

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2008**

Call to order: Liz Adams calls meeting to order at 7:41pm.

Members present: Rachel Kaplan, Danielle Dito, Jen Hatch, Anne Marie Zedelis, Jill Gallo, JJ Louie, Jessica Wade, Haleh Siahpolo, Nicole Fawns, Doug Gray, Justin Fischer, Shane Nelson, Megan Bergin, Rosie Matli, Birgit Puschner, Jan Ilkiw, Jenna Fransioli, Eric Posthumus, Alissa Blum, Koko Shishida, Sherry Jung, Katharine Huang, Michelle Lam, Casey DeCino, Elizabeth Adams, Jason Sweitzer

November 2007 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved with revision.

Pet Food Committee: (Liz Adams)

I'd like to discuss the potential changes to the pet food program. Does anyone have any questions about anything?

- Will Hill's give more food to students if they pay for it? The amount of food available to each student through the Hill's college feeding program is not expected to change, but can be discussed in the future.
- What was the final decision on food donations to Mercer and OKP? Purina will set up a separate donation system separate from the student feeding program. Purina will donate food based on the average amount donated in the past. Hills cannot donate food to any of the programs.
- Are prices different for non-SCAVMA members? Prices are the same for all students (SCAVMA and Non SCAVMA members), and the pricing is \$2/10 pounds of food ordered. These prices are different from after-sales prices (food shed prices).
- How will Hill's food pickups be organized? We will accept cash, checks, and prepurchased punch cards at pickups. There is the possibility of having an online payment option in the future.
- Is there a delivery fee for Purina? No.
- Will student clubs still be able to help with food distributions? For Hill's, student clubs can still work and receive \$75 for the club and a free bag of food per volunteer.
- What happens to the food in the shed? It is almost empty now. Even with this change, there will be after-pickup sales, but we're not expecting as much food to be left over.
- Will Mercer and OKP get to specify the kind of food they receive from Purina? We believe Purina will be able to accommodate these groups' specific needs.
- If a student fails to pick up their pre-ordered food, will it go into the food shed? Yes, and students can then purchase it at the shed prices.
- Once you pay online (in the future), and fail to pick up your food, are you still entitled to it? Any food left over after the pickup becomes property of the food shed and SCAVMA.
- Can OKP and Mercer purchase food from the food shed? Students are allowed to buy food from the food shed.

Motion made to limit discussion regarding pet food to 8:20pm. Motion carries.

Selling Hill's pet food to faculty and staff at the Veterinary Bookstore

In December, Liz, Rosie, JJ, Omar, Dr. Ilkiw, Dr. Wilson, Barry (from Hill's), and Mike (from the bookstore) met to discuss the option of selling discounted food thru the bookstore to faculty and staff. Faculty and staff would register for their food pickup thru HOLOS and pre-order pet food. Their pet food will be delivered to the bookstore and purchased thru the bookstore. SCAVMA will charge the bookstore 50% retail on the Hill's pet food. The bookstore will mark up that price by 25%, so staff and faculty will ultimately pay a total of 62.5% of retail, plus tax.

Hill's will deliver pet food once each month on a Monday. SCAVMA will invite student clubs to unload the pet food and pay them \$75 for their help. Faculty and staff will have from Tuesday to Saturday of that same week to pick up and pay for their food. At the time of food pickup, faculty and staff will have to present their vet school ID and email confirmation from Hill's. The Hill's feeding program will be open to only vet school faculty and staff. After Saturday of the pickup week, any leftover food can be purchased from the bookstore by any vet school faculty or staff member. The bookstore will manage all of the food storage and transactions, and they will pay

SCAVMA for the pet food that is delivered. SCAVMA's role is to unload food when there is a delivery (via the student clubs), create a food inventory, and submit an invoice to the bookstore. Questions?

-Will the bookstore have the space to store that amount of food? We're working on that. There are designated areas in the bookstore for the food, and the bookstore is working on getting access to the storage rooms near the bookstore that used to belong to the medical school.

