMA Executive Board. Members were given two handouts including Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedures as examples of how the board proceeds in meetings and how to communicate at the meetings. Everyone introduced themselves and their position on the Board.

President's Report: (April Miles) April attended the Faculty Advisor/Student Leader Conference in Illinois recently that included presidents and faculty from veterinary school across the nation. April met many people and networked with other schools. She heard about many new fundraising ideas, how to make SCAVMA better, how other schools SCAVMA groups worked. She has many new ideas this year and wants to make SCAVMA the best we can. April is really excited to see many new faces at the Executive Board meeting and hopes to incorporate new ideas from everyone.

Vice President's Report: (Brian Leonard) Brian has been working on the Professional Developmental Fund (PDF). The PDF is funding for students to go to conferences and senior externships to promote organized veterinary medicine. The next deadline will be October 7th, 2005 and Brian will send out an e-mail reminder to students soon. This summer 32 people applied and between \$50-200 was given out per person totaling \$4000. Brian expressed that he only received receipts for \$1870 and is having some trouble getting students to turn in receipts for their distributions. Brian suggested that we make a more binding agreement with students and the PDF so that distributions and receipts are coordinated in a more timely manner. Brian stated that the meeting of the club Presidents will be in the next couple of weeks and that he will be sending out an e-mail to announce the meeting.

April Miles noted that the copy of the SCAVMA constitution handed out to members includes an outline of duties for each board position recommended that everyone read the constitution to understand the laws and their responsibilities.

Secretary's Report: (Helene Tolliver) Helene discussed the SCAVMA Student Directory that will be published this Fall. She is currently making the forms for students to submit with their information and asked that first and second year presidents and representatives ask their classes to fill out the forms and participate in the directory listings.

Gregg Bell noted that the minutes from the May 23, 2005 meeting were not approved as listed in the agenda. April asked that members read the minutes. Brett moved to approve the May minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: (Maredyth Dutton) Maredyth said she does not have much to report except that she had a little trouble with the turning over of the position. She recommended that presidents are very clear when they ask for money from SCAVMA and that she needs to know where the funding is going or who to give it to.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Roselle Matli & Elena Shirley) Nothing to report

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Rebecca James & Angela Sartor) Nothing to report

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Stan Avezov & Nicole Nyberg) Nothing to report

4th year SCAVMA Representatives: (Brian Evans & Kristel Weaver) Not present

SAVMA Delegates: (Bret McNabb & Gregory Bell) Bret and Gregg discussed what the role of the two delegates were as representatives of UC Davis at the two annual delegate meetings. They discussed the AVMA summer meeting which they attended with the delegates from other veterinary schools. Topics the delegates discussed included the rural veterinary act that has been approved by congress but lacks funding. The AVMA is currently searching for more funding. The AVMA is actively pursuing defeat of the horse slaughter prevention act, which is a bill to stop all horse slaughter. They discussed the ways that students can find out about the AVMA's current standing on legislation in congress pertaining to veterinary medicine through www.capwiz.com/avma/home. The Governmental Affairs Committee of SAVMA works to help students learn about legislative information and will start to give quizzes to students in October to promote learning of the current veterinary related government issues. The AVMA Governmental Relations Division Externship applications are due on October 7th and are open to second year or higher veterinary students. Also on the SAVMA website is Intervet, an online journal for veterinary students, where students can submit articles for publication about life as a vet student and research interests etc.

SCAVMA dues this year will be slightly changed for the incoming class of 2009, but will stay at \$10 for the classes of 2008 and 2007. The class of 2009 can pay for all three years of dues at once for \$30 (\$10/year) or pay dues each year individually at \$15/year. All seniors that paid 2 of 3 years and are in good standing have their senior dues paid for by SCAVMA, their first year post graduation AVMA dues are also free. SCAVMA dues will be due by October 7th.

The delegates have come up with several ideas for fundraising activities to offset costs of the SAVMA Symposium in March. There will be an Avid microchipping day on October 15th, possibly a November dog wash and the talent show in February. The distribution of funds raised will depend on the number of points that volunteers get based on their participation at the fundraisers. The symposium will be held in Minneapolis March 9-11th. Last year SCAVMA raised \$5000 and the CVMA gave UC Davis an additional \$5000. Hopefully the CVMA will continue to give us the generous contribution to allow more students to go to the symposium.

Legislative Liaison: (none currently) April Miles stated that the previously elected Legislative Liaison has stepped down. We will need to elect a new liaison.

CVMA Representative: (Stephanie Harmon): The first meeting of the CVMA will be on October 8th. Kellye has had great response to her e-mails about committee involvement, but would like to see a few more people in the committees.

Gregg mentioned that CVMA membership is free to veterinary students.

Dr. Kendall noted that there will be a discussion on animal cloning at the next meeting. The legislation would have varying laws depending on some counties and cities current laws.

April talked about how we are lucky to have our school so close to the State Capitol. It has allowed the students to rally and protest right at the steps of the capitol and given us great opportunities to be heard as veterinary students.

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (none currently)

Advisor's Report: (Dr. Mohr) He welcomed the new members to SCAVMA. Had nothing to report at the moment.

Committee Reports: (Pet Food Committee): April passed the chair to Brian Leonard so she could speak for the Pet food Committee.

April discussed the amendment that Gregg wrote and was e-mailed to the Executive Board last week as an emergency vote about the cost of pet food sales. SCAVMA received a donation of \$2500 from Hill's for the White Coat Ceremony for the class of 2009. The ceremony cost \$3000 and SCAVMA paid the additional \$500. Next year SCAVMA will only get \$2000 and eventually SCAVMA will have to pay for the entire ceremony with the money raised from selling of the extra Hill's pet food. Last year we made \$1800 off of Hill's pet food sales. April has talked to other SCAVMAs about their pet food sales, and other schools can sell to faculty, but at UC we cannot offer the food to Davis faculty without selling to the faculty of all UC schools faculty. Hill's has given SCAVMA permission to sell to faculty, but we have to deal with the UC rules first. Brian Evans did the research last year on selling to the vet community. April is working to get around this problem, but for now a temporary increase in prices has been made to increase SCAVMA revenues from the pet food sales.

