

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 23rd, 2007**

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

Members present: Jill Aschehoug, Liz Adams, Kat Hansen, Ann Heckendorf, Danielle Dito, Casey De Cino, Lauren Ayala, Rachel Kaplan, Jen Hatch, Gregory Bell, Shane Nelson, Rosie Matli, Koko Shishida, Nicole Nyberg, Sherry Jung, Anne-Marie Zedelis, Megan Bergin, Haleh Siahpolo, Tomo Wiggans, Becky James, Katheryn Huang, Bridget Holden (Schulte), Ingrid Edwards, Birgit Puschner, Jessica Wade, Mike Rickwald, Doug Gray, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Puschner.

April 2007 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

New SCAVMA board members were sworn in.

4th Year SCAVMA Representatives: (Nicole Nyberg) The seniors are planning the smoker. The theme is “Red Carpet Rendezvous.”

President’s Report: (Jill Gallo)

Alumni Day-- SCAVMA would like to take part in Alumni Day September 15, 2007. SCAVMA would also like to have tour guides for that day. Liz Adams will organize these tour guides. Last year SCAVMA received a \$750 Alumni Day donation, and we expect to receive that donation again this year. A motion was made to participate in Alumni Day on September 15, 2007, and to organize tour guides for that day. Motion was voted and carried.

White coat ceremony—SCAVMA would like to meet with Student Affairs and the Dean’s office to try to get funding for this year’s White Coat Ceremony. The goal is to eliminate corporate funding for this event.

Bookstore—Mike Faragasso has concerns regarding the presence of a “Book Guy” offering discounts at some of the vet school symposiums. Mike has proposed to match donations made and discounts offered by the “Book Guy” for all vet school symposiums. The Bookstore would like to donate more than the current \$20,000 per year to SCAVMA. The board is unsure if the “Book Guy” is a representative from Elsevier.

Vice President’s Report: (Kat Hansen)

New club room has been activated, and clubs are mostly settled in. Clubs have their own keys and will notify SCAVMA if they make copies of those keys. The SCAVMA locker is currently unlocked and only one key exists. Mike Beech has copies of all keys in case of loss. Otherwise, plenty of butcher paper has been bought, and the locker is stocked with markers, etc.

Professional Development Fund is going well. Everything has been received on time. Kat will finish PDF fund involvement this quarter, and Casey DeCino will take over for proceeding quarters.

Secretary’s Report: (Lauren Ayala) Nothing to report.

Treasurer’s Report: (Ann Heckendorf) Please use the online reimbursement form! All materials have been handed over to Danielle for the coming year.

SAVMA Delegates: (Gregory Bell & Rosie Matli)

AVMA conference—Rosie and Shane Nelson will be attending the AVMA conference in Washington DC this summer. Liz Adams and Shane will be going to the conference at Wahington State.

(Greg Bell) Fundraisers for SCAVMA symposium travel reimbursement have been completed and the \$5000 goal has been met. Reimbursement checks will be going out soon, and division of money for reimbursement will follow the point system used in the past. The usual \$5000 donation from CVMA for symposium travel will not be received this year. SCAVMA has decided to use money that hasn’t been spent from the budget to replace this

\$5000. Specifically, a motion was made to allocate \$2100 from the National Rep Travel Fund, \$750 from Alumni Day donation, and \$410 from VLE Travel to go toward reimbursement for SCAVMA symposium travel for this year only. Motion was voted on and carried.

CVMA Representative: (Bridget Holden)

Healthy Pets act—This bill is supported by CVMA, but some vets are voicing their dissatisfaction with the bill and with CVMA's position. CVMA was excited to have overpopulation legislation, but was not responsible for writing the bill, only for lobbying for the bill and backing it financially. CVMA continues to believe that the bill has the right concept in support of preventing pet overpopulation, and they believe that any differences and the controversial nature of the bill can be worked out.

Pacific vet conference fundraiser for CVMA and lots of CE available for vets. Students are able to go to conference for a discounted rate. Will be Brigit's last meeting speaking to board of Governors.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) Please give feedback regarding Waggie articles. (Jill Gallo) Tom Kendall was contacted by Don Klingborg regarding a statement made by the Student Society for Pet Population Control. We believe this may be through AVAR, and that Lisa Frank was voicing her own opinion regarding the bill as the greater UC Davis voice. UC Davis has chosen to remain neutral regarding this issue, and students need to express opinions as their own.

Centaur Yearbook Editor Report: (Jen Hatch) Things going well, Senior tributes and adds sales are good, price estimate around \$30. Jen is willing to continue as yearbook rep, however she is still looking for help.

Waggie Editor Report: (Mike Rickwald) January 2007 Waggie—Read last paragraph on article about Andrew Whitaker. A faculty member was offended by article, and she was thinking of approaching the Dean's office. Though Waggie distribution is intended for students, it has been found in the Dean's office on a public table, and has been seen in client waiting areas. Purina has no problem with the paragraph of concern. There was discussion of password protecting the Waggie website. Mike Rickwald will meet with Dean Osburn to discuss Waggie distribution and the Dean's comfort in representing the publication. Motion—Mike Rickwald will meet with Dean Osburn to determine his feeling about Waggie back issues presence on internet and further Waggie editing. Motion carried.

