

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday February 28th, 2007**

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Jill Gallo at 7:10pm. Quorum was met.

Members present: Jill Gallo, Ann Heckendorf, Kat Hansen, Lauren Ayala, Gregory Bell, Rosie Matli, Jessica Wade, Koko Shishida, Bridget Holden, Jason Kidd, Sherry Jung, Liz Adams, Anne Zedelis, Katharine Huang, Elizabeth Taylor, Megan Bergin, Mike Rickwald, Dr. Kendall, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Ilkiw.

January 2007 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

4th Year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jason Kidd) 98% pass rate for the state boards and 92% for the national boards. They are planning the smoker. Students will find out the results of internship matches on Monday.

President's Report: (Jill Gallo) She met with Dean Osborne and was really impressed with his fast response to student concerns (ex: soap dispensers installed quickly). Let your classmates know about future problems and Jill can try to fix it. Dr Ilkiw – we are still having some problems with the janitorial issues and the facilities, they are trying to resolve them. Keep her updated by email about problems with the restrooms not being stocked and cleaned.

Club room in Valley has been finished and handed over to SCAVMA. There are desks and supplies in there for 8 clubs. The keys can be obtained through SCAVMA. How should we decide who gets to use this space? Kat – there are 15 SCAVMA clubs. Megan proposes to pair each major club with a minor club and to divide up the space. One of the stations will need to be used for supply space. Jill and Kat will look at the space together and email Dr. Ilkiw with any specific needs. How will we define major and minor clubs? Megan proposes sitting down with the club presidents to determine their space needs. Rosie: maybe just allot half a desk per club and they can fill this space however they want. Dr. Wilson – what was the original vision of this room? Gregg – made a motion to have Kat have a meeting with the clubs to let them know about this new space. Motion voted on and carried.

Dr. Hendricks, the AVMA president would like to come to visit our school. Jill will try to find a date next quarter that works for all of the classes.

We will not be making any money off of the white coats that are sold at the bookstore, but we still have the option to purchase our “white coat ceremony” coats through them. Mike would be able to exchange these if they are the wrong size. The price is comparable and the coats are a better quality than the ones we currently order.

Vice President's Report: (Kat Hansen) The PDF is going well this quarter. She has been sending out bulk emails to remind students to get their applications turned in. She would like to find out what kind of supplies the clubs would need. Koko – 2010 would like butcher paper. Megan – thick markers and poster board. Bridget – send an email out to club presidents to see if they have extra supplies they would like to donate (paper plates, raffle tickets etc.). Koko – could we turn Schalm 173 into a storage room for some of the club “boxes.” Dr. Ilkiw will find out what this room with “SCAVMA” on the door is used for.

Secretary's Report: (Lauren Ayala) The directory has taken longer than expected to format due to complications from Rick Hayes' knee surgery. I am meeting with him on Friday to go over what I hope is the final copy. He apologizes for the delay.

I am still taking nominations for next year's SCAVMA board. There have been no nominations for the secretary or treasurer positions and no accepted nominations for the junior delegate position.

Treasurer's Report: (Ann Heckendorf) She brought copies of the current budget, please check the numbers and let her know if there is a mistake.

SAVMA Delegates: (Greggory Bell & Rosie Matli) 23 people are going to symposium as of now. We have signed up for all of the competitions that we were able to. Late membership dues to AVMA are \$19 – we have 3 people who are joining late so far. If there are more people who would like to join, please let Gregg know by 2 weeks from this Friday. We got an \$800 check from VCA for travel to symposium which was unexpected.

Run for Rabies – They are asking us to participate in this run. They seem pretty open to us individualizing it for our school. One big drawback is the date – we will not be back in classes by then. We can decide if we want a part of this money going back to us or all of it to go to them. We would be able to open this up to the public. They would be able to give us funding. There are not many guidelines at this time, we could really individualize it. The general feeling of the board was to support this idea, and we can work out the details later. Proposal to combine efforts with the Josh Project to raise funds. Jill – people could sponsor the human for the rabies and the dog for the Josh Project. Megan – made a motion for Gregg and Rosie to give the SAVMA board a tentative yes from our board to support this. Motion was voted on a passed.

Rosie – Talent show will be on the 23rd of April, Monday. She has been talking with the Davis Varsity Theater. It will be different than year's past. Concessions may not happen as they already sell food at the theater. There will still be a silent auction and raffle.

CVMA Representative: (Bridget Holden) She took our concerns about the SWEP program to the board meeting. There are a couple of areas of legislation in the CVMA right now. There is a spay and neuter bill in front of the assembly right now, which the CVMA has decided to support.

She is looking to appoint a CVMA rep who has served in the CVMA house. She has not found anyone interested yet. If you know anyone interested, please let her know.

Dr. Kendall – Attended a legislative team meeting this morning, which reviewed many bills. Our legislative liaison (Haleh) will be attending a meeting in March to follow up with these.

One bill SB969 would amend the current Practice Act – if you graduated from another state and you practiced for 5 years you can get a license in CA. This changes the 4/5 years to 2/3 years and re-defines full-time employment. 3,000 hours over a 3 year period. Also corrects and allows unregistered assistance under the indirect supervision of a vet to give certain drugs.

