

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine  
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Jill Gallo at 7:05pm. Quorum was met.

**Members present:** Jill Gallo, Katharine Hansen, Ann-Marie Heckendorf, Lauren Ayala, Gregory Bell, Rosie Matli, Jen Hatch, Elizabeth Adams, Suzanne Byrd, Jessica Wade, Megan Bergin, Becky James, Anne Marie Zedelis, Bridget Schulte, Haleh Siahpolo, Mike Rickwald, Katharine Huang, Nicole Nyberg, Abel Gonzales, Sherry Jung, Rachel Kaplan, Liz Taylor, Tim Helms, Koko Shishida, Dr. Kendall and Dr. Ilkiw

May 2006 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved with one amendment.

**4<sup>th</sup> Year SCAVMA Representatives:** Nicole - Jason or she will make a huge effort for one of them to be at every meeting, and will do a report at the beginning of meeting the meeting so they can return to their VMTH patients.

**Introductions:** All members present introduced themselves.

**Swearing in of New Members:** New officers were sworn in. Anne Marie Zedelis is a third year rep, Jessica Wade and Liz Adams are second year reps, Tim Helms, Rachel Kaplan and Liz Taylor are first year presidents and Koko Shishida and Sherry Jung are first year reps.

**President's Report:** (Jill Gallo) Welcome and description of meeting agenda and how the meetings are run. She and Rosie attended VLE this year and had lots of fun. She highly recommends it for future classes. The white coat ceremony was a huge success. Barry Watson from Hills Pet Nutrition donated money again this year. She also just came back for Illinois where she got to see what other schools are doing with their SCAVMA programs.

**Vice President's Report:** (Kat Hansen) Transition to her being in charge of PDF has gone smoothly. She would like to talk about creative ways of getting more money for PDF - possibly by approaching food companies, and pharmaceutical companies for funding. Companies generally like to be recognized for the money that they give. Would we be willing to call it "Merial PDF?" The issue was opened for discussion. Megan suggests that if it is given to a specific student they would be required to write a thank you note to the company as part of the requirement for that award. Suzanne asks if we would open to multiple companies – Kat says yes. Gregg – concerned that only some students have to write a thank you note, he suggests two separate applications, one for if you are willing to write a thank you note and another if not. Bridget – what about a box you check on the application that says you would be willing to write such a note. Jen – it still sets up a little inequity having some students write a thank you note and others not; perhaps they could get more money on top of the regular funding if they would be willing to write it. Rosie – perhaps one general thank you saying all of these awards were given out to these people. Further discussion about this topic. Jill – afraid that companies will see the mixing of their contributions as a conflict and will not agree to this. Rosie – it's important for people to know this money comes from SCAVMA, not just the company. Kat made a motion to first contact some companies to see if they would be willing to donate. The motion was voted on and carried.

The president's meeting where clubs can sign up to get SCAVMA money to help offset the cost of their events will take place soon. Clubs who receive funding from SCAVMA need to ensure that their members are all SCAVMA members. Kat would like thoughts on how to convey this to clubs while not scaring them off and while maintaining good PR. Gregg explained current list of members and how we ask clubs to only allow SCAVMA members to participate in wetlabs. A list of SCAVMA members will be given to clubs after the middle of October when dues have been turned in. Discussion about amending the constitution that all clubs who want SCAVMA funding need to have all members be SCAVMA members to reflect what we are currently trying to enforce. Anne – SCAVMA funds generally handed out to clubs before member dues are due. Gregg made a motion that Kat have the meeting when she best sees fit and that this issue be tabled until the next meeting. Jen – can we have the SCAVMA reps announce it to the classes? Jen made a motion to have SCAVMA reps announce to the classes the SCAVMA membership requirement to be a member of a SCAVMA supported club. Jill – freshman have had a

presentation on this issue. Anne made a motion to table this issue until next month's meeting. Motion was voted on and carried.

**Secretary's Report:** (Lauren Ayala) Directory update. Forms were placed in all mailboxes with the request to return the completed forms by October 6<sup>th</sup>. Request SCAVMA board to encourage classmates to fill out this form and return it to me.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Ann Heckendorf) New reimbursement forms that will be required to be filled out to receive reimbursement for SCAVMA expenses. It would always be preferable to write a check directly to a company, but if not feasible, she can write a reimbursement check to students. To be reimbursed, receipts need to be turned in along with the reimbursement form. The form requires a co-signature from another SCAVMA board member (not Ann). Receipts for expenses from last year need to be submitted to Ann ASAP to finalize last year's budget. Best if you can submit receipts within one month of the purchase. Ann will write and distribute checks bi-weekly.

