

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Monday October 17, 2005**

Call to order: Meeting called to order by April Miles at 7:30pm. Quorum was met.

Members present: April Miles, Brian Leonard, Maredyth Dutton, Helene Tolliver, Bret McNabb, Gregory Bell, Stephanie Harmon, Jason Kidd, Suzanne Kattija-Ari, Brian Veltri, Stan Avezov, Nicole Nyberg, Megan Lichty, Lisa St. Clair, Rebecca James, Angela Sartor, Roselle Matli, Elena Shirley, Dr. Hildebrand, Dr. Kendall, Bridget O'Connor and Maureen Hurson.

September 2005 minutes were approved as written.

President's Report: (April Miles) Nothing to report as the president, but will report on the Pet Food Committee under committees and old business.

Vice President's Report: (Brian Leonard) Brian had 55 people submit applications for the Fall 2005 PDF funds. There are a lot of conferences this fall, so many students applied for PDF funding this quarter. Amounts granted are between \$0-100. The budget is set at \$3500, but \$4200 was issued even though it was over budget. In previous years the allocated amount has been over limit initially, knowing that people who apply may not turn in receipts and the funding will not have to be disbursed. Now that Brian has required people to confirm their awards in e-mail to him, he hopes it will eliminate problems of miscommunication with PDF awards. Brian held the meeting of the presidents last week. About 10 clubs have submitted their documents along with the three classes for funding from SCAVMA. He has a budget of \$1800 allocated to disburse to clubs, and reminded the presidents that only current SCAVMA members may participate in clubs and their activities.

Angie Sartor asked if a student has not paid SCAVMA dues yet if they could still join. Gregg Bell said that students may still join SCAVMA with an additional \$5 late fee on top of regular fees.

Secretary's Report: (Helene Tolliver) Helene discussed the distribution of the SCAVMA directory information forms and they have been collected from students. She is in the process of entering the directory information and will attempt to have the directory finished by the end of the quarter. She discussed the election of a new legislative liaison and asked whether or not if the first year students should be included in the special election. No one objected, so she will send out an e-mail to solicit nominations for the legislative liaison.

Treasurer's Report: (Maredyth Dutton) Maredyth will address the budget for 2005-2006 under New Business.

SAVMA Delegates: (Bret McNabb & Gregory Bell) SCAVMA dues were collected from students with a little bit of a disappointment from the incoming first year class. There were 30 students that did not join in the first year class, 4 in the second year class and 11 in the third year class. Only three seniors were not eligible for SCAVMA to pay their dues this year. There was discussion on why the membership in the first year class was so low and Roselle Matli expressed that the class was a little concerned with the dues being solicited from so many places like SCAVMA, clubs and their own class, it may have made less people join. The representatives expressed that they will attempt to get more of their class to join and emphasize that students will not be able to participate in any club activities if they are not SCAVMA members.

Bret discussed the upcoming Avid micro chipping on Saturday October 22nd. There were 40 people who signed up for micro chipping and they will have 12 volunteers. Many students volunteered to help, but Bret had to restrict the volunteer numbers so that people will not just be standing around. There will be more opportunities for students to help out with fundraising for symposium at the upcoming dog wash on November 6th. The dog wash will be at Dr. Kendall's clinic, Arden Hospital, in Sacramento. Bath and nail trims will be \$20 and they will soon have flyers for people to help publicize the event. Bret will e-mail students soon to sign up as volunteers for the dog wash.

Gregg sent an e-mail to the first and second years and distributed their SAVMA membership cards to their boxes. He asked the representatives to remind students to log onto the new AVMA website and to update their current

contact information online. Gregg mentioned that registration for Symposium will open in November online, so students will be able to sign up soon.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Roselle Matli & Elena Shirley) – Elena mentioned that they are a little embarrassed that so many people in their class did not join SCAVMA. The representatives will address the issue by talking to their class again and explain the benefits of joining SCAVMA, such as the PDF, club membership and participation in activities. They would like to get students in their class to come to SCAVMA board meetings so that they understand what SCAVMA does. They have met with the class of 2008 SCAVMA representatives to discuss the Picnic Day Float and have had a lot of interest from students in their class about the float.