Another bill is about spay and neuter laws. The model is a mandatory spay/neuter bill over a 5 year period in Santa Cruz where the unwanted animal numbers plummeted. It was very effective there; benefits included tax savings, longer pet lives, and healthier pets. It would prohibit any person from owning an unaltered animal over 4 months old unless a vet gives an exception. Owners would have to get special permits with a fee to have intact animals. The CVMA is sponsoring this bill.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) not present

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (Jen Hatch) not present

Waggie Editor Report: (Mike Rickwald) Still needs a commentary writer, if you are interested, please contact him.

Webmaster: (Suzanne Byrd) not present

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Koko Shishida and Sherry Jung) Picnic Day – there are a lot of problems with loaning us a tractor this year due to safety issues. Gregg – does not believe that we are covered for liability for any activities outside of school.

Food shed – packed full right now, especially with Purina. When are we going to have another sale? Jill can do one Friday evening at 5pm.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jessica Wade and Liz Adams) They are working on Pharm night – Tuesday April 10th 5:30-8:30 pm. They have invited over 50 companies and only had a positive response from 6 so far, but are expecting more. They are exploring more ways to get people to stay longer.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Becky James & Anne Marie Zedelis) Have begun the process of planning the reception after graduation. Common Grounds will do the catering. The total cost will be around \$5000, and they are planning on raising \$3000 with the rest coming from the SCAVMA budget. This may leave the spring picnic without funding, so more fundraising may be needed. Contact Chris Milligan to see how many tickets each senior is allowed to invite. Last year, 1,250 people attended and the Mondovi Center holds more people than the ARC does. Jill – wonders why the dean’s office is not sponsoring the senior banquet. Dr. Ilkiw – this is all handled by student programs so she doesn’t have much background on this, but she recommends meeting with Dr. LeFebvre to address this issue.

Dr. Ilkiw: VMLF was named yesterday to “Gourley Hall.” The other buildings are running a little behind schedule. They are going to name the hospital after Dean Pritchard from several years ago. Jill – asked about the giant plasma TV that was just put up on the wall. Dr. Ilkiw – its mostly for CE’s and it also has a lot of donor information inside of it. It also helps show donors where their money goes. Bridget – why is it so cold in Valley? Dr. Ilkiw said that every room is monitored for climate control, she will report these problems. Megan – what about printers? Dr. Ilkiw – they are working on it and as soon as they are ready she will let us know. Upstairs there will be a combined student programs and academic programs room with office hours held by Dr. LeFebvre and Dr. Ilkiw.

Scrubs food – we are confined to using Sodexo. She can take feedback about this. Students state that the hours are not long enough and the people are still not friendly, food is not served long enough and they don’t stick to the posted hours. Students would really like to see a salad bar and more healthy selections.

Health Insurance – the Medical School changed health insurance to Western Health Advantage. The Vet School is currently interested in changing as well, we need to meet with the Medical School. There would be no change in cost but we would have to go to UC Davis. Spouse coverage available. Kat Hansen will be the contact person for Dr. Ilkiw.

Dr. Puschner: not present

Dr. Wilson: Dr. Smith is retiring and a tribute is being organized. Would veterinary students be able to provide entertainment (DJ, band, etc) for the event? If anyone would be willing, have them contact Dr. Wilson. The event will be June 2nd. Trying to determine what type of people we want to fill his spot and administration positions opening. Larger study on where veterinary clinical education is going, how to face challenges, etc.

Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) Rosie – Have not had any pet food sales yet this quarter. Would like to have a meeting with the food reps to see how things are going and to see if we could make things run more smoothly.

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee): Suzanne Byrd – not present

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee): Gregg – Business cards will be available for students to order soon from the VBMA.

Committee Reports (Speaker Committee): Koko – Large animal residency talk was a huge success, another one tomorrow night for small animal with Dr. Marks. Sponsored by Purina and Sound Vision Medical.

Next quarter there will be another Graduate Leverage talk with food, alcohol, etc to bring to students. Nutrition talk will probably be planned, lots of interest. Self defense class may be offered as well at end of spring quarter.

Committee Reports (Josh Project): Megan Bergin We bought 71 kits!!!! We are not sure how that ranks us with the other schools. SPAC meeting – SCAMVA was approved for fundraising. We are working on promoting Josh

project at picnic day. Possibly auction old doxy derby box, questions about who the money should go to technically 2007 built it. Possibly buy several kits and have them at multiple club tables at picnic day.

Old Business: None

New Business: Megan: No golf tournament planned so far this year, traditionally run by the third year class. She would like to see if SCAVMA would be interested in putting it on this year, and if not, offer it to the second year class. The proceeds could go towards symposium fundraising. It is traditionally lots of work and generally makes very little money, therefore was deemed not feasible as a class fundraiser this year. Last year there were several other events the same day, which may have contributed to the problem. Dr. Wilson supports that there is faculty interested in participating. Most people participating were community veterinarians, faculty, and CVMA (who previously sponsored it). Megan has several ideas to change things to make more money and to make it less work. Gregg – made a motion to have Megan look into finding a date for next quarter then approaching the symposium goers to see if there is interest and the feasibility.

Announcements: The next SCAVMA meeting will be held in April, TBA from 7-9pm, location TBA.

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

Recap: Important Motions from this meeting

- Kat will have a meeting with the club presidents to let them know about the new space available to them in Valley hall. She will also try to assess their needs as far as space and supplies.
- Gregg and Rosie will give the SAVMA board a tentative yes from our board to support the Run for Rabies. The SCAMVA board will figure out the details at a later date.
- Megan will look into feasibility of the golf tournament and propose a possible date next quarter. She will also approach symposium goers to see if there is interest in putting this on.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Ayala
SCAVMA Secretary