

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday April 11, 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, Haleh Siahpolo, Jen Hatch, Jason Kidd, Stephanie Harmon, Nikki Nyberg, Stan Avezov, Jen Reese, Rebecca James, Angela Sartor, Megan Lichty, Chris Buckley, Rosie Matli, Elena Shirley, Jill Aschehoug, Katherine Hansen, Lauren Ayala, Ann-Marie Heckendorf, Dr. Kendall.

February 2006 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved with three changes.

President's Report: (April Miles) April introduced and welcomed the new officers, Jill Aschehoug, Katherine Hansen, Lauren Ayala, Ann-Marie Heckendorf, Haleh Siahpolo, Jen Hatch and Rosie Matli. April asked that the new officers contact the old officers to learn about their SCAVMA board positions and to ask questions. April will be meeting with the governor tomorrow at the new Vet Med VMIF building. He will be talking about an energy grant and the new buildings that are highly energy efficient. She is going to talk to him about the people who donated the money for the buildings and how they are state of the art in energy efficiency and classroom design. There will be other student representatives at the meeting also. April will discuss the Josh project under new business.

Vice President's Report: (Brian Leonard) Brian sent out the information about the Spring PDF. He has received most of the information from students about the winter PDF applications. There will be a Summer PDF available to students separate from the spring PDF. He would like to discuss with Katherine about where to place the spring break requests for PDF funding. Brian suggests that it be included in the Winter PDF so that applicants will know if they can receive funding and how much they will get before their event. Suzanne has placed forms for clubs on the SCAVMA website. The forms are for clubs requesting funding from companies. More information will be given out at the meeting of the presidents in fall quarter about the forms.

Secretary's Report: (Helene Tolliver) Elections are completed and the newly elected officers are all present tonight at the meeting. They will be sworn in at the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Maredyth Dutton) Maredyth stated that the budget is good and that everything is staying within the budget boundaries. There have been less donations this year than last year. We had budgeted \$7000 for donations this year and have taken in \$3700, which may run us short at the end of the year. The AVMA gave \$2000 for next year's delegate travel. A motion was passed to move the money into next year's budget.

SAVMA Delegates: (Bret McNabb & Gregory Bell) Bret said the talent show was a great success this year. The house sold out with about 320 people and made \$3350 this year, about \$1000 more than last year. Bret thanked everyone for the hard work. Thirty four people went to SAVMA symposium in Minnesota this year. They had great weather and didn't come in last in the tug of war. There will be one more dog wash on Sunday May 7th. Dr. Byam is offering her clinic in Elk Grove. Currently \$10,700 has been raised for students who went to symposium. Next year the SAVMA symposium will be in North Carolina and then in 2008 it will be jointly held at Tuskegee and Auburn.

Gregg mentioned that at the House of Delegates they were asked by the GHLIT to have a student liaison on their voting board. The SAVMA President elect will be on the board. This year the John Pitt award was started after the student at UC Davis who started SAVMA. The award will go to a member of SAVMA. This year it went to Brian Mason for his efforts organizing donations for hurricane Katrina. The award will pay for the recipient to go to the SAVMA symposium. The award is open to any SCAVMA member and anyone can be nominated from Davis or other schools.

Gregg mentioned that there have been rumors about Hill's not participating in veterinary school food distributions, and this rumor is false. He also mentioned the Vet Gazette, which used to be Intervet. It is a monthly online resource for vet students and any student can contribute to it.

SAVMA symposium participants will need to turn in their letters and receipts and they will receive checks about a week after the last dog wash.

CVMA Representative: (Stephanie Harmon): Kellye mentioned the bandaging wet lab for second and third years on April 18th. In previous years it has been a lot of fun. She is working on organizing the speaker for the senior banquet.

Dr. Kendall, co-chairman of the CVMA legislative committee, discussed the current bills in legislation. There have been a lot introduced lately at the end of the quarter. There have been many items introduced that would effect the veterinary practice act. Legislation on ferrets, avian flu, field coursing (dog sport of chasing rabbits and betting on which dog will get the rabbit). There is legislation to ban field coursing, but it may be approved by the CVMA based on an additional fox hunting part in the legislation. There is a bill about medical devices, such as ultrasound, requiring only medical professionals (including vets) to use them. This bill is being supported by the CVMA.

Dr. Kendall gave definitions of the various stances that the CVMA will take on legislation. A support means that the CVMA will actively support the bill. Approval means that the CVMA is ok with the bill, but will not actively campaign for it. A watch position means that the CVMA is unsure how it might effect the veterinary community, but will keep an eye on it and see if something happens. Disapproval of a bill means that the CVMA doesn't like the legislation, but is not actively working to stop it. A stance of oppose means that the CVMA is against the measure and will actively work to oppose its passing.

Legislation AB2760 has been introduced by Banfield and VCA hospitals. Currently, California will allow for licensure by endorsement if a veterinarian from another state has been working 4 of 5 years and has been working on average 33 hours per week. AB 2760 is a spot bill that was introduced on the deadline of February 24th with blanks in the bill. The blanks were filled in and attempts to reduce the time of employment to 2 of 4 years and working for 20 hours per week to allow veterinarians a licensure by endorsement. The CVMA is opposed to this bill and feels that the 4 years of practice is important to vets and that it isn't really fair to students in California who study hard for the state boards.

Dr. Kendall is looking to the SCAVMA board for opinions on AB2760. The next hearing will be on May 6th, and the CVMA is working hard to oppose this bill. It will allow for permanent licensure without having to sit for the California veterinary boards. There will still be an internship clause for vets coming to California temporarily and will not be staying in California as long as there is a boarded specialist at the clinic. The CVMA is also looking for other solutions to make the boards test more readily available to people instead of twice a year.