-How much of a price difference is this system for staff, compared to food purchased from the shed? Faculty and staff would no longer be able to purchase from the shed. The new prices for faculty would be significantly more than the former shed prices. Be prepared that people who come to the shed regularly will be upset. Faculty is usually happy with what they get, and now they don't have to compromise on what kind of food they get. Some members feel that 62% of retail is still pretty expensive.

-Have we investigated what the nutrition department charges faculty and staff for food? They charge the VMTH price. Pet food is usually less expensive at the supermarket than at the VMTH.

-What about our faculty's opinion? Dr. Puschner and Dr. Ilkiw are happy to have any pet food discounted. Regarding pricing, we also need to consider what the bookstore can get out of this. Taking 25% on 50% retail price is better for them.

-Regarding the increased price for faculty and staff? Dr. Puschner always felt that since selling food from the shed was off the record and not officially allowed, that she was never really comfortable taking the food.

Residents will pay student prices at \$2/10 pounds of food.

Have we considered offering the feeding program to only SCAVMA members? Or at least making non-SCAVMA members pay more for pet food? Could this drive new membership?

From the first-years' perspective, when polled by PRS, 75% of the class did not feel that they would get their money's worth if charged for pet food. They want numbers and an idea of where their money is going.

Motion made for the PR committee to create an informational bulletin to outline what SCAVMA's budget is, where the money goes, and how money from SCAVMA benefits students. Motion carried.

Can we ask SCAVMA reps at other schools where they charge for pet food how it's helped their schools? As an illustration of where we are now, and the potential for where our SCAVMA could be heading?

Proposed Constitutional Amendments regarding sales of pet food to students and faculty:

Regarding student pet food sales--

Motion made to amend the Constitution by adding Section 2.7 without line C, and changing line B part 'a' to read "flat of small cans." Motion does not carry.

Vote on this motion: 13 in favor, 8 opposed. Thus, there is not a 2/3 majority vote on this motion.

Regarding pet food sales to faculty and staff thru the Veterinary Bookstore--

Motion made to sell Hill's food to faculty and staff through the Veterinary Bookstore by making a Constitutional amendment: Add a new section 2.7 Sales of monthly pet food. Part C and D line b only. Motion carries.

Resident's program: Residents are not considered students, they are considered faculty. However, we feel that residents should not pay the bookstore price. They will pay at pet food distributions at the rate of \$2/10 pounds.

Add a section B to Section 2.7

Make a motion that we amend Section 2.7, adding line B that includes Resident Prices based on charging \$2/10lb. Motion carries.

Are these prices appropriate for residents? Yes, we believe they are.

Constitutional Ammendments referred to in the motions passed at this meeting:

Section 2.7 Sales of Monthly Pet Food

- A. Veterinary Bookstore: Starting February 2008 SVM faculty and staff will be able to preorder Hill's pet food which will be distributed and sold through the Veterinary Bookstore.
 - a. SCAVMA will charge the bookstore 50% of retail value.
 - b. The bookstore will then mark up 25% plus tax.
 - c. SCAVMA will pay \$75 to student clubs for helping at monthly distributions
 - d. Hill's: Money earned from selling Hill's food will be distributed throughout the budget at the annual budget meeting and be subject to approval by the Executive Board when the budget is presented at the September meeting.
- B. Resident Prices: Pricing is based on charging \$2/10 pounds of total food ordered by a resident, for example:
 - a. Up to and including 10 pounds, flat of small cans, or boxes of treats are \$2
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 - c. Greater than 20 pounds, up to and including 30 pounds of food are \$6
 - d. Greater than 30 pounds, up to and including 40 pounds of food are \$8
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President's Report: (Liz Adams)

Dr. Paul Toogood cancelled his Jan 8th talk. There is a poster on the SCAVMA bulletin board to work for Dr. Toogood's clinics. I am speaking with him to reschedule his presentation.

