

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

Call to order: Mike Saksen calls meeting to order at 6:55pm.

Members present: Mike Saksen, Danielle Dito, Jenna Fransioli, Lauralea Colamussi, Rachel Kaplan, Jason Wood, Tracy Alexander, Adrienne Cashion, Tomo Wiggans, Jennifer Hacker, Georgette Shields, Jessica Wade, Abel Gonzalez, Liz Adams, Justin Fischer, Eric Posthumus, Allie Jones, Marissa Francis, Omar Cabrera, Kendon Kuo, Erin Branyan-Espinoza, Scott Hamilton, Kevin Jepsen-Grant, Sarah Smolley, Dan Barbour, Jan Ilkiw, Karl Jandrey

May 2008 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

HVMC Presentation—not present.

2008-2009 Budget Approval

See Addendum for details and new amendments.

Our budget is not public as amended by the AVMA.

President's Report: (Mike Saksen)

- Welcome 2012ers!!
- Received a letter from a vet student in Iraq—they have no access to textbooks and wrote letter to bookstore to send textbooks. Brainstorming as what we could do as SCAVMA and SAVMA national organization.
- Swearing in of New Officers.
- Chapter report: description for every school of everything that all SCAVMA boards have done – only presidents can look at it so talk to Mike if you want some ideas.
- Oregon won the Hills big win—we made it to the raffle though—we were in the top 6!!!
- Attempt to elect speaker committee chair: still needs to be determined.

Vice President's Report: (Danielle Dito)

- Club Presidents meeting on September 18th—good turnout and SPAC member came to speak. If any fundraising at all, there has to be an account with the university—\$35 charge to open one up. Also podcast so officers who did not come can listen. Mike Beech will let us know if renting of rooms in Valley will change and have to go through main campus – but be aware.
- Jan Ilkiw: Note that weekend and public events need to go through main campus.
- Omar: Christine Milligan—she will push things through faster.
- We have more money to give to the clubs!!! \$200 for pre-established clubs; \$275 for new clubs—max of 3 events per year but have to turn in receipts before they get money of \$50/event—extra money for clubs with big events open to public is also available—\$50 for speakers, wetlabs, field trips, etc.
- Scheduled all symposiums over this weekend so no conflicts with holidays or each other---send to Dr. Klingborg—most are in the spring.
- Currently waiting for registration forms due Oct. 3rd for PDFs—anything to increase your knowledge of the profession—research, RAVS, externships, etc are eligible. Right now it says each person can apply 2x per year for max of \$200 or 75% of your receipt (not including food). Kept it like that for summer and fall. Could increase to \$250 or leave it the way it is and people can get more money. Typically, people get 10% of what they ask for. Summer PDF: total of 43 people applied—highest ever for summer—gave out \$3400. Fall right now is open and it will be a big quarter. Quarter allotment: fall, summer, spring, then winter in terms of how much is allotted. Hopefully this year everyone who applies will get something.
- Georgette: Is there a policy for people who didn't hand in receipts—can that money go back to students?
- Danielle: Money left over from summer goes to fall, etc.
- No official policy about people going to the same meeting receiving the same amount—dependent on VP.

Secretary's Report: (Lauralea Colamussi)

No new business to report.

Treasurer's Report: (Jenna Fransioli)

No new business to report.

SAVMA Delegates: (Rachel Kaplan, Sr. & Jason Woods, Jr.)

- VLE: Dr. Rick DeBowes is the organizer at WSU—program is excellent and wants to bring it here—ideas to do it through another club such as VBMA to host a leadership retreat.
- AVMA Convention in July: New Orleans. (1) Most pressing issue that was brought up was proposal that has been tabled to increase the national dues by \$2 per year – so up from \$10 to \$12. This would cause us financial havoc with our current strategy of collecting dues. Not many delegates felt comfortable without talking to their respective schools. Not the only school with the 3 for 4 program so WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR of national dues increasing by \$2/year. Where this money will be going was poorly defined which was another reason it was opposed.
- One Health Challenge will be changed in 2009 to obesity awareness – it has been rabies for the first two years. Trying to bring vet and human medicine together. Coincides with Hills ideas for obesity awareness per Omar—ideas for how people can workout with their pets.
- St. Matthews: 3rd vet school in Caribbean officially became member—they can attend but don't have a vote until they get accreditation. U of Nebraska and Iowa state: new agreement. Arizona and Oklahoma state also have this agreement.
- Attended lunch sponsored by Hills that presented the Big Win where a 3rd year student will get their whole education paid for and \$5,000 donated to their SCAVMA. We did it this year and made the percentage!!! First time EVER that Davis has been the top 6!!! Omar wants to continue SCAVMA sponsoring with Hills and thinks the ice cream social was a good incentive.
- Fundraisers for SAVMA Symposium: 43 people went last year, this year hoping to get more to go. Rabies vax clinic (500 rabies vax with microchip clinic), Dog Wash, Meat Market, Talent Show, bake sales, candy grams for Christmas, Masquerade Ball in early January at G street, Woodstock's night, Swirl – open to ideas!!!

CVMA Representative: (Tracy Alexander)

- Board of Governors meeting this Saturday the 27th in Long Beach. Big thing on the table is Prop 2 – renamed the standards for confining farm animals. CVMA has taken an official support stance of the proposition, which was heavily discussed at board meeting in June. Felt they couldn't not take a stance on something entitled "cruelty to animals" so they took a stand but it is very derisive in the vet community—they have been blasted and praised for supporting it – very polarized and will continue to be heated. Get back to Tracy on your opinions.
- Vet medical board on state of CA: there is overrepresentation of RVTs to b/c the Governor replaced one of the vets with his own vet (nitty gritty drama) – decided that in order to sit for the RVT certification you only need 24 hours of education and the CVMA is very opposed to this b/c it undermines existing RVTs.
- CVMA freshman luncheon cosponsored by Merial.
- Ilkiw: the school cannot take a stance; professors have to take a stance individually if they want to. Dean Osborn is present at the meeting as well.

