

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday February 7, 2006**

Call to order: Meeting called to order by April Miles at 7:24 pm. Quorum was met.

Members present: April Miles, Brian Leonard, Maredyth Dutton, Helene Tolliver, Bret McNabb, Gregory Bell, Haleh Siahpolo, Jen Hatch, Jason Kidd, Suzanne Kattija-Ari, Kristel Weaver, Raina Petrov, Nikki Nyberg, Brian Veltri, Rebecca James, Angela Sartor, Lisa St. Clair, Megan Lichty, Calaveras Cunningham, Rosie Matli, Elena Shirley, Dr. Hildebrand, Dr. Kendall.

January 2006 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved without changes.

President's Report: (April Miles) April spoke with Dr. Hildebrand about the problems with the board meeting room and will take care of the problems with the reservation. Natura has given SCAVMA money for the food distribution cart and it is working well at the pickups. April would like to meet with all the SCAVMA reps to discuss the food pickups and make sure everyone understands the programs. Purina has given money to SCAVMA for more shelves for the shed.

Vice President's Report: (Brian Leonard) The PDF deadline closed a few weeks ago. We have used about \$6000 of the total budget, and we have about \$4400 requested for this quarter. We will have to pair down what is accepted for the PDF for the next two quarters to stay in budget.

Secretary's Report: (Helene Tolliver) Nominations for the SCAVMA board have been solicited by e-mail to the students. Nominations will close on Friday, February 10th.

Treasurer's Report: (Maredyth Dutton) Not a lot to report but people are staying on budget. Some of the checks at the end of the last year were deposited and bounced, so Maredyth asked that people give her checks sooner than later so they will get cleared before people move.

SAVMA Delegates: (Bret McNabb & Gregory Bell) Registration has closed for the SCAVMA symposium and the hotel rooms have been reserved. Gregg will be organizing the hotel rooms soon. Closer to the travel date he will send out some information about traveling to Minneapolis. There are about 46 people registered for the symposium. Bret will send out an e-mail to everyone to verify who is registered and will get the official list soon and will send out an e-mail about the academic contests also. There will be a tug of war practice at the TG before the symposium. There are the academic challenges that people need to sign up for too. The talent show is February 22nd. Doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 7pm. There will be beverages and food to purchase. There will be the raffle and hand made donations along with Dr. Villutes's Hawaii condo. The house seats 325 and last year we had about 200 people show up. We currently have about 19 acts with Dr. Lefevre hosting the show. The tickets are \$7 before the show and \$10 at the door. There is an AVMA animal welfare award open for nominations and Gregg wanted to know if anyone was interested in nominating someone for the award. Bret mentioned the internet website for vet students to check out including the stories of other vet students and things about vet school.

CVMA Representative: (Stephanie Harmon): Not here

Dr. Kelly Byam, the past president of the Sacramento VMA presented the discussion of the VMA on the spay/neuter ordinance that was discussed at the January SCAVMA meeting. The Sac VMA discussed the ordinance that AVAR is looking for letters of support on. The Sac VMA board approved the ordinance with a 3 year review, but was also still concerned with how it will be enforced and how dog breeders will comply with the \$200 license fee for unaltered animals. She thanked the SCAVMA board for input about the ordinance.

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Rosie said that she received mixed feedback from the first year class with comments that it was a good idea and a step in the right direction. She felt that students in her class supported the ordinance.

Angela reported that she had about 4-5 people who supported it and a few who didn't from the second year class. People see the flaws in the ordinance, but still think it is a good idea.

Nikki reported that she had mostly negative responses from the third year class.

Kristel said that she had one e-mail against it stating the problems with the ordinance.

Maredyth made a motion to write a letter of support for the ordinance with a sunset clause that will automatically remove the ordinance unless it is reinstated.

The motion had 11 aye and 6 nay, but needed a 2/3 majority, so it did not pass.

A new motion was made for April and Brian to write a letter to AVAR to explain why we couldn't support the ordinance due to our majority vote rules, but to also explain the points that the board discussed about the pros and cons of the ordinance.

