

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday January 10, 2006**

Call to order: Meeting called to order by April Miles at 7:13pm. Quorum was met.

Members present: April Miles, Brian Leonard, Maredyth Dutton, Helene Tolliver, Bret McNabb, Gregory Bell, Stephanie Harmon, Haleh Siahpolo, Jen Hatch, Jason Kidd, Kristel Weaver, Jennifer Reese, Nicole Nyberg, Rebecca James, Angela Sartor, Lisa St. Clair, Abel Gonzalez, Chris Buckley, Rosie Matli, Elena Shirley, Dr. Mohr, Dr. Hildebrand, Dr. Kendall.

November SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved without changes.

President's Report: (April Miles) April did not have much to report except that she received a check from the bookstore for \$20,000 and gave it to Maredyth to deposit. She attended the Dean's roundtable, but Dean Osborn ended up not making it to the meeting, so there isn't anything to report from the meeting.

Vice President's Report: (Brian Leonard) The fall quarter PDF funds went over budget because there were a lot of fall conventions that people attended. There were funds left over from the summer which can help offset the budget difference. Brian has sent out an e-mail about the winter quarter PDF applications which are in folders in the VMTH and Surge III and the deadline is January 27th, 2006.

Secretary's Report: (Helene Tolliver) Helene finished the 2005-2006 student directory and distributed them to paying SCAVMA members' mailboxes last week. Helene gave Rick Hayes a thank you gift certificate for all of his help with the directory.

Treasurer's Report: (Maredyth Dutton) Maredyth received the check from the bookstore from April and has deposited it. The pet food sales are going well, we should also be receiving additional money from Hills soon. The directory printing was close to budget, and we will be looking to Iams to donate money for the directory. The PDF budget is about half way used and we are about half way through the school year, so it is on budget. We received money from Purina to fund the Waggle. Natura donated money to purchase a computer cart for the food sales and VCA funded the internship talk last quarter.

SAVMA Delegates: (Bret McNabb & Gregory Bell) Gregg mentioned that people are working on arranging the flights to the SAVMA symposium in Minnesota and suggesting people there on Thursday because there is a dinner for students on Thursday night with meetings on Friday and Saturday and then Sunday is a travel day. Gregg will be reserving rooms for everyone. He mentioned that people cannot apply for PDF funding for the symposium because of the separate fundraising such as the dog washes and talent show which we organize specifically for the symposium.

Bret mentioned that the next fundraiser will be the Talent Show on Thursday February 23rd at the Veteran's Memorial Theater. Crew heads have been decided and he will be in contact with them this week. Another general meeting for the symposium will be next Wednesday at 5pm in 1309 Surge III. Each student that wants to get funding to go to the symposium will need to participate in at least one fundraiser. Bret and Gregg are still deciding on whether or not contributing items to the talent show will count as participation for people instead of helping at the talent show or dog wash.

April mentioned that there may need to be a gradient of how people will receive funding based on their contributions or help at the fundraisers. April also commented that anyone may help with the fundraisers if they want to, but only people that go to symposium will receive money from the SCAVMA fundraisers. Gregg mentioned that the registration deadline is in mid-January but that the registration deadline is usually extended for registration.

CVMA Representative: (Stephanie Harmon): Stephanie didn't have much to report except that Dr. Kendall will be sponsoring a resume writing workshop and that she will be attending the next CVMA meeting at the end of the month.

Dr. Kendall discussed a proposed ordinance sponsored by the Coalition to Stop Animal Overpopulation, which is a combination of city and county SPCAs, veterinarians and rescue organizations. The proposed ordinance is to spay or neuter any animal over four months old. There is a specific clause allowing veterinarians to get around the date by giving the client a handout and a waiver for vets and owners to use if they do not want to alter their animal at 4 months old. The ordinance proposes a large increase in the licensing fee for animals that are unaltered and the ordinance covers any animal in the city of Sacramento.

Dr. Kendall sent the ordinance and a model letter of support to the board so that everyone could look at it before this board meeting. He is looking for support from SCAVMA for the ordinance with a letter similar to the model letter of support.

Jen asked if the ordinance applied to cat licensing, and Dr. Kendall said it would. The ordinance does not apply to veterinary hospitals with animals up for adoption.