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

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Stan Avezov & Nicole Nyberg) – Only reported that the SCAVMA dues were collected.

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

Legislative Liaison: (none currently)

CVMA Representative: (Stephanie Harmon): Kellye handed out a flyer from the CVMA that she got during her meeting with the Board of Governors. In the House of Delegates, pet cloning was discussed and the handout containing the CVMA's principles of animal care and use will be used as a foundation for their stance on pet cloning. Viscous dog legislation was also discussed due to some new legislation in place. The CVMA is going to plan their own outline on how to counsel cities if they approach the CVMA about viscous dog legislation. Students from Western discussed their IVSA summer meeting and gave an outline to the CVMA about the summer congress planning.

Dr. Kendal mentioned that the local Sacramento VMA has been discussion guardianship and non-economic recovery legislation.

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (Jen Hatch) – not present

Advisor's Report: (Dr. Mohr) – not present

Committee Reports: (Pet Food Committee): April passed the chair to Brian Leonard to discuss the Pet Food Committee. The class representatives are now responsible for the pet food committee and collecting money at the food distribution sales. She will give cash boxes to the representatives and will be at the next few pickups to help with selling the pet food. The change has been made so that the work of selling the extra pet food will be distributed more evenly. April has been communicating with someone at the VMTH to work with them on getting the rule of selling pet food on campus changed for residents and staff of the VMTH. April welcomed the pet food representatives (Maureen Hurson-Iams and Bridget O'Connor-Hills) to the SCAVMA meeting and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Brian Veltri e-mailed some questions to the food representatives about their companies feelings on selling pet food and its distribution. Brian said that as the Purina representative, Purina gives the food to the students and feels that the students can make decisions on what to do with the food. Purina will not dock SCAVMA if more money is made and they support selling the food to other people if it can be done. Purina wants to help SCAVMA make more money for the school if it can legally through the pet food sales.

Maureen mentioned that Iams donates over \$1million to UC Davis each year, and is ok with SCAVMA selling the food, but cannot give more food to sell than they already give us.

Bridie, representing Hill's, said she spoke with Barry Watson and he strongly encourages us to sell the extra food and would like to promote selling the food.

April mentioned that the best idea to make more money for SCAVMA with out fundraising from the students would be to sell the extra food to residents and staff of the VMTH. This would allow SCAMVA to increase funding for programs that can be given back to the students. Currently each company will have the profit made from each food company accounted for. Each company will pay \$130 per year for the next 5 years out of the profit from food sales to pay for the shed that was built for storing of the extra food. For Hills, SCAVMA will pay \$75 per month for 9 months to the clubs that assist with food pickup out of the Hills food sales. April feels this is

a good use of the food sales money because the profit will go back to the students and clubs and directly. SCAVMA owes Screaming Squegee \$437 for the white coat ceremony and that leaves about \$637 for the white coat ceremony next year. Last year Iams generated about \$2100, and Iams wants the money to go to their Human Animal Bond Scholarship, which is traditionally \$500. Iams usually donates \$600 for the student directory and Iams will receive advertising in the Directory for their donation. There was some discussion about the extra money from Iams to sponsor another scholarship or possibly the speaker committee which will impact more students than one scholarship. Jason Kidd mentioned that Purina may be soon sponsoring the Waggie newsletter and has previously sponsored the mentor lunch. Jason met with the Purina representative and gave her the budget for the Waggie publishing, filled out an application for funding, and will hopefully hear from Purina soon about funding for the newsletter. The funding will hopefully not come out of the Purina pet food sales. The chair was handed back to April after discussion of the pet food sales.

Committee Reports: (Mentoring Committee) – The first mentoring event for the second year class just took place. The event took place outside with baked goods and a thank you for the mentors. The mentoring committee is planning a meeting for winter for the first and second year classes.

Committee Reports: (Public Relations Committee) There is currently no chair for the PR committee. Election of a chair will happen under old business.

