

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

Call to order: Liz Adams calls meeting to order at 7:44pm.

Members present: Rachel Kaplan, Tomo Wiggans, Sherry Jung, Koko Shishida, Abel Gonzalez, Michael Rickwald, Shane Nelson, Jason Wood, Chris Ryan, Dr. Jan Ilkiw, Dr. W. David Wilson, Dr. Birgit Puschner, Nicole Fawns, Justin Fischer, Doug Gray, Ingrid Edwards, Danielle Dito, Dr. Tom Kendall

January 2008 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved with revision.

President's Report: (Liz Adams)

VLE: It is a leadership retreat in Idaho for the SCAVMA Junior delegate, President elect, and up to two faculty members to attend this year June 3-8, 2008.

We will need a different faculty advisor for next year. Dr. Jandrey has expressed interest and has previous SCAVMA experience.

I would also like to bring up the topic of perhaps establishing a president-elect position. We can discuss it further in future meetings, but I wanted to get some feedback from the board.

-sounds like a good idea as long as there is someone interested

Vice President's Report: (Casey DeCino)—Not Present

Secretary's Report: (Rachel Kaplan)

(Tomo) The student directory is almost ready to go. It should be complete by the end of this week. I met with Ray on Tuesday of last week, and the only part of the program missing is a search box for individual names. You can currently search different clubs and see their officers. There are also pictures up next to names. Currently this is only being unveiled for the student body, admin, and academic programs, but it should be no problem to open it to faculty and staff in the near future. It should also be automatically updated from year to year since all information is listed via SISWeb.

Evaluations—We are unable to provide mandatory student evaluations at this time. Currently, evaluations can only be used for classes, and not for student organizations. We can, however, mass-join everyone to the SCAVMA CERE tab, meaning they would see all announcements made unless they physically unjoin the site. Perhaps this would be a better way to communicate with the student body?

Treasurer's Report: (Danielle Dito)

I've heard no response from IRS yet, and we're still working on our 2007 tax return. I received a breakdown of Hill's food sold over the last 9 months from JJ. I calculated estimated revenue if students paid for food, assuming a 15% decrease in students buying food. We'll be putting this information in this month's Waggle.

Numbers—Hill's sold 96,108 pounds of food in the last 11 order periods. If we charge for food, this would equal \$19,222/year. Assuming about 10% of students will discontinue picking up food, then we project that \$17,299/year can be earned by selling Hill's food.

Liz will write up the chart that will appear in the Waggle related to these numbers.

SAVMA Delegates: (Rosie Matli and Shane Nelson)

The Meat Market on Feb 8th made over \$5000 in profit. It was well attended and everyone had a lot of fun! Along with other donations so far, we have raised around \$8700.

Coming up is talent show on Sunday, April 6th at Veteran's Memorial Theater. The rate to rent is reasonable with an amphitheater set-up. There is a large area in front of the stage to display silent auction items, baked goods and raffle. The auction will open at 5:30 and end by 9:30 so the event is more family oriented. Admission is \$7 presale/\$10 at the door. We are also hoping to raffle off a large prize and start selling tickets and promoting the event by publicizing the grand prize during the week before the show.

Woodstocks night: This is another fundraising idea. We can hold it on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 6-9pm. During that time, we receive 15% of sales from everyone who attends and brings an appropriate flyer.

CVMA Representative: (Doug Gray)

I attended the joint Board of Governors/House of Representatives meeting in Oakland. The purpose of this meeting was to allow for discussion regarding the HSUS ballot initiative. Many prominent people were involved in the 3.5 hour presentation and question and answer session. It was interesting to hear different point of view from vets working in the food animal industry, from the north coast and southern California areas. Ultimately, CVMA has not taken a position but may make a decision at their April meeting.

In other recent news, Dr. Tom Kendall accepted an appointment to California Veterinary Medical Board. Also, Dr. Golab spoke about funding student travel to symposium.

Legislative Liaison: (Haleh Siahpolo)—Not present

Waggie Editor Report: (Mike Rickwald)

Despite the short March month, we will be having a Waggie anyway. The deadline for submissions is March 1st. We got in trouble for the December gossip column. One student got particularly upset. I met with Dr. Lefebvre who asked us to keep the Waggie appropriate, so I will be doing more censoring than I felt previously necessary. We want to continue to try to be funny without being demeaning to the profession. We made a pact to keep the Waggie “PG-13.”

Webmaster: (Tomo Wiggans)

I am still getting the forum functionality going on the SCAVMA CERE site.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Jenna and Eric)—Not Present.

(Jason) We turned in our bid today for the picnic day float, and we are in desperate need of a trailer! The theme this year is a “Kaleidoscope of Voices.” We are hoping maybe an alumni can donate a trailer to us.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Sherry and Koko)

We are working on organizing Pharm Night. It will be held on either Monday, April 7th or the 14th. The event will be held in Valley Hall, starting at 5pm. We did have one other thought to the event timing with a TG (on April 11th). This way we don’t have to worry about food. Our only concern is the possible issue of dogs running inside Valley.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Nicole and Justin)

We have had one request from a classmate for a Craig’s list-type webpage on CERE for emails regarding housing, stuff for sale, etc.

We have also emailed our class presidents to arrange for senior gift and find out how much we can afford according to our budget. Our class also had 8 or 9 students spay/neuter 85 cats in Modesto at Spay Day this year. Thanks to Doug for setting that up.