I received a letter from Dr. LeFebvre thanking SCAVMA for it's generous gifts of scholarship awards. Specifically, the SCAVMA Recognition Award, two SCAVMA Leadership Awards, and the Mrs. C Scholarship. There is also an AVMA Recognition Award, and we will discuss this at the February meeting and take nominations for the award.

Senior Buddy project—I've had eight responses, and I haven't pushed the senior class on the issue again. I'd like to hand off this responsibility to someone else. Any volunteers?

(Jill Gallo)—Since most of the senior's externships are done, maybe we should table this project until closer to the summer when we can match current first and second years with a third year who will be on externships over the summer.

First and second year SCAVMA reps can ask their classmates if anyone is interested in organizing the senior buddy project.

Mike from the bookstore emailed me. He wants to sell pet supplies in addition to pet food. Any brand suggestions? Pet Edge sells at wholesale prices to small businesses. Ryan's pet supply is also popular.

Vice President's Report: (Casey DeCino)

All PDF checks have been distributed from Fall quarter. We have spent \$7800 in two quarters. Winter PDF applications close tomorrow and I'm expecting around twelve applicants. I'm also getting some supplies that have been requested by clubs.

Secretary's Report: (Rachel Kaplan)

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: (Danielle Dito)

I haven't heard from the IRS yet. Our request for extension was approved. I'm working on this year's taxes, and will be asking our accountant for help.

Regarding the issue with the budget becoming open to the public

Why isn't it public? Our Constitution, which is drafted by the AVMA, says it is private.

Is there a problem with making it public? The only problem might be explaining the \$10,000 SAVMA Symposium item, but this is fundraised and goes back to the students, so it isn't actually revenue.

We need to release it in a different format if it does become public. We will need to clarify where money comes from and how it's allocated from different sources of revenue. Danielle was thinking of color coding line items to show where money goes from different sources.

How do we illustrate why we need more funding and where it would go? We would present comparisons to other schools regarding their budget. If we had more funding we could have more programs. But how do we communicate with the whole student body? Maybe we can have a SCAVMA banner at all events for greater visual presence.

(Eric) When the first year class was polled we asked a couple of questions: The first was, do you understand why SCAVMA wants to charge for food? 88% of students said yes. Then we asked if students thought they would benefit from the additional revenue? 75% of students said no.

(Doug) From CVMA aspect—CVMA still reeling from its stance on the spay and neuter act. SCAVMA eventually will have to say this (charging for pet food) is for the greater good of student body, and refuse services to non-members. Take a harder line. We're your (the student body's) elected officials, we're running the government, if you want more, get involved, run for office.

Make a motion to table public budget topic until next meeting.

SAVMA Delegates: (Rosie Matli and Shane Nelson)

Fundraisers so far: \$881 dog wash, \$150 candy grams; microchip potential \$1600. The meat market is scheduled for Feb 8th. Everything is in motion for invitations to the med school, law, engineering, faculty and staff.

Currently, admission is free. We'd like to change this: \$3 for vet students, \$5 for everyone else (faculty and other students) for admission. We can't charge for drinks, but there will be a bar and refreshments. There will be a live auction with John Wesson hosting. The schedule is 7-9pm auction and a dj 9-11pm. It will be after the 'meat market' TG. We've had good donations so far. The catalogue will come out Monday, Feb 4th.

SAVMA Scholarships—scholarships available thru vet gazette and SAVMA website thru the AVMA. Vet gazette is posted on our CERE tab as a pdf file.

Talent show still in works. It will be held possibly on a Sunday earlier in the evening during April. It will be at Veteran's memorial, or the Danson theater hall on campus.

CVMA Representative: (Doug Gray)

CVMA held a talk last Friday regarding the food animal confinement initiative. There were 130 people in attendance. Questions were more anti-initiative. Both support and opposition forms are available if students are interested in signing one or the other. I will be leaving tomorrow for the CVMA Joint House of Delegates/Board of Governors meeting. This issue will be discussed at length. More to report in February.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo)

I attended CVMA meeting and am working on joint Waggie article to compile what was said in the meeting last Friday and what happens this weekend.

