

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine  
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday May 16, 2006**

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by April Miles at 7:15pm. Quorum was met.

**Members present:** April Miles, Brian Leonard, Helene Tolliver, Bret McNabb, Gregory Bell, Haleh Siahpolo, Jason Kidd, Stephanie Harmon, Nikki Nyberg, Angela Sartor, Megan Lichty, Adrienne Wood, Abel Gonzales, Rosie Matli, Elena Shirley, Bridget Schulte, Jill Aschehoug, Katherine Hansen, Lauren Ayala, Ann-Marie Heckendorf, Dr. Mohr.

April 2006 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

**President's Report:** (April Miles) April would like to thank the current members of the board for a great year. The Waggie contributors, SCAVMA delegates and fundraising committees have all worked very hard this year. The symposium trip was very successful. She thanks everyone for serving on the board this year she appreciates everyone's hard work.

**Swearing in of the President:** Jill Aschehoug was sworn in as the new President by April Miles.

**Vice President's Report:** (Brian Leonard) Spring PDF application deadline has closed. There was some confusion this period, but Brian has cleared it up.

**Secretary's Report:** (Helene Tolliver) nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report:** (Maredyth Dutton) not present

**SAVMA Delegates:** (Bret McNabb & Gregory Bell) Fundraising is done for the year. We raised \$10,883 and we were able to help fund travel to symposium for many students.

Gregg – There was an email sent out about NVSA and efforts to fund vets working in underserved areas. The vote has occurred or will be occurring in next few days.

**CVMA Representative:** (Stephanie Harmon): Replacement will be Bridget Schulte. Stephanie would like to thank everyone for their help this year. The VMB discussed the proposed legislation for RVT tasks that we discussed last time. The issue is still pending and will be reviewed at a meeting in July. The main issues that are still being discussed are the administration of chemotherapy, and inducing and maintaining anesthesia.

**Legislative Liaison:** (Haleh Siahpolo) VMB already voted on the proposed change for RVT's regarding placing a relief hole in the skin. The VMB upheld the change. This is still a controversial issue among vets. More changes will be discussed at the meeting in July. We are able to send letters and Haleh will send out an email with details.

**Centaur Yearbook Editor Report:** (Jen Hatch) Helene reports that the yearbook has raised \$5000, which is very good. We may be able to reduce the price this year. The yearbook will be fully colored. Class representatives are requested to please get pictures from all class members to be in the yearbook.

**Waggie Editor Report:** (Jason Kidd) We can expect one more Waggie this year, it will be out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. It will be a farewell to seniors edition. Mike Rickwald will be taking over as Waggie editor next year. If you have any ideas for the paper, please let Mike or Jason know. Jason suggested a special Waggie edition just for first years to be put out at the beginning of next year.

**Webmaster:** (Suzanne Kattija-Ari): not present

**1<sup>st</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Roselle Matli & Elena Shirley) Rosie announced that the Picnic Day float did really well this year. It won the best all-around award.

Elena - She has sent an introductory letter to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce regarding the Josh Project. They seemed excited to work with us and are excited about the revenues that our school can generate for the project.

**2<sup>nd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Rebecca James & Angela Sartor) Angie - Pharm Night will be held this Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm. Subway sandwiches will be served. Megan is selling raffle tickets and there are some very cool prizes this year (for example Dr. Meyers' testicles). Class reps are requested to please make announcements to encourage people to come out. Jill requested that Angie email out directions for everyone.

**3<sup>rd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Stan Avezov & Nicole Nyberg) Nicole - There will be a violin player at the senior banquet this year. Plans are going well.

**4<sup>th</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Brian Evans & Kristel Weaver) not present

**Advisor's Report:** (Dr. Mohr) He reports that in January of this year, he got call from the AVMA regarding senior enrollment. They suggested that enrollment for new grads could be made simpler by having SCAVMA distribute the packets to seniors before graduation. Our school seemed to support this idea. Last week, 7 boxes of papers showed up and are currently on Dr. Mohr's desk. He requests that we decide on a way to distribute these to seniors. It was suggested that the CVMA banquet would be a good time to do this. Although attendance will not be 100%, arrangements can be made to send the remaining packets out. Stephanie Harmon agreed to head this up.

**Committee Reports:** (Pet Food Committee): April - Purina bought a few more shelves for the food shed and the shed is now very organized. April suggested that a group should be charged with organizing and maintaining the shed each quarter. Gregg made a motion that the class reps be charged with this, that they elect a chair and handle this internally. Nicole said she thought Brian Veltri (Purina Rep) suggested that this not be an official committee. April would like to see a structured committee. Rosie likes the idea of the class reps doing this year long job. Rosie had a question about the computer system. April said that Hills (and Dr. Watson) requires the computer report, so they are the most important company for this if there are ever two pick ups at the same time. Hills is not entitled to the information about other companies. April said it is also important that the treasurer knows which company the money is for. The motion was discussed and voted on and approved.

**Committee Reports:** (Mentoring Committee) Angie - The committee is putting together the spring mentor picnic/BBQ on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-8:30pm at the Rec Pool Lodge. It will be open to first and second years. Plans are going well. They are currently soliciting donations for food. There will be emails with the details.

**Committee Reports:** (Public Relations Committee) nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:** (Speaker/Activities Committee) Angie - The final talk (alumni rounds) will not be held this year.

