

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday April 17th, 2007**

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Jill Gallo at 7:13pm. Quorum was met.

Members present: Jill Gallo, Liz Adams, Ann Heckendorf, Danielle Dito, Kat Hansen, Casey De Cino, Lauren Ayala, Rachel Kaplan, Gregory Bell, Shane Nelson, Rosie Matli, Koko Shishida, Nicole Nyberg, Sherry Jung, Anne-Marie Zedelis, Megan Bergin, Haleh Siahpolo, Kristin Whitley, Tomo Wiggans, Becky James, Abel Gonzalez, Doug Gray, Suzanne Byrd, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Puschner and Dr. Ilkiw.

February 2007 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

New members were introduced to the board.

4th Year SCAVMA Representatives: (Nicole Nyberg) They are planning the smoker. The theme is “Back to the Movies.”

Treasurer’s Report: (Ann Heckendorf) She met with the accountant 3 weeks ago. We have not filed taxes in a few years. He can help us avoid fees by writing a letter. He also informed us we should have paid sales tax on the pet food we sell from the shed. Anne is working this out with the accountant. He usually charges about \$600 a year but we have 3 years to go over so we are not sure what he is going to charge us. This will be a large unexpected expense.

President’s Report: (Jill Gallo) Charlie Hendrix, the AVMA Vice President, is visiting April 25th for a luncheon. The board is invited, please attend if able.

Legislative changes from Dr. Kendall, she will email updates to us.

VLE registration is now open, Shane and Liz will need to register.

We need to nominate a senior for the \$500 Senior Awards Scholarship. Typically a name really stands out among senior students based on their involvement, leadership and promoting the school. Jill would like to discuss this tonight, there is not a good precedence for voting for this award. April Miles, Stan Azevov, Helene Tolliver, Merris Waters and Brett McNabb were nominated and their merits were discussed. A motion was made to poll the senior class by email for nominations for this award and we can vote amongst the nominees. Motion was voted on a carried.

There is also a \$500 IAMS scholarship. We do not choose this recipient but we give the money for this scholarship. It was suggested that we might want to consider giving 2 \$500 scholarships this year because we made so much more money on food sales this year. Megan – is hesitant due to our recent unexpected expense from the late taxes. Rosie – not sure if we use the IAMS money for anything else, so it would not be detracting for another line item on the budget. Anne – we have at least \$1,200 in IAMS money right now and we also have \$500 more revenue than expenses right now. A motion was made to add a second \$500 scholarship from IAMS, making a total of 2. Motion was voted on and carried.

There are also 2 \$500 SCAVMA service scholarships that are chosen by the executive board from an essay. Jill will email these essays out and the board will need to vote on these by email. Please read these and vote when she sends them.

If Gail Sanders was to win the “Hills Big Win Scholarship,” SCAVMA would get an additional \$5,000. Jill would like the board to propose potential uses for the funds so that students have more of an incentive to vote for Gail. Suzanne – coffee for students. Megan – pins to help name tags hang straight. Anne – scholarships that are not GPA or financially based. Anne – made a motion to have 20 \$250 scholarships, 5 from each class, to be drawn out of a hat of SCAVMA members. Motion was voted on and carried. Reps, please promote this in the classes.

The food shed will be open this Friday from 4-6pm. Discussion about Pet Food recall. Dr. Puschner, Dr. Fascetti, Dr. Popenga and Dr. Ramsey are available to give a one hour talk to the students about the recall as soon as the students are available.

AVMA books need to be distributed to the seniors. Last year it was handed out at the CVMA luncheon.

Vice President's Report: (Kat Hansen) Finished the PDF, we had 21 applicants. Had a meeting with the presidents of clubs 9 out of 14 clubs would like space in the governance room. People were interested in poster board, markers, and butcher paper. We have a \$600 budget for office supplies so there is some money left in that.

Secretary's Report: (Lauren Ayala) nothing to report

SAVMA Delegates: (Greggory Bell & Rosie Matli) Talent show is coming up on April 23rd. It will be cocktail attire, doors open at 6:30. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Movie theater concessions will be sold there. Our name will be up on the marquee next week. Reps please push this event. Raffle tickets will be sold, grand prize is Dr. Maggs' frequent flyer miles.

AVMA convention this summer July 14th-18th registration is free for students.

Symposium was great, many students went and enjoyed a great time.

