

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 30, 2007**

Call to order: Liz Adams calls meeting to order at 7:16pm.

Members present: Shane Nelson, H. Omar Cabrera, Doug Gray, Rachel Kaplan, Katherine Huang, Jenna Fransioli, Eric Posthumus, Koko Shishida, Marissa Francis, Tomo Wiggans, David Wilson, Alissa Blum, Nicole Fawns, Jan Ilkiw, Mike Rickwald, Ingrid Edwards, Elizabeth Adams, Casey DeCino, Sherry Jung, Chris Ryan, Rosie Matli, Birgit Puschner, Justin Fischer, Jessica Wade

September 2007 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved with one change.

President's Report: (Liz Adams)

Dog N Jog was a huge success. Hopefully we'll continue to hold this event in future years. It will most likely be held in September of next year.

Liz attended the SCAVMA President's meeting in Chicago. It is an annual meeting of SCAVMA presidents and faculty mentors. Generally, Liz learned what other vet school SCAVMA's are doing, how they make money, their services for students, etc. She came away with good ideas for future improvement of our SCAVMA.

Dr. Maggs has been nominated for the National Nordon Teaching Award.

Dr. Dajka of the AVMA is giving a lunch time talk on Thursday in Valley 1030 to explain what SAVMA is, and what are the benefits of AVMA membership.

Food drive—The second year class is holding a holiday food drive. Tuskegee vet school holds a SCAVMA community service project every month. Maybe our SCAVMA can have a toy drive in December.

Vice President's Report: (Casey DeCino)

PDF—We had 48 applicants for fall quarter, which is more applicants than in the past. There is also a database of Presidents and VP's of clubs.

Secretary's Report: (Rachel Kaplan)

Treasurer's Report: (Danielle Dito)

(Not present—Reported by Rachel Kaplan)

She's called the accountant multiple times, to no avail. We may need to start looking for a new one.

We received \$500 from Dr. Klingborg for VMTH tours.

The SCAVMA dues have been sent in as well as JAVMA dues. We has a total of \$4250 for SCAVMA dues which is an increase from last year! Good job on recruitment!

We received a refund from the book publishing place for \$2225.92. It was from 2005 when we overpaid for some books. Can we figure out what to do with this money? It's a one-time donation.

Motion made to use \$2225.92 one-time donation to supplement the Fall 2007 PDF Fund. Motion carried.

Ideas for how to expand the PDF fund are needed.

SAVMA Delegates: (Rosie Matli and Shane Nelson)

SAVMA Symposium 2008—The next delegate meeting is November 7th at Noon. At that meeting, travel plans will be discussed, and signups for fundraisers will be held. Regarding travel to SAVMA Symposium; the nearest airports are two hours away from the Symposium location. We are hoping to book group rates for flights and reserve a charter bus or vans for transportation to/from the airport. We have also blocked off hotel rooms at the Econolodge for \$67/day (for two double beds). Eight rooms have been blocked off, and amenities include free wi-fi, and free breakfast at the Waffle House across the street.

CVMA Representative: (Doug Gray)

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo) (not present)
She will write articles for the Waggie with updates on legislation.

Waggie Editor Report: (Mike Rickwald)

The Waggie now has a complete staff. The magazine will be released half way through each month. Last year, there was some dissent about an article where a vulgarity was edited out. This issue was brought up with the Dean. The dean likes the fun atmosphere of the magazine, thinks public should read it, and thinks the Waggie should reflect the fun atmosphere of the vet school. As a result, the Waggie will now be officially delivered to the Dean's office.

Webmaster: (Tomo Wiggans)

SCAVMA has been moved up in hierarchy to www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/scavma, however, due to the urgency of the issue, there is also another SCAVMA url through Yahoo: www.ucdavis-scavma.org. If we choose to maintain the latter website, it will cost \$10/yr.

There is also a SCAVMA tab under CERÉ. It is running well, including the message board feature. We'd like to move forward with using it more. We need to publicize it and encourage students to use it rather than spam-ing the school email.