The proposed 2006-2007 budget was reviewed line by line by Ann. Ann made a motion that excess revenue for the yearbook rollover to the next year's yearbook fund rather than be split by the classes. Motion was voted on and carried. Ann made a motion to pay back the one time shed cost \$1,858.68 rather than pay \$500 over 4 years. The motion was voted on and carried. Ann - explanation about Hurricane Katrina money. Due to confusion last year, we have been holding this money donated by students for a year and we will be sending off a check to LSU very soon. Jill - explanation of Josh project. Ann made a motion to add a line item for the Josh project for \$1,000 revenue and \$1,000 expenses. Motion was voted on and carried. Ann made a motion to pass budget with the additional changes that were just discussed. Motion was voted on and carried.

**SAVMA Delegates:** (Greggory Bell & Rosie Matli) Attended SAVMA delegates meeting in Hawaii this year. NVMSA passed last year but is not fully funded. Details are still being worked out. We will have more information in the near future. The first people to get initial pilot funding will likely be government veterinarians. We should see update about this soon.

Gregg - went to the AVMA governmental action meeting. Discussed the horse slaughter prevention act which passed and is supported by Feinstein and Boxer. The AVMA is in active pursuit of defeat of this act due to its lack of contingency plan about what will happen to these additional 90,000 horses per year that would not be slaughtered. Expect an update about how to contact your senators about this bill.

Rosie - Registration for the SAVMA symposium will begin in November.

Rosie - Intervet has changed to the Vet Gazette online. Submissions can receive \$50 for an article.

Rosie - Josh Project. SAVMA will match the winning school's donations. That school can decide if that money goes to a specific children's hospital or towards more Josh dolls.

**CVMA Representative:** (Bridget Schulte) There is a House of Delegates meeting this weekend.

Dr. Kendall - a hot topic will be the issues surrounding temporary licensure for out of state vets. The CVMA has a task force to look into all of these issues.

**Legislative Liaison:** (Haleh Siahpolo) Horse Slaughter Bill. The bill would end horse slaughter for human consumption. There are currently 3 slaughter houses in the US, most meat is sold overseas as a delicacy. Animal rights activists support this bill, but there is also a lot of opposition for this bill as it does not provide an outlet for how horses that would have been slaughtered will be cared for. This bill has already passed in CA - we are a model for how this bill would play out nationally. Currently, it is illegal to ship a horse over state lines from California for slaughter. There is lots of concern about the long transport times prior to slaughter. In June, an amendment was added to enact this bill in only Kentucky and New York. Under the amendment, the USDA would reimburse owners for all of the costs they incurred as a result of keeping the horse or having it euthanized and disposed of by a vet.

The House gave it's approval for a US/Russia treaty to protect polar bears from extinction due to illegal poaching in Russia.

Farm Animal Purchasing Act (Bill #HR5557) Requires animal producers to comply with modern animal welfare standards due to the demand of Americans. There is much support for this. Haleh will send out information for a website if you are in support of this.

The CVMA has approved a position for a food animal representative in the House of Delegates.

**Centaur Yearbook Editor Report:** (Jen Hatch) Final budget will be submitted next month. Books were sold for \$35 last year. The cost of each book was just over \$50. The difference came from donations from company sponsors and from senior tributes. Jen has ordered 110 copies for 90 orders, so a few are still available to purchase – see Jen if you are interested. Expect yearbooks to be delivered in October.

**Swearing in of additional new members:** Mike Rickwald is the Waggie Editor and Katharine Huang is a 2009 Class President.

**Waggie Editor Report:** (Mike Rickwald) A special edition Waggie was printed for freshman this year. It promoted SCAVMA. The first standard issue is due in October. A motion was made to allow Brian Leonard to continue to be involved with the Waggie. The motion was voted on and carried.

**Webmaster:** (Suzanne Byrd) Email her if you can't find the website. She is accepting PDF files for articles by email.

**1<sup>st</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Koko Shishida and Sherry Jung) nothing to report

**2<sup>nd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Jessica Wade and Liz Adams) nothing to report

**3<sup>rd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Becky James & Anne Marie Zedelis) nothing to report

**Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee)** Gregg made a motion to nominate Rosie to be chair of this committee. Motion was voted on and carried. Rosie – Feeding program background. Hills is changing their system this year – offering up to 60lbs of food per student with a new system to hopefully boost sales. Hills may eventually pull their funding of the white coat ceremony and this money would help compensate for that. A motion was made to change to a new Hills program: each student can get up to 60 lbs. of food. The first bag is free and additional bags up to 60 lbs. total would have to be purchased at SCAVMA's price. Discussion about whether the price of the second pre-ordered bag should be the same or less than the price of shed sales food to encourage students to pick up the food they ordered. Jen – would like to see the prices the same for the two bags of food. Jill – food shed will be open more frequently so we expect that capacity will not be such a problem anymore. Rosie made a motion to allow students to get 2 Hills items not to exceed 60lbs total. The 1<sup>st</sup> item is free and the 2<sup>nd</sup> item can be purchased at SCAVMA's price of \$5, \$8, \$10 or \$15 per bag (the same prices as the shed sales). Motion was voted on and carried.