The GHLIT is now providing coverage for non-traditional domestic partners thanks to the student support at the SAVMA delegates meeting.

Run for Rabies – this was discussed at the last meeting, but lawyers for Run for Rabies have informed us it would be illegal to raise money for this fundraiser and keep some for SCAVMA. There are two other options which involve a trip to Africa for one student from the school with the most students involved. The other option is we do it independently without startup funds and send the money we raise to them. We need to decide if we really do want to participate in this event on September 8th, 2007 (which is before school starts). Megan – proposes we poll the class and see if there is someone who might be passionate about heading this up – she will email the classes. Dr. Wilson – there are many factors that we are not sure of such as where the Med school holds their run, if it will impact the Josh Project etc. Rosie made a motion to table this discussion to the next meeting once we find out what the medical school is doing. Motion was voted on and carried. Rachel will email Dr. Chomel to see what the funds would go towards.

We came in second in the Josh Project fund raising this year, behind Western.

FARAD has run out of funds and will be shut down in May unless further funding is found. Stay tuned for more info.

CVMA Representative: (Bridget Holden) not present

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) Spay and neuter bill is up for vote on April 24th. Would require any dog or cat over the age of 6 months to be spayed or neutered. There are a few new requirements in the bill that Haleh will summarize and send out in a email. If anyone has a strong opinion about this, send your legislator a letter.

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (Jen Hatch) not present

Waggie Editor Report: (Mike Rickwald) not present

Webmaster: (Suzanne Byrd) will hand down info to Tomo.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Koko Shishida and Sherry Jung) Picnic Day – votes are being tallied to see who won the float contest. Also, they were contacted by a local vet who would like to buy some of the float components for another float. The man who loaned the trailer has suggested that we try to have a trailer donated in the future as he would like to have his trailer for his own use. We will look into this.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jessica Wade and Liz Adams) Pharm night was last week, raised over \$2,500 for her class.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Becky James & Anne Marie Zedelis) Dean's office has agreed to fund the senior reception and they are now planning everything. \$1,000 still needs to be raised for the spring TG, they are having trouble raising these funds. Jill – there is money in a miscellaneous pet food sales fund. Chris Milligan suggested asking SVVMA. A motion was made to combine the Spring TG with the Spring Mentor picnic. Motion was voted on and carried.

Dr. Ilkiw: Talked to Dan about the “mystery” SCAVMA room in Schalm, he said it was originally supposed to go to the expansion of SCRUBS.

Dr. Puschner: nothing to report.

Dr. Wilson: They are planning a goodbye party for Dr. Smith.

Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) Rosie – Jill will be opening the food shed this week.

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee): Suzanne Byrd – The Spring TG and Mentor picnic will now be combined.

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee): Gregg – Let him know if anyone is interested in the Student Auxiliary at UC Davis, so we can get this club started.

Committee Reports (Speaker Committee): Koko – The small animal internships and residency talk went well. They are working on a Graduate Leverage talk for seniors.

Committee Reports (Josh Project): Megan Bergin - Kristin Whitley will be the new Josh Project chair person. She raised lots of money at picnic day. She will be donating the kits to multiple hospitals in the area.

Old Business: Golf Tournament (Megan Bergin) – May 6th, tee time is 7:30am if she can get at least 100 players. It's \$90 per player for lunch and golf. She is trying to get sponsorship right now and needs help from students. Deadline for registration is Friday the 27th.

New Business: Constitution proposal (Jill Gallo on behalf of Jessica Wade) – Jessica proposes to add a new member to the board from the VSTP. A motion was made to table this issue until the next meeting when we can see the wording of the proposed amendment. Motion was voted on and carried.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Jill Gallo at 9:37 pm.

Recap: Important Motions from this meeting

- The senior class will be polled by email for nominations for the Senior Award Scholarship. The board will vote amongst the nominees by email.
- A second \$500 IAMS scholarship was added for a total of 2 \$500 awards.
- If Gail Sanders wins the “Hills Big Win Scholarship,” SCAVMA will use the \$5,000 to give 20 \$250 scholarships, 5 from each class, to be drawn out of a hat of SCAVMA members.
- Discussion about our involvement in the Run for Rabies event was tabled until the next meeting.
- The Spring TG will be combined with the Spring Mentor picnic this year.
- Discussion about a constitutional amendment adding a VSTP board member was tabled until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Ayala
SCAVMA Secretary