

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine  
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

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

**Members present:** Jill Gallo, Ann Heckendorf, Kat Hansen, Lauren Ayala, Gregory Bell, Rosie Matli, Jessica Wade, Megan Bergin, Mike Rickwald, Koko Shishida, Jason Kidd, Becky James, Rachel Kaplan, Liz Adams, Haleh Siahpolo, Suzanne Byrd, Abel Gonzalez, Sherry Jung, Janet Lee, Dr. Kendall, Dr. Puschner, Dr. Moore and Dr. Ilkiw

October 2006 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

**4<sup>th</sup> Year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Jason Kidd) He would like to thank everyone for all of their support in the last few weeks while their class is grieving the tragic loss of classmate Allen Hayrapetian.

**Josh Project:** (Megan Bergin) She distributed copies of the donation request letter that will be sent out. They found the money from the Doxie Derby – April has it and will be writing us a check soon. NVA has agreed to sponsor operating costs with a \$500 donation so that 100% of collected donations can go towards Josh Dolls. She is hoping for a 10% response from the mass mailings. She is hoping that each of us could provide her with 1 or 2 addresses – deadline to get these to her will be Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping for donations to be in by Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> so that they can count towards this calendar year's donations.

**Valley Cove:** (Janet Lee) Janet explained Valley Cove – it is not a separate club – it's a fundraising portion of Class of 2009. It sells snacks to students and the proceeds are split between the Class of 2009 and a charity contribution. The refrigerator was donated by the administration. They have a variety of snacks and drinks, but would like to have even more healthy foods. They want to donate to a different charitable cause each quarter, chosen by the 2009 VP's and Janet. She is asking for \$100 per quarter from SCAVMA to match what they are raising, so that more money can be donated.

Discussion by the board about if we would be willing to fund this. Lauren – Josh project may not be using their \$500 now that NVA has sponsored them. Ann – there is money in the budget that can be spent, but she is not sure of the exact amounts. It is possible that we have more expenses than revenue at this point. Kat – since VC is an activity of Class of 2009, they could use the \$50 per quarter from SCAVMA for a club "activity". Gregg – the idea behind the SCAVMA funding is meant to give money to do things that we would not be able to do otherwise, such as talks etc, VC would not fall under this definition. Janet – made a motion that SCAVMA donate \$100 per quarter to VC. Motion was voted on and did not pass. No votes in favor, several votes opposing.

**President's Report:** (Jill Gallo) She met with the Dean this week. He talked about how they plan to increase class numbers in the future.

She got a flyer for the AAVMA Leadership training. SCAVMA would not provide funding for this, but if anyone is interested in going, please let Jill know.

Hill's Innovations is Health Award – requires an essay to enter. See Jill for more information.

Jill received an email from a student at Tufts requesting the GHLIT to provide insurance coverage for domestic partners. The student is requesting that our delegates sign a petition to the GHLIT to this effect. The student requested that Jill gauge the opinion of our board and that the delegates support this cause at the symposium. In California, GHLIT already does this because it is the law, so it only applies to other states. Liz – would this require changing the state law? Jill – no, most Fortune 500 companies provide this already, it is a change that would be up to the company - we are just being requested to sign a petition for it. It is not clear yet if this student is asking just for domestic partners that are gay, or for elderly people with live in help or heterosexual couples living together. There are standards defining domestic partners – we are not certain what definition the student is requesting GHLIT use. Gregg – wonders how this would come up at symposium – would there be a motion to vote on? We just gained a seat on the GHLIT board. Mike – if this company wants to stay competitive with other companies,

they should offer this benefit. Lauren – made a motion to have an informal vote to gauge this board’s opinion. The vote revealed support for the petition with no votes opposing it.

**Vice President’s Report:** (Kat Hansen) 15 Clubs interested in SCAVMA funding – 4 more than last year. Our budget may not be enough. We had budgeted \$2000, but the requested amount is 2,350. Kat - should we raise the budget or should we give clubs a percent of what they are asking for? Ann – the money may be there, Kat is only asking for \$350 more than we originally planned. Motion was made to increase the budget for clubs from \$2000 to \$2500 to leave about \$150 to float. Motion was voted on and carried.

PDF is going smoothly; only one student has not claimed their funds so far.

**Secretary’s Report:** (Lauren Ayala) Directory update.

**Treasurer’s Report:** (Ann Heckendorf) She passed out copies of the budget. It is, of course, already out of date. If something doesn’t match what you expected, let her know. We got \$2500 from Hill’s for the White Coat Ceremony. Please have a second person sign your reimbursement forms. Please have patience in when waiting for checks from Ann. Also, please be prompt in getting money back to her – many senior checks are bouncing which is costing us money.

**SAVMA Delegates:** (Greggory Bell & Rosie Matli) He just handed out everyone’s SAVMA cards, Rosie sent out email about how to log on, etc. A few people do not have numbers yet; this problem is being worked out.

There are a few fundraisers planned for SAVMA symposium, including the annual dog wash and the talent show.

Rosie – Just sent out an email about how to register for the symposium. Dates are 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> is just a dinner. Haleh – had a question about how it is decided how much money each student gets. Gregg – explained that it is based on a point system of how much fundraising you did, you must also turn in your receipts and write a short letter about the symposium.

**CVMA Representative:** (Bridget Holden) not present

**Legislative Liaison:** (Haleh Siahpolo) She had two articles in the Waggie about 2 propositions – they both passed, which she is optimistic about.