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

Graduate Professional Student Representatives: (Jess Wade and Ingrid)

Nothing to report. In two days the graduate professional students will hold a retreat at the Sacramento Zoo.

Dr. Ilkiw:

We are working with students regarding keeping the facilities clean in Gourley. We are having problems keeping Gourley staffed, as we need employees there 24/7. Perhaps we need to charge a fee to rent Gourley with the expectation that the fee will be refunded if a sufficient cleaning job has been done. There also needs to be a checklist of how to clean up the Gourley facility after events. Involved parties need to meet with Darlene Riel to know what to clean and how.

Dr. Puschner:

I want to announce that Liz Adams received a student scholarship award at the Western veterinary conference in Las Vegas. Also, is there a way to keep faculty updated regarding guest speakers? Faculty would like to have this information, but we still need to avoid SPAM in email boxes.

(Tomo) There is a Google calendar list of events on the SCAVMA website. If faculty members use Google calendar they can import the list of events.

Dr. Wilson:

I'd like to bring up something for discussion. I wanted to find out if your classmates voice any concerns regarding child care. Residents and faculty are vocal about it. Historically, there was a proposal years ago to build a child care facility on the health sciences campus, but that didn't happen. Is this something we now need to consider?

(Jason) It was brought up at the interview orientation and our panelists discussed their own issues with daycare.

Class representatives will find out if there is a need or if subsidies for child care are enough.

Also, I was wondering if the golf tournament is taking place this year?

(Liz) Yes, the VP's in the third year class are organizing it. They'll make sure they send out a save-the-date email.

Committee Reports (SAVMA Symposium Bid Committee) (Rosie)

From Jenna—The actual written portion of the symposium bid was sent in. She's working on the power point presentation and should have a draft done by the end of week. She's also figuring out a budget and is in contact with the convention center in Sacramento regarding how many people they can hold and if the hotel can pick up part of cost. She's been getting a lot of help from the person in charge of planning the symposium at Ohio State. Oregon and Wisconsin are bidding for 2010 as well.

Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) (Liz Adams)

(Koko) Can we get a new combination lock for the shed please? The current one is rusting. Yesterday was the first Hill's delivery where residents could preorder and purchase food. The pickup went smoothly. Residents were positive about it. We didn't make a ton of money, but only two residents didn't show. Yesterday was also the first delivery of Hill's food to the bookstore. They have found a storage room next to bookstore—room 143. We have a key to that room, as does the bookstore. Casey did an inventory. We will see how it goes for sales. Faculty has all of this week to purchase food. To clarify, faculty and staff can no longer get Hill's food from the food shed, but they can still get Purina food at the shed. Any Hill's food left from the shed will be purchased by bookstore to sell, as will Hill's food leftover if faculty doesn't pick it up in time. I'm currently typing up memorandum of understanding for pet food bookstore stuff. We will review it at our next meeting.

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee) (Nicole Fawns)

We did have a date for the next mentor event, but now we don't since it overlapped with other vet school events. The exam schedule next quarter makes things difficult. Alissa Blum will help Nicole make the list of mentors for next year, and Alissa will communicate with her regarding big sib/little sib assignments. The next event will be in Valley during the first 3 weeks of April.

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee) (Rosie)—Not present

Committee Reports (Speaker Committee) (Koko)

We held a small animal internships and residencies talk with Dr. Marks along with Dr. Herera and Dr. Vaughn. Dr. Marks also offered to hold a CV/Resume writing workshop. The large animal internship/residency talk with Dr. Textor is scheduled for March 4th at 6pm. Thanks to Casey for her help.

Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Kat Huang)—communicated via email

We raised almost \$2400 (\$2399 and some change, to be exact) in 2007. That money has been submitted to Josh Co. Hopefully that's enough to put us in the running to win! We haven't actually bought any kits with that money yet because the distribution will be in spring quarter and I have no where to store the kits in the meantime. If anyone would like to volunteer their garage/storage space, I will place the order. Otherwise, I think it's okay to just hold off

until we have the details. Worst case if I have to place the order before distribution, I'll rent a small storage space short-term. I believe I still have \$200 from Purina to do so. I'm still looking for someone to go to the meeting. It is on behalf of SCAVMA, so it'd be great if a SCAVMA officer could go. If not, we'll discuss alternatives. Distribution is planned for April or May. I will update at the next meeting.

Committee Reports (Dog N Jog) (Rachel Kaplan)

There is a new woman in charge of organizing the event at the national level. She, and we, are very excited. We will start asking for sponsorship in April from larger corporations, such as Fleet Feet.

Committee Reports (Yearbook Committee) (Jen Hatch)—Not Present

Old Business

Budget—We will color code it and post it with a constitutional amendment.

Info bulletin—The next Waggie will have a chart for potential money earned from food sales and where it could go.

New Business

SCAVMA Scholarships—There are two for fourth years, and one for any year student. Rachel will be sending an email regarding nominations. We will hold an email vote to determine winners. One scholarship—the Recognition Award traditionally goes to the previous SCAVMA President. We are uncomfortable with that, and will vote on that award. If Jill is nominated then she will be considered for the award.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16p.

Recap: Important Motions from this meeting

No motions made tonight, but great work going on! Keep it up everyone!

Thanks!
Rachel Kaplan
SCAVMA Secretary