

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

**Call to order:** Liz Adams calls meeting to order at 7:25pm.

**Members present:** Shane Nelson, Rachel Kaplan, H. Omar Cabrera, Doug Gray, Katharine 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

October 2007 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

**President's Report:** (Liz Adams)

Congrats to first years on a successful Turkey Roast!

There will be a dinner meeting in January. A veterinarian, Dr. Toogood, who is a Davis graduate is coming to give a talk to students about his group of 20 practices that have gone public and have stock options for vets. The dinner will be on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There are also summer externships at his practices. Togo's will cater it in 1030 Valley.

Senior buddy program—We will wait until January to execute this.

Bookstore Holiday Wish List form—This is for relatives to access and buy presents for students from the bookstore.

**Vice President's Report:** (Casey DeCino)

The PDF checks have been given out this quarter. All club funding has been given out for this year. There is another new club for this year, but our funding has been maxed out. They applied for funding after the deadline, thus they can apply as a new club next year to receive SCAVMA funding.

**Secretary's Report:** (Rachel Kaplan)

Tomo and I met with Ray in administration today who showed us a prototype of the student database. Once it's ready, an email will be sent from SCAVMA to have everyone sign-up. Casey will poll club presidents to make sure they are okay with their membership lists being public to the rest of the vet school. We will ask Ray if it is possible to have the picture from the student composite show up with their name.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Danielle Dito)

I got a hold of our original accountant. He has the last three years of tax returns done. He will send them in and wait to see what the IRS says. We will write letters explaining why we're paying so late, and stating we're a non-profit, etc. Hopefully we'll only have to pay his fees and a couple of hundred dollars per year not paid to the IRS.

The \$500 from Dr. Klingborg for VMTH tours has been allocated to donations for now. Can we allocate the money otherwise? Perhaps to the Speaker Committee?

Motion was made to allocate \$500 from Dr. Klingborg toward the budget for the 2007 speaker committee. Motion carried.

**SAVMA Delegates:** (Rosie Matli and Shane Nelson)

Flights and busses have been reserved for SAVMA Symposium. Forty students are signed up to go. Upcoming fundraisers are: Jan 6<sup>th</sup> dog wash at Dr. Kendall's hospital, and an AVID Microchip clinic in Gourley on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. The flyer for the microchip clinic will be distributed tonight. Contacts on the flyer include: Alissa Blum, Mike Saksen, Karen Kaplan, and Eden Segev.

We are pushing the talent show back to the first couple weeks of April. We have another fundraiser idea for an auction that sells student services (as in an activity). For instance, students bid on a person to go to dinner with, go

on a hike with, etc. We're hoping this will promote co-mingling among classes. It will be a nighttime event in the Davis community, and we will hold it close to Valentine's Day.

House of Delegates meeting—There is a lot of interest in having SAVMA Symposium here at Davis. Should we put in a bid? If our bid is accepted, the symposium would be held here in 2010. We need to form a committee with lots of first years on it if we want to do this. Dr. Dajka has a contact in Sacramento at the Tourism Bureau who puts together conventions there. For now, we have to make a bid at the Delegate's Meeting this March.

Motion made to form a new committee, the "2010 SAVMA Symposium Committee" and elect 2-3 chair members. Motion carried.

Motion made for Rosie Matli and Jenna Fransioli to chair the "2010 SAVMA Symposium Committee." Motion carried.

We will sell Candy Grams as a fundraiser, and they will be on sale next week. Representatives in each class will sell candygrams.

The bus trip from the airport to our hotel at SCAVMA Symposium will cost around \$2400. This will hopefully be funded by VCA.

**CVMA Representative:** (Doug Gray)

Earlier in the month, CVMA held a vision planning meeting. The status of West Hollywood bill was discussed. CVMA can't act on it more than go to the legislature. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has taken an interest in the bill from a regulatory standpoint, regarding the case not being heard in the courts. They may bring forth legislation to take away some powers from the city government and give it back to the state. The next board of governors meeting is at the end of January.

(Dr. Kendall) This could really affect what cities are able to do with attorneys. It would effect all of the professions (medical, dental). If DCA takes the lead, that's a good sign.

