

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2007**

Call to order: Liz Adams calls meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Members present: Rosie Matli, Danielle Dito, Shane Nelson, Rachel Kaplan, Jan Ilkiw, Eric Posthumus, Marissa Francis, Jenna Fransioli, Jason Wood, Alissa Blum, Katharine Huang, Kendon Kuo, Jessica Wade, Nicole Fawns, Justin Fischer, Doug Gray, Sherry Jung, Birgit Puschner, Koko Shishida, Tomo Wiggans, Casey DeCino, Elizabeth Adams

May 2007 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

New SCAVMA board members were sworn in.

President's Report: (Liz Adams)

VLE (Veterinary leadership experience)—SCAVMA president and Junior Delegate (Shane Nelson) went in June. White Coat Ceremony—Dean's office paid for it this year. There is no more Hills sponsorship.

2011 Retreat—It was lots of fun!

Alumni Day—Classes of '57 to '97—Volunteers gave tours, showed new facilities, Liz gave a speech at the rose ceremony for '57.

Veterinary Bookstore—It is no longer called the Health Sciences Bookstore. Mike Faragasso donates a large portion of the bookstore's income to SCAVMA. The store will match any online price. If anyone has complaints or suggestions, they should let Liz know. Also make sure Mike knows of symposia and other events so he can open the store on those weekends.

Exams—When attending conferences or symposia, if you will miss exams/classes first go to Dr. Lefebvre and he will contact the professors. The student handbook has the official rules regarding this. The one exception is for SAVMA Symposium, in which case Rosie will talk to Dr. Lefebvre on behalf of the students attending.

Vice President's Report: (Casey DeCino)

Summer PDF is done. 38 applied, 30 completed the requirement and received money, totaling \$3190. The fall PDF applications are open, and applications are due in a couple of weeks. We are expecting a lot of applicants this quarter.

Club Presidents Meeting—Explained registering with SCAVMA for funding. All clubs approved for \$50/year, \$150 for new clubs, and clubs also get \$50 3x/year for speakers. Club information and registration sheets are due next Friday. To qualify as a SCAVMA funded club, they need SCAVMA registered members and a faculty advisor.

There are 14 lockers in the governance room.

Chris Milligan and SPAC—Clubs need to register clubs thru SPAC in order to fundraise.

Motion to discuss what to do about giving class clubs SCAVMA funding each year at October's meeting, when a constitutional amendment will be proposed. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: (Rachel Kaplan) Student directory will be online this year.

Treasurer's Report: (Danielle Dito) We have an IRS letter from 2005. There is money set aside for paying overdue taxes.

There is a reimbursement form online to fill out for SCAVMA related expenses. To receive reimbursement, you need receipts and the form needs to be signed by a SCAVMA board member.

Budget: Review of line items. Motion to approve budget carried.

SAVMA Delegates: (Rosie Matli)

Rosie and Shane went to the AVMA convention. SAVMA has committees: Rosie is a part of the Native American project, and Shane is on the emerging issues committee. They receive monthly bulletins regarding what the committees are doing. Perhaps we can make a CERE tab for updated bulletins.

Government relations division from AVMA spoke about a 4 week externship to shadow government officials. The application for this externship is due October 5th. Second and third year students can apply. During the externship, students will speak with senators, go up on the hill, be in meetings with the FDA, USDA, and get to share their opinion. Students will shadow a lobbyist for the first week, then they can schedule their own meetings, etc.

There is a welfare assessment competition at Michigan state on March 15-16, 2008. The competition is to work out solutions to scenarios in teams of 3-5 students with a mentor. Michigan State will send us a finalized brochure about the competition.

The OneHealth challenge started with the AVMA one health initiative. The One health challenge was approved at the SAVMA Symposium, 2007. This will be an annual fundraiser, and will raise money for the Alliance for Rabies Control this year. The mission of the OneHealth Challenge is to promote public awareness of the veterinarian's role in public health.

AAVMC—It is an organization that accredits veterinary colleges. We can use them as a resource for: human resources, research funding, financial support, etc.

Political action committee—This committee receives money from private donations to lobby on the hill to share opinions and ensure the profession has our point of view represented.

Rosie spoke with Marilyn McGill who runs the auxiliary chapter of the AVMA. She attended our TG. For our chapter of the auxiliary, Dan Dau (Brynie Kaplan Dau's husband) has volunteered to be the president. The auxiliary is a national organization of spouses. They raise money for scholarships and promote relationships among spouses. The auxiliary can organize activities, such as poker night, bbq, etc. Dr. Kass' wife has agreed to be a national member so the UC Davis can join.

SAVMA Symposium '08—This year it is at Tuskegee/Auburn in Alabama. We have reserved *California Love* as our song choice! The symposium is March 19-23. Registration starts November 15th. Registration for wet labs will be different this year: You will choose which wet labs you want to be in the lottery for. This way, each school will be represented at every wet lab. On October 17th at Noon, there will be an informational meeting. For fundraising, the first dog wash will be November 3rd. Shifts will only be four hours long. We will also have a microchipping clinic and the SCAVMA talent show. Money given to students for the symposium is given based on how much effort they put in, ie- how much time they contribute. The talent show will be moved up to winter quarter. Will we be providing funding for spouses to go to SAVMA symposium?

SCAVMA Representatives will meet with Rosie to get member lists. Checks for membership need to be in by October 10th. Go through the SCAVMA representatives for journal membership. The prices are \$40 for JAVMA and \$40 AJVR.