Other legislation includes bills on cruelty to elephants to prevent the use of a hook to control them. The hook is similar to a twitch used on horses. The CVMA disapproves of the bill and will be sending a letter about the elephant bill. There is a bill on dog tethering and the CVMA has a watch position on this bill. SP1806 is about animals in cars. The CVMA is supporting this bill which allows officers to give a citation to owners if the temperature is 85 degrees or higher outside and there is no food or water in the car.

Rosie asked about the use of ultrasound in large animal practices and with dog breeders who may use it for AI and reproduction purposes and whether or not it would effect them an if they would have to have a vet do the ultrasound. The legislation is posted on the CVMA website. Dr. Kendall stated that the reason behind the medical devices bill is to have more outside control on the use of medical technology.

The board discussed how to present the information of AB2760 to the students. A motion was passed to have the class reps forward the information to the classes and have the reps decide how to address the CVMA and legislature on the bill.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) Haleh has a couple of things to mention and will put together an e-mail about them. There has recently been a cut in the federal budget that will reduce student aid by 1.2billion dollars. It will reduce a lot of loans and special programs that will effect vet students. She will send out a website to the classes that has a generic letter people can fill out.

There are some proposed task changes for RVTs that the VMB recently voted on. The CVMA opposes the changes. It changes some of the jobs that unregistered techs can perform and may cause problems for small practices including restricting anesthesia monitoring to RVTs and vets. There is a section on catheter placement as to whether or not the making of a relief hole for a catheter is surgery and if it should be restricted to veterinarians. Students can voice their opinion to the CVMA board and there is an overview online.

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (Jen Hatch) The yearbook is coming along. She is taking ads and working with senior parents on tributes. She currently has five ads and some e-mails from other reps and has about \$800 at the moment.

Waggie Editor Report: (Jason Kidd) Not much new stuff. The deadline for next month is soon and the next Waggie will be out by the middle of the month. Jason hops to have one more edition by the end of the year. He is working on getting a new waggie editor for next year and will have someone next month. Jason said the reps can tell their classes that if anyone wants to contribute to contact him.

Webmaster: (Suzanne Kattija-Ari): not present

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Roselle Matli & Elena Shirley) Rosie said that the first year class has received a grant from the Cal Aggie Association for the float. They have a lot of enthusiastic people involved. Most of the float has been built and they are working ahead of schedule.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Rebecca James & Angela Sartor) Pharm night is May 19th, 5:30-8:30. There are 15 companies currently and they have extended the deadline.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Stan Avezov & Nicole Nyberg) Stan said the food sales are ok, but are slower than the other food companies. He recommended that there be another food sale and opening of the shed soon since it is full. The senior banquet is on June 16th, after graduation from 9-11pm in the Arc. There will be around 1300 people there with snacks and drinks. Their budget is around 6000, 4000 for food and 2000 for everything else. They currently have 1700 in donations and are looking for more sponsors, but they have a little left over in last year's budget. Stan recommended that the new third year reps go to the banquet to have an idea of how to organize it for next year.

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

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

Committee Reports: (Pet Food Committee): April needs logos from Purina and Natura to put up signs for the food shed for their donations. Purina donated more money for new shelves. April may open the shed for people to come in and buy food at a time different from the food deliveries.

Committee Reports: (Mentoring Committee) The committee is putting together the spring mentor picnic.

Committee Reports: (Public Relations Committee) The VBMA made business cards for students and will possibly make them for next year also.

Committee Reports: (Speaker/Activities Committee) They are planning the last event of the year, the alumni rounds. They will be held later this quarter and the committee is looking for alumni to come talk. Brian discussed his idea of a vet school formal/ball/prom. He will send out an e-mail to the students to get feedback on the idea.

Doug Richey from Graduate Leverage came and spoke about loans. They paid for lunch, but Bret paid for the plates and drinks. A motion was made and passed to reimburse Bret for the drinks and plates instead of asking Graduate Leverage for the money.

Old Business: IVSA is fully in charge of the summer congress. Ann will be sending out an e-mail about it. People are organizing the housing and locations. There may be one or two spots open to vet students if anyone is interested in participating.

New Business: Gregg discussed the Veterinary Leadership Experience that was started at Washington State. It is similar to what we do at Bodega bay. Two students and one faculty from each school attend. This will be the third year and last year was the first time UC Davis participated. April and Gregg attended last year and were taught about professional communication and how students can work together. Most schools send their SAVMA delegate and their president. It helped both Gregg and April at future meetings because they were already familiar

with many of the people at the meetings. It is the weekend before finals. Gregg has spoken to Rosie and Jill about the possibility of them going. Jill may have to rearrange some finals to go. Administration helped pay for half of the airfare last year. A motion was made and carried to send Rosie and Jill to the VLE this year.

April introduced the Josh project. She learned about it at the President's meeting at SAVMA. The Josh doll is a stuffed dog given to children at hospitals when they are sick or at the hospital for treatments. The program provides the stuffed dogs as companions for the children while they are alone at the hospital. The dog comes with a book about the dog's trip to the vet and about the tests and surgery Josh has to go through. The book helps the children relate to the dog's story. The challenge is to raise the most money in the vet school in any way, and the money will go to the local UC Davis Children's Hospital. April has talked to everyone about the project and would like approval of the SCAVMA board for the project. Last year Western raised \$6000, and April wants to raise the most next year. The kit costs \$40 and \$5 will go to the Children's Miracle Network. The project has been approved by the AVMA. A motion was made and carried to form a committee to manage the Josh Project including April, Anne, Brian, Jill, Megan and Angie.

Announcements: Next meeting Tuesday May 16, 2006

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by April Miles at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helene Tolliver
SCAVMA Secretary