Waggie Editor Report: (Mike Rickwald—not present, but spoken for by representatives)

The Waggie is an open student forum. The library is keeping a catalogue of past Waggies. SCAVMA funding? Motion made to Table until Mike is here. Motion carries.

Webmaster: (Tomo Wiggans)—not present.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jenna and Eric)

We met about picnic day. We have the forms. We will hold a bake sale as a fundraiser, SCAVMA will give us \$150. Cal aggie donates money as well.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Sherry and Koko)

We've starting talking about pharm night.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Nicole and Justin)

Senior gift discussion is ongoing.

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

The state board testing window has changed. It's computer based and available thru April 30th. You have a second chance to take it as well. Now you sign yourself up for it. This is a change from it being held on December 17th each year. There is a 60-day processing period, however, so don't wait until the last minute to register. You also receive immediate results.

Graduate Professional Student Representatives: (Jess Wade and Ingrid)

Students still feel they aren't included or aren't getting emails. They need to email Dr. Ilkiw to get on the list, and they have been made aware of this.

Dr. Ilkiw:

Scrubs doors now open with ID. There are orders in to fix the doors on VM3A. Spay Day is not happening this year; the committee that organizes it feels overwhelmed. This is temporary, however, and it will be back next year. Gabrielle Basin sent an email on who to contact to volunteer at other clinics. There is a practice in Modesto that will allow 3rd and 4th year students to perform spays.

Dr. Puschner:

Congrats on the organization and success of the mentor event.

Dr. Wilson: (not present)

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee) (Nicole Fawns)

I received lots of excited emails from professors. We will be better about record keeping in the future for this program. There were a few people who suggested finding more options for veggies to eat. We came in under budget; we had \$1000 and spent just over \$600. We will send a thank you card to the winery. I'd like to have a 1st and 2nd year on the committee. Alissa Blum volunteers for the first years. Please talk to the first years because VP's need to know that they're in charge of big sib/little big assignments.

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee) (Rosie)

I'd love to work on publishing something for the student body regarding all that SCAVMA is. Suggestions? Please continue to use the CERE tab. Make class announcements. The officer board put together a letter to the classes. Has there been any feedback?—They understood SCAVMA goals, but some people don't participate in anything. They wanted dollar figures. So should we create a powerpoint presentation for each class? They want to know where money goes. As a club president—SCAVMA would get more clubs to support it when they see how much help they'll get. That's a good idea, but what happens if we say we can provide more money and can't? We're starting faculty and resident sales, so let's see how those go and then revisit the issue. It is still valid to poll class in mandatory evaluations.

Motion made that Rachel will create evaluation for students regarding interests in funding options. Motion carries.

Committee Reports (SAVMA Symposium Bid Committee) (Rosie)

We have contact info from our guy in Sacramento. We have started looking into putting blurbs in the vet gazette to make it official. Oregon and Wisconsin are also putting in bids.

Committee Reports (Speaker Committee) (Koko)

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Kat Huang)

Jan 31st is the final deadline for numbers. I've added up the donations and have \$1165 to add to whatever is already in the budget (\$1053). We will distribute the kits in the spring when first and second years resurface. I'd like to find someone to take this over. Let's revisit it in February. Picnic day plans are open to suggestion.

Committee Reports (Dog N Jog) (Rachel Kaplan)

The run will be in honor of Rabies Day again next year, which has been moved to a later date in September. We'd like to incorporate an open house with the run. Jenna Fransioli will take over next year. We should also be in touch with Cheryl Scott who has been hired to represent the 'one health one medicine' initiative.

Committee Reports (Yearbook Committee) (Jen Hatch—not present at this time, but representative reports) Jenny Hacker, who is the editor for next year, has been soliciting ads from outside companies and this is going well. We do not have yearbook reps from 2009 and 2011. We need a commitment from someone in each class to work on their own yearbook pages.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Recap: Important Motions from this meeting

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Whew! See you in February!
Rachel Kaplan
SCAVMA Secretary