April asked the SCAVMA reps to send her an e-mail with a summary of the comments they received from the classes to include in the letter.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) Haleh was going to meet with Lewis, but never got a chance to. She mentioned the current California legislation and the Hollywood ordinance that wasn't passed. There is an agriculture appropriations bill signed in November that included a clause to standardize the microchipping for animals. The microchipping companies were opposed to the clause, but the AVMA supported the standardization, and there is currently a legal battle about the microchipping clause. There is a current proposal to get a universal microchipping bill in the next two years. The veterinary workforce expansion act offers to expand veterinary schools and vets in the biomedical fields and public health areas. Time magazine noted that the most amazing invention of 2005 was a cloned puppy and that a LA company is working to make hypoallergenic cats by 2006 and they already have a waiting list for the cats.

Gregg mentioned that we can all check out the Capwiz website on the AVMA website about legislation and there are letters for veterinary students to use to send to representatives.

April mentioned the Lewis would do things such as organize protests, send e-mails to students and the board about current legislation.

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (Jen Hatch) Historians from each class sent out polls and there was about 30% interest in the yearbook from each class. She e-mailed the company reps for interest in advertising and got a few responses.

Waggie Editor Report: (Jason Kidd) The first Waggie came out on Monday the 6th and were hopefully distributed to the classes. Jason will send out an e-mail to the classes so they can submit articles to him for the next publication and for the calendar. The due date will be the 21st of February to get the Waggie out for the 1st of March.

Webmaster: (Suzanne Kattija-Ari): After chasing down people for months and finally getting the right passcodes she is working to get the SCAVMA website back together. When the website is updated she will e-mail the classes

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Roselle Matli & Elena Shirley) The Hills pet food sales were good with about \$318 made from the last pickup. The theme for Picnic Day is Celebrate Today. They are polling the class for float ideas. They also mentioned that someone in the first year class wanted to start a fish club and wanted to find out how to get start up funds. Brian mentioned that they can go to the meeting of the President's in the fall and will need to see SPAC also.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Rebecca James & Angela Sartor) Pharm night is going to be Friday May 19th and they have sent out letters to the companies and have reserved the location.

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

4th year SCAVMA Representatives: (Brian Evans & Kristel Weaver) The Smoker is on June 3rd but the theme is still being discussed.

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

Committee Reports: (Pet Food Committee): April reported about the food shed earlier. She mentioned a memo that was sent to her from students at another veterinary campus about a rumor going around in which Hill was going to ask all veterinary schools only use Hills or they would withdraw from the free food program. The memo essentially said that Hills wanted to become the sole food donator for veterinary schools. April talked to Dr. Watson and he said it wasn't true and that nothing is changing. There was another rumor that Iams would be pulling out of schools, but April has not heard this from the Iams food rep here on campus. The Iams prescription diets do not need to be given to the nutrition department and can be sold to students. Brian Veltri mentioned that since Purina is donating the shelves for the food shed, they are asking for a sign with recognition for them. April will look into getting a sign.

Committee Reports: (Mentoring Committee) Nothing to Report.

Committee Reports: (Public Relations Committee) Gregg is interested in getting business cards for the students before the SCAVMA symposium. The VBMA organized this as a fundraiser last year, but would like to offer cards without the VBMA logo and with the school logo. Gregg has received permission from Chris Milligan to do this without cost.

Raina mentioned that since VBMA has previously sold the business cards as a fundraiser, that SCAVMA should talk to VBMA before making the cards.

Gregg will talk to the VBMA officers and look into making the business cards.

Committee Reports: (Speaker/Activities Committee) The nutrition talk had great reviews thanks to Purina. The speaker focused on the hectic lives of veterinary students and that we still need to consider our health and discussed food options available at the Silo for students. Future talks will include alumni rounds and possibly other topics.

Old Business: IVSA summer congress is coming along. Angelina is working with people to get it organized and is in the process of getting places organized. It is from July 19-29th, begins in LA and finishes in SF, and will be in Davis for 3 days and 2 nights. It is about \$250 dollars for 10 days of fun in the state. At Davis there will be a BBQ and Davis students will be welcome.

New Business: Gregg mentioned that the SAVMA house of delegates will be sending out a quiz on the AVMA website to the students. If students fill out the quiz they will be entered into a raffle for \$100. The first years are going to organize a interviewee orientation on the 25th with breakfast and Deans speaking along with Dr. Lacouter and tours of the VMTH.

Announcements: Farm club rounds this Thursday. The Sacramento VMA is looking for a student to join the board. They are looking to find someone who is interested in remaining in the Sacramento area and is interested in organized veterinary medicine. They meet 6 times a year and get a chance to discuss local politics.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by April Miles at pm 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helene Tolliver
SCAVMA Secretary