Webmaster: (Tomo Wiggans) Suzanne has handed everything over to Tomo. Tomo would like to give the website a facelift, and he is requesting materials to be sent to him to be posted on the new website.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Koko Shishida and Sherry Jung)

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jessica Wade and Liz Adams)

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Becky James & Anne Marie Zedelis) Graduation: Mondavi is all set. Just need to buy flowers and distribute AVMA booklets. Jill and Anne Marie will be 4th year SCAVMA reps.

Dr. Ilkiw: not present.

Dr. Puschner: nothing to report. She completed her bike ride, yay!

Dr. Wilson: Golf tournament went well. Would like to consider venue change for next year's talent show (alcohol, date selection, food).

Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) (Rosie Matli) Nothing to report. Rosie to attend meeting with Barry Watson (Hills). There was discussion of itemized lists. Ingrid has volunteered to ask her husband how to itemize grocery store items. Motion--Table discussion until after meeting with Barry Watson—motion carried.

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee): (Koko Shishida) Graduate Leverage to come speak again. Suggestion for talk regarding family management at a vet student. Dr Stover and Baumguard gave a similar talk.

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee): (Gregg Bell)

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

Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Kat Huang) Talk to Tim and Cali.

Old Business: (Megan Bergin) Josh project: Kristen Whitley would like a board member to be an additional representative on the Josh Project committee. Katherine Huang will fulfill that role.

(Rachel Kaplan) World Rabies Day follow-up. We received an email from Kim Doyle of the Alliance for Rabies Control (ARC) stating that 100% of donated money would go directly to ARC appointed Rabies control and education programs in undeveloped countries. It also stated that UC Davis would be eligible for prizes open to all North American vet schools regardless of the date on which WRD is held. Tim Helms and Calaveras Cunningham will be the main organizers of this event and more details will be determined by them in future meetings. Motion made to hold a World Rabies Day competitive run to raise money for ARC, along with a shorter Dog 'n' Jog to raise money for Josh Project on September 22nd, 2007. Motion also includes that SCAVMA not receive start-up funding from ARC. Motion was voted on and carried.

New Business: (Jessica Wade) VSTP representative presence—constitutional amendment proposed:

Article VIII

Section 3.3

B. Election of Class Representatives and Class Presidents

- i. Nomination and election of Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Representatives and Class Presidents, **and graduate professional student representative** shall be held in the Spring quarter as determined by each individual class, but no later than the last SCAVMA meeting of the Spring quarter.
- ii. The entering class shall elect the Freshman Class Representatives and Class Presidents as soon as possible after the beginning of the school year.

Section 3.4

J. Class Representatives

- i. There shall be two Class Representatives elected per class, as specified in Article VIII, Section 3.3(B).
- ii. Before each Executive Board meeting, the Class Representatives shall solicit the views of the SCAVMA members of their class on salient issues which will be discussed.
- iii. The Class Representatives shall attend all Board meetings and express the views of the SCAVMA members of their class.
- iv. The Class Representatives shall verbally inform their class of all important issues discussed at the Board meeting on the following academic day.
- v. The Class Representatives shall take orders for JAVMA and AJVR subscriptions, and collect subscription dues. They shall forward this material to the National SAVMA Representatives.
- vi. The Class Representatives shall maintain a file of information and suggestions for the future Class Representatives.
- vii. **The graduate professional student representative shall represent all students participating in a program continuous with the DVM curriculum in which they leave their traditional class before completion of their DVM. These students will include but are not limited to graduate professional students. All such students who are SCAVMA members will be eligible for this position and will be eligible for participation in the vote.**
- viii. Specific Duties for Each Class' Representatives

VSTP student rep to go to Dean's office. Discussion involving the inclusion of DVM/MPVM students. Dr. Wilson to look into whether or not VSTP students are still eligible for VMTH courtesy. Move to accept the

amendment to the constitution as proposed. Move to add 'graduate professional students' section 3.4-vii and 3.3-i. Motions both carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Liz Adams at 9:19pm.

Recap: Important Motions from this meeting

- A motion was passed to participate in Alumni Day on September 15, 2007, and to organize tour guides for that day. Liz Adams will be responsible for the organization of this event.
- A motion was passed to allocate \$2100 from the National Rep Travel Fund, \$750 from Alumni Day donation, and \$410 from VLE Travel to go toward reimbursement for SCAVMA symposium travel for this year only.
- Motion was passed to hold a World Rabies Day competitive run to raise money for ARC, along with a shorter Dog 'n' Jog to raise money for Josh Project on September 22nd, 2007. Motion also includes that SCAVMA not receive start-up funding from ARC.
- Constitutional amendment regarding adding a graduate professional student to the SCAVMA board was approved.

Congrats to all of the new board members!
Rachel Kaplan
SCAVMA Secretary