Rosie – Discussion about what other schools are doing with their food sales. Rosie made a motion to allow only SCAVMA members to receive free food; non-members would have to pay standard SCAVMA prices. Motion was voted on and carried with one person opposed. Additional discussion was initiated. A new motion was then made to reconsider this vote on the grounds that the companies should be contacted and informed about this idea. Motion was voted on and carried. A motion was to make the first pick-up free for the entire student body. The decision to charge non-SCAVMA students for food will be made after discussion with the food companies. The motion was voted on and carried with one person opposed.

**Committee Reports (Mentor Committee):** A motion was made to nominate Suzanne Byrd for chair. Motion was voted on and carried. A brief explanation of the Mentor program was given. Discussion about why the program is only applied for first and second years. Anne suggests that now would be an ideal time for the third years to have mentors. Suzanne said that the reason for only having it for the first two classes was due to lack of mentors, but feel free to contact the mentors on your own.

**Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee):** nothing to report at this time

**Committee Reports (Josh Project Committee):** A motion was made to nominate Megan Bergin as chair. Motion was voted on and carried.

**Committee Reports (Speaker Committee):** Jill – currently nobody on this committee. A motion was made for Suzanne and Koko to be co-chairs of committee. The motion was voted on and carried.

**Old Business:** Rosie – SCAVMA membership. Discussion at last meeting was tabled until this meeting. Gregg made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. Mike – would like a poster board for SCAVMA. Dr. Ilkiw – there will be a glass case outside of the homerooms in Valley eventually. Ann- could we place a SCAVMA add on the computer desktops to show on the white screens in between the lectures? Koko- it would be helpful to centralize this information for the first years because they are getting information from many sources at this point and it is confusing. Gregg made a motion to put information about SCAVMA on the desktops while tabling rest of this discussion. Motion was voted on and carried.

**New Business:** Gregg – Faculty advisors: We are currently without a faculty advisor. We did receive several nominations by email over the summer. Gregg and Jill spoke to Dr. Birgit Puschner and Dr. David Wilson who were both excited about this opportunity. A motion was made to elect Dr. D. Wilson as the senior advisor and Dr. Puschner as the junior advisor. The motion was voted on and carried.

Gregg – Proposed Constitutional amendments:

Addition of subsection “xi” to Article VIII, Section 3.4 (B)

- xi. The President shall attend the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Experience hosted by Washington State University in May/June of the year of their election and shall have their travel expenses reimbursed by the Chapter as allocated in the Annual Budget Meeting in the fall (Article VIII, Section 2.1(B)).

Addition of subsection “viii” to Article VIII, Section 3.4 (F)

- viii. The Junior Delegate shall attend the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Experience hosted by Washington State University in May/June of the year of their election and shall have their travel expenses reimbursed by the Chapter as allocated in the Annual Budget Meeting in the fall (Article VIII, Section 2.1(B)).

We have historically sent these members for the past several years, but we want to make it official. Most schools do send their president and junior delegate. Motion was made to approve the amendments as written. Motion was voted on and carried.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Jill Aschehoug at 9:24pm.

**Recap: Important Motions from this meeting**

- Companies will be contacted by Kat to gauge their interest in donating money towards PDF.
- The issue about requiring club members to be SCAVMA members was tabled until the next meeting.
- Excess revenue from yearbook donations will rollover to the next year’s yearbook fund rather than be split by the classes.
- The one time shed cost \$1,858.68 will be paid back this year in one lump sum rather than pay back \$500 over the next 4 years.
- A line item for the Josh project for \$1,000 revenue and \$1,000 expenses was added to the budget.
- The budget was approved.
- Brian Leonard will be allowed to continue to contribute to the Waggie.
- Rosie Matli will chair the pet food committee.

- Students will be allowed 2 Hills items not to exceed 60lbs total. The 1<sup>st</sup> item is free and the 2<sup>nd</sup> item can be purchased at SCAVMA's price of \$5, \$8, \$10 or \$15 per bag (the same prices as the shed sales).
- The first food pick-up for each company will be for the entire student body as usual. We will consider charging non-SCAVMA students for food at the shed rates after discussion with the food companies.
- Suzanne Byrd will chair the mentor committee.
- Megan Bergin will chair the Josh project committee.
- Suzanne Byrd and Koko Shishida will co-chair the speaker committee.
- Information about SCAVMA will be placed on each of the homeroom computer desktops to project during the breaks. Further discussion about how to boost SCAVMA membership was tabled until the next meeting.
- Dr. David Wilson was elected as our senior faculty advisor and Dr. Birgit Puschner was elected as our junior faculty advisor.
- Two amendments were made to the constitution (see above for exact language).

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Ayala  
SCAVMA Secretary