Committee Reports: (Speaker/Activities Committee) The Speaker/Activities committee met to discuss their plans for the year. They are going to poll the students and find out what students are interested in hearing about. The committee wants to have speakers with refreshments but is currently limited by funding. They plan on having alumni rounds again this spring, possibly a nutrition talk this winter quarter and would like to have someone come and talk about stress related issues, how to manage grades that may be lower than expected, alternative careers in veterinary medicine, and loan handling. Bret mentioned that he has been communicating with the guy who came from Graduate Leverage last year about student loans and he would like to come back and speak to the students again. It was also reiterated that only SCAVMA members will be allowed to attend these talks.

Old Business: April would like to address the current pricing scheme for pet food sales. It is currently \$0.25 per pound, which turns out to be a little troublesome during the sales because of handling the change associated with food bags weighing odd values. April thought that the sales at the last pick up were good with the new pricing, and that last year there were only a few people lined up for food, but recently there have been more people lining up for food after the normal pick ups. She wants to make sure we continue to keep sales up, but would like to reevaluate the prices. Bret suggested that we use weight brackets for food costs and a motion was made to have bagged food 10lbs or less be \$3.00, 20lbs or less \$5.00, 30lbs or less \$8.00, and 40lbs or less \$10, small cans or semi-moist packages will be \$3.00 and large cans, treats and miscellaneous items \$5. The motion for a new food sales pricing scheme was carried and a sign will be made for the next food sale to make the pricing scheme known to the students.

Bret, Gregg and April met with Karen and Megan from Western about the IVSA summer congress over the weekend and got the details straightened out about what role UC Davis will play. We have signed up to participate, but are going to create a written statement to make sure the Davis duties and responsibilities will be clear between both schools. A meeting will be organized soon to recruit volunteers to help with organization of the UC Davis committee for the IVSA congress.

Gregg Bell was nominated as the chair of the Public Relations Committee and was elected.

New Business: The proposed SCAVMA budget for 2005-2006 was distributed to the Executive Board and April asked everyone to review the budget before discussion begins. Maredyth said that in previous years \$1000 was taken from the CD, but was not done last year, so she took both years and added \$2000 to the budget for this year. Some of the donation values have changed from past years. The AVMA has donated an extra \$1000 to each SAVMA chapter to help offset the travel for the delegates for the annual AVMA meeting in the summer of 2006 which will take place in Hawaii. For now that will stay in the travel budget, but it may not need to be used and can be added to the overall budget later. The budget did not allocate any funding for the Speaker/Activities Committee since it is new this year and didn't have a budget last year. Lisa said she wasn't sure exactly how much to budget for the committee, but would like to have one event each quarter. Brian Leonard suggested that we contact GHLIT for possible donations for speaker activities and that they are willing to donate funding for activities promoting health and welfare of the students. A motion was made to change the Waggie printing budget of \$1800

to \$1300 and move the \$500 to the Speakers/Activities committee due to the potential funding from Purina for the Waggie and the motion was carried. Hopefully there can be more money allocated to the Speaker committee in the future for food and refreshments for the lectures. Brian Leonard noted that no money was allocated for special events and would like to keep the budget at zero, due to the tight budget this year and no extra money for special club events. No money was allocated in the budget for Pharm night because the second year class had all the expenses covered by the companies that participated in the event last year. This year SCAVMA did not use \$100 for the freshman orientation as in past years because of the new format for freshman orientation off campus. In previous years the money was used for drinks for the students while at the orientation for three days. A motion was made to move the \$100 from the freshman orientation budget to the PR Committee, which currently has no funding. Discussion of the motion included what the PR committee would use the money for such as flyers, posters and office supplies to help publicize SCAVMA related events. The motion was then changed to move the \$100 from the freshman orientation to the Office supplies and poster supplies category since that is what the PR committee would be using the funding for anyway and the motion was carried. Brian Leonard mentioned that 173 Schalm is in need of poster supplies for the clubs to use for making posters. A motion was made to pass the budget with the current changes and the budget for 2005-2006 was passed.

Announcements: No announcements

Adjournment: The annual budget meeting was adjourned by April Miles at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helene Tolliver
SCAVMA Secretary