We are also making plans for a searchable student directory. It will take 1-2 months for it to be up and running. SCAVMA reps—explain how to add the SCAVMA tab on CERÉ to your classes.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jenna and Eric)

Turkey roast is November 17th at Veteran's Memorial at 6pm. Tickets are \$20.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Sherry and Koko)

The Halloween party is at G st., Nov 2 at 9pm. Tickets are \$12 presale, or \$15 at the door, with two free drinks. There are two live bands, a DJ, a costume contest, candy, and more. For tickets, see the Class of 2010 VP's.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Nicole and Justin)

Nothing to report.

4th Year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jill and Anne Marie)

Not present

Graduate Professional Student Representatives: (Jess Wade and Ingrid)

Ingrid and Jess are here for now as Graduate Professional student reps. In addition to VSTP students, two MPVM students and a Post-Doc student are a part of the group.

Constitutional Ammendment

Article 3: Membership

6. Participants in the Graduate Professional Student programs may join SCAVMA during their years 'out of veterinary school' at a fee of \$10/year. If SAVMA annual dues are increased, then Graduate Professional Student fees will be increased accordingly.

Motion made to approve this amendment to Article 3. Motion carried.

Dr. Ilkiw:

There are mice in the locker rooms in Valley. A work order is in, and traps are being placed where the mice are coming in. It is scheduled for regular maintenance checks.

Dr. Puschner: Dog N Jog went well. Dr. Wilson and Dr. Puschner attended.

Dr. Wilson: President and advisors meeting was really good, and there were several impressive things. Every school was represented at the meeting. The AVMA website is a tremendous resource, and it has a lot of support and commitment to students. We learned that UC Davis' SCAVMA dues are the cheapest of any chapter in the country, and only a couple of other schools have a higher membership rate. Also, Colorado State has a totally uncensored newsletter that they distribute among the school.

There is a well known parking issue east of VMTH. Dr. Wilson has sent emails, Trevor Arnold (a fourth year student) has sent emails, but it's an issue that students should discuss. There is an issue with people that work different shifts who don't leave until 8-9pm at night. Is there a way to persuade or reach out to students to convey that this issue is a big deal to many people?

(Liz Adams) Students don't really have sympathy, and their attitude is challenging. They site parking permit prices.

Suggestions among SCAVMA board:

Better lighting/security for parking lots; the importance of the issue needs to come from other students (perhaps communicated via SCAVMA student reps. For the future, maybe there needs to be a new taps designation for senior students or the lot could be gated for key cards.

Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) (Liz) Iams is definitely not distributing food, so the Iams Food For Thought scholarship will no longer exist. They have cited financial reasons. Iams has pulled their program from other vet schools also. We are going to get some flashlights for fall pickups so Hills/Purina/SCAVMA reps will be able to see the lists. Flashlights will be stored in the governance room.

Hills pet food sales—We learned at the president's meeting that other schools make a lot more money selling Hills pet food, and that all of the money goes toward the SCAVMA budget. Because Hills does this for other schools, they are willing to do this for us—we're working on expanding the college feeding program.

One way other schools make money is that they don't give out any free food; they charge for Hills food at an extreme discount instead. Tufts just began that program this year.

It was the original intent of companies that donate food to SCAVMA for the food sales to raise money for SCAVMA budget needs.

Hills is also willing to set up money for administrative fees (ie- a shed to store food).

The decision to sell food needs to be made through SCAVMA. If this decreases Hills overall sales, then Hills will be able to determine if this is a good program or not. We will talk to Purina reps, but since Hills is a national program, we should make it a priority to meet their objectives.

Also, since there are no Iams pickups this year, the 1st year SCAVMA reps will help the 3rd year SCAVMA reps at the Hills pickups.

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee) (Nicole Fawns)

Nicole has all lists of mentors and needs to find a place for winter activities (indoor/outdoor). She might hold a wine/appetizer event. We just need to find a place that has enough tables. Jess Wade is also helping on the committee. Location suggestions: Putah Creek Lodge, ARC ballroom.

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee) (Rosie)

Dog N Jog was up on the SCAVMA board. Liz and Rosie will fix up the SCAVMA board next week.

Committee Reports (Speaker Committee) (Koko)

Two events this quarter: Graduate Leverage Talk on Nov 20th or earlier, and the UC Davis Skills and Learning Center talk on time management. There will be a Graduate Leverage talk in the spring especially for seniors.