CVMA Representative: (Doug Gray)

There is a current lawsuit against West Hollywood regarding their ban against declawing cats. So far the ban has been upheld and supported. The CVMA has appealed to the Supreme Court of California. The point of contention is if a city can dictate what a licensed group of professionals can do with their license. The CVMA has letters of support from California dental, California Ophthalmologic Association, and CMA will also write a letter of support. The Supreme Court has until December 1st to decide if they will hear the case. If the case is not heard, the ban will be upheld and fought in the legislature.

AB1634 is the mandatory spay neuter act. Currently, the bill is dead in effect. CVMA initially supported the bill, but due to an overall lack of support from CVMA members, the CVMA changed to a neutral stance. This led to the bill being pulled, and it is currently tabled. If the bill is not brought back before February 1, 2008, then it becomes a dead bill.

Humane Society of the US—Sent a ballot initiative to the Secretary of the State regarding the food animal confinement initiative. If it goes thru, the issue will be on the November '08 ballot. The bill would make it illegal to house sows in crates, chickens in battery cages, veal in calf hutches, etc. Next January, the state will vote on how to approach this bill. There are three versions that have been submitted to the attorney general.

Veterinary state medical board—State boards will become electronic test starting this year. The electronic test will be working by November 1st.

The CVMA meets every other month. November is the vision planning meeting. January is in Oakland and is the joint meeting of board of governors and the house of delegates.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) Not present.

Waggie Editor Report: (Mike Rickwald) Not present.
Purina will give \$1400 to Liz for the Waggie.

Webmaster: (Tomo Wiggans) The SCAVMA website has gotten a facelift. He has added an events calendar, news feeds are up, and there is a list of current company reps. There are also links to Dog N Jog, Josh Project, veterinary organizations, pet food pages, the Waggie, PDF documents, etc. Beau pattrette can make a CERE tab for SCAVMA and will start a message board. The Google calendar is also a master calendar for school events. For a new domain name for SCAVMA that will be easier to remember, we can go thru yahoo for \$9.95/year. We can also consider domain redirecting.

Motion to have Tomo talk to powers that be to move the SCAVMA webpage up in hierarchy. Motion also includes that if this fails, SCAVMA will buy a new domain name for \$9.95/year from Yahoo. Passed by majority.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jenna and Eric)

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Sherry and Koko)

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Nicole and Justin)

Liz—Usually, the third year class plans and orchestrates the senior banquet/reception, but now the Dean's office pays for and organizes it. Liz will propose an amendment that third year SCAVMA reps will now plan their senior gift as a good alternative.

4th Year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jill and Anne Marie) Not present.

VSTP Rep (Jess Wade)—VSTP students have been added back onto the vet school listserv. There are also questions regarding VSTP involvement in free food pickups, SCAVMA dues, and PDF funds. As long as VSTP students are registered with the food companies, they should be able to receive food. It is reasonable that VSTP student should pay dues for their extra years in school. PDF funds: we will create a constitutional amendment regarding the issue.

Dr. Ilkiw:

Temperature in Valley—The fan in Valley went out. Parts have been ordered and the broken part will be replaced. Facilities evaluations—The computer room Schalm 173 was overhauled, and things keep going missing. Facilities should be in there every morning to check.

AV people in the new buildings are finishing up.

First year students are receiving all access key cards this week.

The school is looking into alternative health insurance (like the med school).

To find Erin Seay or Dr. Lefebvre (T/Th), go to room 2067 in Valley.

Dr. Puschner:FARAD funding—FARAD received some funding, but not the full amount. Walmart dog treats that have been made in china were recalled. Researchers can't find anything wrong with the dog treats so far.

Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) (Liz)

Iams has not decided if they're doing food distributions.

Budget—also won't have money for Iams food for thought scholarship.

We will open the food shed once per quarter for everyone.

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee):

Need representative: Nicole Fawns

2011 Liasons put on first event: mentor lunch

We will plan one event each quarter to invite mentors and students to. It should be social time, and there is a \$1000 budget.

See Suzanne Byrd for mentor/mentee assignment information.

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee): There is a SCAVMA bulletin board in the VMTH. It will be updated for the students regarding SCAVMA and SAVMA information. We will be sending out info about how to use the SAVMA membership boards.

Committee Reports (Speaker Committee) (Koko): We would like to put on one or two events per quarter for the students. Please send any topic requests to Koko (such as: balancing vet school and family, women's self defense, etc.).

Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Kat Huang)

Last year's kits—Megan has lots of kits in storage. We will soon set up distribution. Megan raised \$1000 last year for this year's Josh Project. Last year's competition—we made over \$3300 and were a close second to Western University. This year, we will have another letter writing campaign. There will be a general interest meeting on Monday, October 1st. \$500 operating expense will hopefully be from corporate sponsors. Josh Project will have a table at the Dog N Jog and will be recruiting from the general student body. Kits are \$40 each.

Committee Reports (Dog N Jog) (Rachel Kaplan) We are preparing for the event on Saturday, October 27th. We appreciate the \$500 SCAVMA has donated to help us put on the event. We are hoping to have a banner that will hang in Davis. We are distributing flyers and will publicize the event in any way possible.

Yearbook Committee

Needs Representative

Up for discussion

Motion made to continue agenda at next month's meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned by Liz Adams at 10:05pm.

Recap: Important Motions from this meeting

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Congrats to all the new board members!

Rachel Kaplan

SCAVMA Secretary