Kristel asked if there was an ordinance anywhere else that was similar to this one, and Dr. Kendall replied that this is basically a pilot type ordinance and emphasized that it will be difficult to enforce and that we don't really know if it will address the current problems with pet overpopulation. Dr. Kendall also emphasized that having the veterinary community involved with the writing of the ordinance helped include some key points with regard to veterinary responsibilities. The Sacramento Veterinary Association has not taken an official stand on the ordinance yet, but that they will be meeting again to discuss it. The decision on whether or not SCAVMA should support the ordinance will need to be made by February 21st, 2006.

Marethy suggested that we support the ordinance even if we know that it may not be ideal and it may not work.

Dr. Kendall suggested that it may be possible to have the ordinance passed on a short term basis.

A motion was made that the class SCAVMA reps contact their classes and solicit their opinions before the board passes any support. The motion was carried to have the class reps poll the classes and give them access to the ordinance and submit their opinions to the reps before the next SCAVMA board meeting on the 7th of February.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) Haleh is meeting with Lewis tomorrow and will get back to us at the next meeting.

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (Jen Hatch) Jen will be having a yearbook meeting tomorrow night and is soliciting ads from company representatives for it.

Waggie Editor Report: (Jason Kidd) Jason had a meeting today with people from all three classes and will hopefully get submissions by the 26th of this month to get the Waggie out by the 1st of February. Jason mentioned that the reps can mention it to the classes and that he will not be putting them in mailboxes but in the classrooms for students. People can submit ideas to Jason for the Waggie. He is considering putting the Waggie in the pharmacy for the seniors to see. Jason's goal is to have one published every month and include a calendar for monthly events.

Webmaster: Suzanne Kattija-Ari: not present, but April mentioned that she signed a document for Suzanne to work on the webpage for SCAVMA.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Roselle Matli & Elena Shirley) Elena gave the board a summary of the Hills pet food sales for November and December. The picnic day float is in the beginning stages of planning and they will begin to sign people up soon to help with the float. Roselle made a plug for Mike who is planning the online calendar from the first year class and that people can submit information to the calendar.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Rebecca James & Angela Sartor) They recently received the Pharm night binder and will begin planning when to have the event, possibly May 3rd, 4th or April 27th. Their class has probably made about the same as Hills as far as pet food sales go.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Stan Avezov & Nicole Nyberg) Nikki reported that the Iams pet food sales are going, but nothing exciting to report.

4th year SCAVMA Representatives: (Brian Evans & Kristel Weaver) Kristel is working on the smoker, but there is no theme or date set yet.

Advisor's Report: (Dr. Mohr) Dr. Mohr received a phone call from Dr. Kevin Dika from the AVMA inquiring about how the AVMA distributes the summer membership packages for the seniors. It tends to happen in the summer after they have graduated and often the students have moved and many packets get returned to the AVMA. They are looking for new ideas on how to distribute the packet to the seniors before they leave so that the AVMA can distribute them easier. Dr. Mohr asked if there was a time that all the seniors were together and an appropriate time to hand them out. There are a few events around graduation like the CVMA banquet. The AVMA is looking for a time that would be best for all schools, so they will be getting back to Dr. Mohr when a change is made, but the board thinks that it will be possible to distribute them to the seniors somehow.

Committee Reports: (Pet Food Committee): April has nothing to report for the pet food committee.

Committee Reports: (Mentoring Committee) They will be having an event in the winter quarter.

Committee Reports: (Public Relations Committee) Nothing to report.

Committee Reports: (Speaker/Activities Committee) Lisa mentioned that the internship and residency talk had about 90 students attend. They received a large donation from VCA, and have money left over to use for another talk. They handed out surveys to people and only got 8 back, but most found the talk beneficial and had positive feedback. They are organizing a talk on debt management and another alumni rounds, but the idea of a relationship management talk didn't go over well. They are planning a talk on February 2nd from 1-2 pm with a well known nutritionist from UC Davis, Dr. Applegate.

Old Business: The IVSA summer congress people are now working with individual people getting things organized. The congress is July 25-27th. There will be no fundraising coming from us, just organizing and facilitating.

New Business: No new business.

Announcements: The next SCAVMA board meeting will be Tuesday Feb 7th. Farm club rounds each week and equine medicine rounds each week too.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by April Miles at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helene Tolliver
SCAVMA Secretary