**Centaur Yearbook Editor Report:** (Jen Hatch) Not present.

**Waggie Editor Report:** (Mike Rickwald) Last time at Kinko’s they charged him more than he expected. He asked why and they have raised the price of things such as folding. He is thinking about reducing the number of copies that we print from 500 to 400, but increasing number of pages from 8 to 10. He has gotten many different price quotes at Kinko’s and is not sure what the actual cost will be. He will go back and talk to James, who is the only person who seems to give customer’s a “straight answer”. He also sent the last two issues in PDF form to Suzanne to post on the website.

**Webmaster:** (Suzanne Byrd) She is having problems getting into the server to get things updated, but she is working with someone on this.

**1<sup>st</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Koko Shishida and Sherry Jung) Sherry – one student asked her if the bookstore could have more variety of vet school apparel. Can we sell the fleece that the Dean’s office currently sells? Jill – anything can be sold in the bookstore, but Mike (bookstore manager) needs to look into every brand to make sure that they do not use sweat-shops. Jill – received many emails about bookstore requests, she forwarded them all to Mike.

Also, the 1<sup>st</sup> year class is doing a Christmas/Winter food drive. An email was sent out requesting students to donate canned food items.

The Turkey roast is coming up this Saturday. Tickets are on sale now. Dinner will be from 4-6pm, "Aftershocker" the band will play from 6-9pm. Class shirts will be on sale at the roast.

**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

**Dr. Ilkiw:** She applauds everyone's patience in waiting for keys to Valley Hall. On Monday, there will be a meeting that will hopefully sort all of this out. She will keep the student body updated.

Scrubs – we do not have access to the building anymore because when they agreed to make major changes to better serve the students, we had to give them the entire building. It will not be locked after hours.

She received a request from a doctor in Rio Vista for students to help with a spay camp. She is leaving it up to students to decide if they want to take this on. If you would like more information, she will provide you with his name and phone number.

**Dr. Puschner:** nothing to report

**Dr. Moore** – Reminder that her office requires a request 12 days in advance to miss school for vet related events such as the symposium. Each person must individually request to be gone.

Dr. Timmins sent her an email from a company who would be willing to sponsor a "Veterinary Family Practice Club". The focus of the club would be more general practice and less specialty driven and would include shelter aspects, geriatrics, and small animal medicine. Can students put a feeler out to see if there is interest in such a club?

**Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee)** Rosie: What is our goal with the food shed? Are we planning on buying a new one or do we want to move our current one to the barn? Jill – it would be better if the shed was moved to the barn to reduce the need to move food back and forth. As far as a second shed, Jill is not sure. Our goal was to have a second shed, especially if we get started with students receiving 2 bags of Hill's food. Barry Watson is not being clear about what he wants to do; he claims that Jill misunderstood and that Hill's wants us to buy a shed with Hill's money rather than Hill's buying us a shed. Rosie – currently, the shed is very full, it can work, but we need to have more lunchtime sales. Rosie has a lot of reports for Hills, but she is not sure if they are even interested in them. Jill will find out by calling Barry. Jill – we need to find out from Monika if Hill's is actually going to start offering 2 bags of food, because if not, we may not need to move to the hay barn.

Kat – last year, Purina donated shelves with the request that there would be a sign saying the shelves were donated by Purina. The Purina people were here today and did notice the lack of any sign. Kat will send the signs to Rosie who will make sure they are put up this time.

Jill – is it better to open the shed during the afternoon or in the evening? The general consensus was that the evening would be better. Jill asked Dr. Ilkiw to announce via email when the food shed is opened for sales and Dr. Ilkiw agreed.

**Committee Reports (Mentor Committee):** Suzanne Byrd – Mentor brown bag lunch will be this week for 2009 and 2010.

**Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee):** Gregg – very small auxiliary club. It's still in its infancy. They are trying to get it started, he has a newsletter – see Gregg if interested.

**Committee Reports (Speaker Committee):** Suzanne – Graduate Leverage would love to come back to talk to seniors. The next talk will be about residencies.

**Old Business:** Gregg – SCAVMA white coats – still on hold.

**New Business:** Calendar is done, Rosie is in it. It looks great. It's a 12 month 2007 calendar. 500 copies were donated to SCAVMA for free. Jill suggests selling them. Other copies will be given to the alumni who donate money. We need to decide how much to sell them for and how. Jill – would be good to sell before Christmas. What should we do with the money? A motion was made to sell them for \$5 each. The motion was voted on and carried. SCAVMA reps will be selling them to their classes. If we sell 400, we will have \$2000. What should the money be used for? Jason – we should wait until the money exists to decide what to use it for.

**Announcements:** Jason – old CVMA rep Jonathan Hayles has a monthly segment in the California Veterinarian, we should all read it, it is very interesting.

The AVMA Auxiliary – has agreed to sponsor two significant other's who want to attend the symposium – up to \$300. Recipients will be decided by them.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Jill Aschehoug at 8:34pm.

**Recap: Important Motions from this meeting**

- SCAVMA declined a request from the Class of 2009 to donate \$100 per quarter to Valley Cove to donate to charitable causes.
- An informal poll was taken to see if the Board would support a petition to the GHLIT to request that they offer insurance coverage to domestic partners. The board supported such a petition, no votes opposed.
- The budget for club funding was increased from \$2000 to \$2500.
- The 500 donated Vet School Calendars will be sold for \$5.00 each by the class reps. The Board will decide where the money from sales should go after the calendars are sold.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Ayala  
SCAVMA Secretary