**Old Business:** Gregg - IVSA summer congress: Anne has been in contact with Karen. They are still trying to get a location for the talent show. The Cantina is one option. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the BBQ on July 25<sup>th</sup> for a chance to chat with international students.

Megan - Josh Project: Held it's first fundraising event at the Doxie Derby this year. They raised about \$560 which is great. Many people have suggested good ideas for raising more money next year and the public seems very receptive to this project.

**New Business:** Gregg - Auxiliary: At the symposium, he met Sharon McGill who runs the Auxiliary for the AVMA. She is excited to help us set up a student auxiliary here. A meeting was held here that was attended by two vet students and their husbands. The purpose is to help student's significant other's understand what a vet student is going through. It is also a source of friendship and support for people who's significant others are busy with school. Social events such as poker games or bowling were suggested. Gregg suggested trying to plan for an event at beginning of year for freshman. Let Gregg know if you know someone who wants to join. Keep an eye out for emails.

Gregg - Member dues: The freshman class was low on SCAVMA membership enrollment this year. In the past, it was required that students pay SCAVMS dues in order to join any of the student clubs. The rule is still in place, but perhaps it is not well enforced. Gregg suggested that at the first TG, clubs collect SCAVMA dues before people could join a club. Brian mentioned that it would be difficult to enforce for big clubs who do not collect money from SCAVMA. Helene said encouraging students join SCAVMA is good, but she does not agree with having clubs collect SCAVMA dues. Angie said that she already deals with many instances of untracked dues and she thinks that having clubs collect SCAVMA dues would worsen the problem. Megan suggested more enforcement of the current rule. Elena said she is willing to go to students to find out why enrollment was so low. Adrienne said that as a club president, she thinks it would be effective to make clubs enforce the current rule. She also advocated class reps encouraging people to pay their SCAVMA dues. Helene suggested that this year's club enrollment was low because orientation was held off site and there were fewer people at the club TG this year. Jason said that promoting SCAVMA in general may help with the problem and that this was the reason for the birth of the PR committee last year (Jason Kidd, Brian Leonard, Gregg Bell). Kat suggested putting a PR flyer listing the advantages of joining SCAVMA in student's mailboxes at the beginning of the year. Angie thought this was a good idea. Brian said he will give Kat a list of clubs that receive money from SCAVMA so that at the meeting with the club presidents next year she can emphasize the importance of joining SCAVMA. Brian said \$200 is given to the clubs that get SCAVMA money. The clubs also get money for meetings and special functions. Helene suggested focusing on the class of 2009 as that is the class with particularly low SCAVMA membership. Elena emphasized the importance of finding out student's didn't join in first place. Rosie disagreed and said that promoting the advantages of SCAVMA is more important than finding out why people didn't join, as a similar poll was taken last year which yielded very little information. Kat suggested sending out an email at the beginning of the year, perhaps to club presidents to promote the fact that clubs can get money from SCAVMA and to emphasize the importance of club members also joining SCAVMA. Angie made a motion to have Kat send such an email; this was discussed, voted on and approved. Elena and Rosie will discuss and decide on the best course of action for the class of 2009. Haleh suggested posting a message on a bulleting board advertising that "SCAVMA dues are due." April described next year's facilities and suggested that we might be able to post a notice there. Bret said that SCAVMA was promised a display case in the new facilities and perhaps we could use that space.

April – SCAVMA brochure: She will turn these over to Jill and suggested that these be given to the class of 2010 next fall.

April – SCAVMA recognition scholarships: April and Bret were nominated via email and were voted by the board via email to receive these scholarships. She wants to make sure that that is ethically sound. Angie was concerned that there was too short of a turnover time for nominations and she was unable to participate in the vote. April relayed that this information was brought to her attention very late, so she emailed the board for nominations. Once she was nominated, she sent the information to Helene to handle the voting so that April would not be involved with the voting. Stephanie supports Bret and April as recipients. April said she has done a lot of work to ensure that the voting runs more smoothly next year. Helene made a motion to support Bret and April as recipients. With Bret and April out of the room, the motion was discussed, voted on and approved. Angie said she would like to consider putting something in the constitution about email voting and she offered to write it using the meeting voting rules as guidelines. Gregg and Jason suggested that this may be more complicated than just copying the language for meeting voting. Jason suggested looking at other schools to see how their constitution is worded. Helene suggested having someone work on this over the summer and then vote on it in September.

Rosie – spam email: She suggests a monthly email bulletin. Adrienne said that last year, the email heading idea was implemented to help with this problem. She also suggested that clubs could make email lists for members so that club emails are not sent to the entire school. Megan said that clubs can have a list serve set up, perhaps by CALF. Kat said that sometimes clubs might want other people to read club emails to encourage participation. Bridget agreed with this. Helene suggested reminding students at the beginning of the year about the email headings.

**Swearing in of new officers:** The new officers were sworn in. Katherine Hansen is the Vice President, Ann Heckendorf is the Treasurer, Lauren Ayala is the Secretary and Bridget Schulte is the CVMA delegate.

**Announcements:** Next meeting is TBA. Jill would like to have the next meeting as early as possible after school starts in September.

Bret – The annual FARM club and Equine medicine club BBQ and elections will be held in June. Everyone is invited to attend. The senior banquet will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9pm and everyone is welcome to attend and congratulate the graduating seniors.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Jill Aschehoug at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Ayala  
SCAVMA Secretary