Discussion on the topic of the pet food sales began with many suggestions as to how to help resolve the problem of decreasing donations and not enough money from the pet food sales to cover SCAVMA's budget. Discussion

included selling to residents, charging for all food for students, donating food to SCAVMA like donating to Mercer or OKP, where would we store the food, requesting more food from Hills to sell (we get ~\$200,000 in food from them each year), can we charge a fee for registration to receive food, asking food companies to switch where they donate their money so that we can provide more funding in other areas where we have less. April stated that we make between \$150-200 when we sell the extra food from each company after the deliveries. April said SCAVMA is also now in charge of paying clubs \$100 for helping with the Hills food pickups. This will then take an additional \$900 from the money made on food sales which is about half of the money made last year. Discussion continued with no final agreement made. A motion was made to table the discussion until the next SCAVMA Board meeting and the motion carried. The chair was passed back to April Miles.

Committee Reports: (Mentoring Committee) Lisa discussed that the freshman mentor lunch went well. The committee is working to make the mentoring project better this year. Handouts were given to both the freshmen and to the mentors with group contact information and descriptions about the goals of the program for both participants. The hope is to make the expectations clear for both groups, since some people, both students and mentors had negative experiences last year. The first event with the class of 2008 is this Thursday during lunch. Some of the 2008 mentors have resigned, several of the spots have been filled, and some groups have been rearranged. The goal is to have the program be for the first two years of veterinary school. Last year \$900 was spent and this year the committee will need about \$1800 to cover both classes programs. The meetings with mentors will continue on a quarterly basis.

Committee Reports: (Public Relations Committee) Gregg discussed that the PR committee does not have a chair and that we need to elect one. The committee has not met in a while. Last year the Waggie Newsletter was begun, but not many copies were made due to lack of funding. The Waggie is a newsletter for students with information about meetings and things happening at the vet school. It had a calendar of events, information from faculty and stories from students. Jason Kidd, who organized the newsletter last year, said he ran into funding problems and that it took a lot of work to put the newsletter together, such as searching for interest and articles from students. The goal is to publish one monthly with a theme for each month, in black and white and about 8 pages long. An amendment was proposed to add a position of the Waggie Editor which carried and Jason Kidd was nominated as the editor and elected.

Committee Reports: (Speaker/Activities Committee) Lisa discussed the Alumni rounds last year. Vets that were recent graduates spoke about their experiences in the real world and about 40 students came. The committee needs to work on fundraising for the group, needs additional people on the committee, would like a mission statement, and any new ideas for the groups activities.

Old Business: The amendment to Section 5 of the SCAVMA constitution on committee qualifications was rewritten by Brian Leonard and distributed to the board members. Discussion was opened on the amendment about the specific wording of the amendment. At the May meeting a long discussion commenced about the specific wording of the amendment. The amendment is worded to be in place for one year only. A motion was made to approve the amendment and carried.

Bret discussed the SCAVMA website, that it has not been working over the summer. Bret talked to the CALF people about the website. It is not lost but is inaccessible to the internet, and no one has been working to fix the problems. CALF recommended that SCAVMA have a webmaster to keep track of the website and get it working again. A motion was made to have a temporary person be in charge of the website for a month until the board meets again. A recommendation was made to contact a first year that is familiar with computers and should contact April if they are interested.

New Business: Gregg Bell discovered a discrepancy in Article 8 listing that the freshman class will elect a representative to the national SAVMA, which is not currently done. A motion was made to eliminate the last line of Section Article 8 Section 3.1 Subsection A. There was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Bret McNabb began discussion of new business concerning a potential collaboration with Western University in helping to organize the 2006 IVSA Summer Congress that Western is currently organizing. IVSA has chapters in many different countries and holds a Congress each summer. IVSA is designed as a network to help veterinary

students travel to other countries, and IVSA is a big community in Europe because of the ease of traveling between the European countries. Karen Eiler from Western University elected to host the 2006 summer congress. Western is a small and new veterinary school, and it will be a big undertaking for them to host the congress. Bret was contacted by Karen to find out if UC Davis will team up with Western to have part of the 10 day conference at Davis. The idea will be to have the congress participants (approximately 150 people) in Davis for 2-3 days, have tours of our teaching facilities, discussions with deans a BBQ and social outings. The suggested dates are July 25th-27th, 2006. Western prepared a power point presentation for our SCAVMA board which was shown. Western is requesting a committee from Davis to help organize the event including a president, treasurer, program director, hotel coordinator, technical person. Originally Western said that they would not require any financial help from Davis, but it is not totally clear if that is the case. Bret will contact Karen to get more specifics. Discussion from board members included concern for Davis receiving enough credit for our participation, how much money will we need to contribute, we need to have a proposed timeline and budget for the committee, how will our local IVSA participate and will they take most of the work instead of SCAVMA. Overall, board members were supportive of having the congress come to Davis, but are wary of the time and financial obligations of our students and SCAVMA board. A motion was made to help Western University with the 2006 Summer Congress and was passed. A motion was made to have a committee not under SCAVMA to coordinate the congress with Western University having the SCAVMA delegates as liaisons between the committee and SCAVMA to update the board on committee progress. The motion was carried.

Announcements: none

April Miles swore in Jason Kidd as the Waggie Editor

Adjournment: meeting adjourned by April Miles at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helene Tolliver
SCAVMA Secretary