Also need a proposal to get funding all from one source. There will be an internship talk winter quarter—small and large animal.

Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Kat Huang)

Lots of flyers were handed out at Dog N Jog, but not a lot of donations.

Letter writing campaign—email Kat to get on the listserv. She is waiting on check from Purina to cover most if not all of operating costs for the letter writing campaign.

Distribution of kits—The plan is to distribute the rest of the kits to UC Davis Children’s Hospital. Hopefully this will be done before Thanksgiving.

Committee Reports (Dog N Jog) (Rachel Kaplan)

It was a great success! We raised almost \$1000 on the day of the event alone, and we expect to be able to donate about \$2500 after expenses. Thank you to the wonderful team that made it happen! We have lots of ideas how to improve the event for next year.

Yearbook Committee (Jen Hatch)

(Not present—reported by Rachel Kaplan)

2007 yearbooks have been delivered and look good. We’re working on getting them distributed. SCAVMA reps should remind their classes that extra books are available. Students just need to put \$35 in Jen Hatch’s box and she will deliver the books to them. 2008 books are already in the works. Jenny Hacker has agreed to work with me this year with the intention of taking over as editor next year.

New Business

Constitutional Amendments

Article V: Officers

The officers of the Chapter, which form the SCAVMA Officer Board, shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Student Representative, *the senior SAVMA National Representative and junior SAVMA National Representative*. Each of these officers shall be chosen in accordance with Article VIII, Section 3.3

Article VIII: By-Laws. Section 2.1-Fiscal Year Budget

The income of the SCAVMA Chapter is primarily from the annual transfer from the *Veterinary Bookstore*, and annual donations from private corporations.

Article VIII: By-Laws. Section 2.2-Memorandum of Understanding with Veterinary Bookstore

...SCAVMA transferred all bookstore operations and duties to the University of California at Davis *Veterinary Bookstore* beginning Fall 2001.

...SCAVMA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the *Veterinary Bookstore* September 21, 2001. Under this agreement, the *Veterinary Bookstore* will meet the book/syllabi/instrument needs of veterinary students...

Article VIII: By-Laws. Section 2.6-Sale of Extra Pet Food from Monthly Food Distribution

A. Extra Food Distribution Sales Guidelines

- a. One product from each company will remain free to veterinary students each month. Only leftover food after distribution will be sold. Pricing as follows:
 - i. *Bags of food up to 10 pounds and small flats of cans are \$5*
 - ii. *Bags of food >10 pounds up to 20 pounds, boxes of treats and flats of large cans are \$8*
 - iii. *Bags of food >20 pounds and up to 30 pounds are \$10*
 - iv. *Bags of food >30 pounds are \$15*
- b. Money raised from this fundraiser will be allocated as follows:
 - i. OMIT
 - ii. OMIT

Article VIII: By-Laws. Section 3.4-Duties of Individual Board Members

j. Class Representatives

- vii. Specific Duties for Each Class’ Representatives

3. The Junior Class Representatives shall, in association with the Junior class, coordinate their senior gift to the School of Veterinary Medicine during their junior year.

Motion made to approve all constitutional amendments, article 5 3.3, article 8 2.1, article 8 2.2, article 8 2.6, and article 8 3.4. Motion carried.

Senior buddy program

The purpose is to promote unity between classes. Underclassmen volunteer to babysit senior's pets when they leave for externships. We will match people based on location of where they live, and they will feed the student's cat/bird/etc for free. It will be a SCAVMA service offered to seniors. Volunteers have a check-box of what duties they feel comfortable performing. To estimate interest, we will poll underclassmen first, then present to seniors.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Recap: Important Motions from this meeting

- Motion made to use \$2225.92 one-time donation to supplement Fall 2007 PDF Fund. Motion carried.
- Motion made to approve the amendment to Article 3. Motion carried.
- Motion made to approve all constitutional amendments, article 5 3.3, article 8 2.1, article 8 2.2, and article 8 2.6, and article 8 3.4. Motion carried.

Happy Halloween!
Rachel Kaplan
SCAVMA Secretary