**Legislative Liaison:** (Haleh Siahpolo)

I wrote up an overview of vet related legislature from the first half of 2007. It will be published in the Waggle.

**Waggle Editor Report:** (Mike Rickwald) –not present.

**Webmaster:** (Tomo Wiggans)

I'm working out some kinks in SCAVMA CERE site and message board. The Academic Programs CERE site message center format is easier to navigate. I will contact Beau to see if the message forum for us can be easier to navigate as well. Using it as an area to post things for sale is currently a little cumbersome. I'll talk to Beau about making it more user friendly.

**1<sup>st</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Jenna and Eric)

The Turkey Roast went well. We made over \$6000 for our class. We're excited for symposium. There are a lot of first years going.

**2<sup>nd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Sherry and Koko)

The Halloween Party at G st. went very well. The last TG of this quarter is this Friday. Sunday is the Santa Paws event for Mercer Clinic. Some of the officers will be on KMAX, so check out the weekend news.

**3<sup>rd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Nicole and Justin)

Senior gift planning—so far we liked the idea of a bench with a Japanese Maple tree next to it.

**4<sup>th</sup> Year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Jill and Anne Marie)—not present.

**Graduate Professional Student Representatives:** (Jess Wade and Ingrid)

We are having a colloquium next week.

**Dr. Ilkiw:**

I have a plea to leave the facilities clean when using them for anything. We want people to use the facilities for events. However, Heartguard night was left with blood, etc. everywhere and techs had to clean it up today. There was a discussion to put cleaning supplies in the cupboards in the back of the classrooms.

**Dr. Puschner:**

Nothing to report

**Dr. Wilson:**

Not present

**Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) (Liz)**

We will be opening the food shed for a sale before winter break, and it will be advertised to students only. In January, we will begin charging vet students for their food each month thru Hills.

Motion made to begin charging for pet food in January pending discussion with the pet food companies regarding prices. Motion carries.

We also spoke with Purina, and they are okay with charging for food given to students. We will need SCAVMA board members at the pickups to collect money. Nicole Fawns has volunteered to take that position. We will also need two class reps at the Hills pickup to collect money, and the other four class reps will attend Purina pickups. Further information will be emailed to the board since our next meeting isn't until January. Please remember to support SCAVMA in light of any student questions and/or concerns.

**Committee Reports (Mentor Committee) (Nicole Fawns)**

There will be an event on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8pm. Valley Commons has been reserved. We have an alcohol permit. I'll talk to Dr. Ilkiw for a faculty signature. There will be appetizers, beer, and wine. Ft. Dodge and Pfizer will sponsor the event. Dr. Wilson will be the enforcer to get mentors involved and present.

**Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee) (Rosie)**

Liz and Rosie cleaned up SCAVMA board in the VMTH. There is now up-to-date info on there. We're hoping to get the CERE tab publicized. For any SCAVMA related emails going out, be sure to put SCAVMA in the subject line.

**Committee Reports (Speaker Committee) (Koko)**

We just got \$500! I've been in contact with the Merial representative to fund the entire series. The Graduate Leverage talk was last week, however it was not well attended. Unfortunately, the freshman had lunch from 11-12p. We will have a residencies talk during winter quarter.

**Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Kat Huang)**

The letter writing campaign has kind of started. The materials are there, but nobody is filling out letters. Shane will be second year rep for Josh Project. The Sacramento VMA has a charitable foundation list. Perhaps Jason Sweitzer can present Josh Project at their meeting December 9<sup>th</sup>. We can also send letter to vet clinics listed in the yellow pages, or make phone calls. Email Kat to get on the listserv.

**Committee Reports (Dog N Jog) (Rachel Kaplan)**

We need a space to store all of the extra prizes, Tshirts, etc. left over from the event. Haleh has a garage for storage.

**Yearbook Committee**

Not present

**New Business**

Nothing to report

Next meeting will be in January

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm**

**Recap: Important Motions from this meeting**

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Have a good winter break!

Rachel Kaplan  
SCAVMA Secretary