Legislative Liaison: (Marissa Francis)

No new business to report.

Waggie Editor Report: (Allie Jones)

Exciting new slate: student profiles are great but exhausted that possibility; giving reporters more freedom within their sections; encouraging guest articles without being staff. New 'Letter to the Editor' section. Deadline is Oct. 13th for this month.

Vet Gazette—national newsletter you can get scholarships for writing on it.

Webmaster: (Tomo Wiggans)

Minor modifications to SCAVMA website. Artistic license taken away—some logo changes due to "illegal issues". Student directory still not working. CERE tab on SCAVMA.

Update info go to this website on the Waggie to go to Tomo's students programs and events calendar.

1st year SCAVMA Representatives: (Sarah & Scott)

No new business to report.

2nd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Eric & Casille)

No new business so report.

3rd year SCAVMA Representatives: (Adrienne & Georgette)

Green party this Friday- get your tickets!

4th Year SCAVMA Representatives: (Justin & Rosie)

Finally figured out how much money they have for the class gift—will take a poll and leaning towards a scholarship. Clinics are great and you have a lot to look forward to!!

Graduate Professional Student Representatives: (Jess Morgan)

Resolution over how to pay dues: VSTP dual degree – you have to pay any extra \$10 per year if you want to be a SCAVMA member.

Why should people stay involved? Eligible for scholarships and PDF – but should be vet related and not grad related.

Remember to include on list serves: VSTP@ucdavis.edu & MPVM@ucdavis.edu

Dr. Ilkiw:

Nothing to report except welcome back!

Climate control.

New artwork.

Dr. Puschner—not present.

Dr. Jandrey:

Went to AVMA headquarters beginning of the month with Mike Saksen—lots of events and meetings and got to network – his first time there. Met really good people he would not have met otherwise.

Committee Reports (SAVMA Symposium Bid Committee) (Jenna, Lauralea, Rachel & Jason)

Getting things started nice and early this year.

Talked with Wisconsin and have their binder.

Monthly meeting with the Dean and with the administration and SPAC.

Show off our new facilities.

Need 2012 to be included!

People want to come to California and its never been here before.

Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee) (Mike)

Got email from Nature's Variety and they want to start donating to SCAVMA – raw diet so coupons with that and dry kibble as well.

Hills incredible generosity with pet food—bookstore where food is ordered by faculty and staff of hospital and resell it much below market price and we make money from that as well as distributions on campus; extra gets sold out of shed; sell food to residents.

Natura just getting involved now and will do distributions on campus. HVMC will host this fundraiser.

Purina is on a home delivery system now but are also donating 30 bags/month for the shed.

Policy of Hills is that you cannot donate to Mercer or OKP.

Purina does a separate thing for Mercer and OKP. Mike will check the official policy.

Shed opens for 1 hour after the Hills distributions to sell any left over food and donations.

Also open at the end of every quarter before break.

Food shed is ONLY for students; clinicians and staff can order through the bookstore.

Faculty and staff can buy Purina but not Hills through the food shed.

No special openings of the food shed. SCAVMA reps have a key and refuse to this.

Omar: students can go into the bookstore and buy leftover faculty food—62.5% off retail so still discounted.

Committee Reports (Mentor Committee) (Jason)

Scheduled next mentor event for November 12th from 5:30-7pm.—Alissa still organizing but Jason is the chair per regulations.

Committee Reports (Public Relations Committee) (Chris & Rachel)

PR lately has revolved around pet food.

Plans are also to keep the bulletin board updated for SCAVMA and other activities around the school.

Committee Reports (Speaker Committee) (TBD)

ACV is giving their own lunch seminar on Prop 2. Want us to know what they are about.

Dr. Gary Brown spoke last night and Mike has the powerpoint and podcast that will be up on CERE soon—look for scholarship info in presentation.

Committee Reports (Dog ‘N’ Jog): (Jenna & Lauralea)

DNJ this Sunday, September 28th.

Cheryl Scott will be there.

Vet school vs. Med school competition challenge – possibility for the future.

Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Danielle)

Letters.

Committee Reports (Yearbook Committee) (Jenny)

Doesn't know when the distribution will be yet but it has been sent to print. There will be extra yearbooks for sale. Historians compile pictures and each class is responsible for their own class section. Getting senior parent addresses was a hiccup last year and they get a lot of money from that to lower the cost for the students.

Old Business

Lot of concern about AVMA website—discussed in detail at Presidents meeting.

New Business

Need to figure out how to distribute the pet food scholarships.

Raffle with names—only SCAVMA members will be eligible.

Omar: should you have to be a Caduceus member too? Really good PR idea.

- ❖ Motion to allocate the pet food scholarship by a raffle of names of SCAVMA members who have paid their pet food dues at a TG of our discretion.
 - Motion carries.

Rachel: lenient on clubs in terms of how member participation in wetlabs is enforced—need to enforce that the people who attend are SCAVMA members. Presidents list serve—need to send roster and they will be checked.

Omar: thinks it would be good for SCAVMA to streamline things.

Liz: 2nd year SCAVMA reps could have a meeting since they are planning Pharm night.

We will be emailing out the minutes and agenda before the meetings form now on and any amendments will be sent out so class reps can get votes from their classes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Congrats to all the new officers from 2012!

Lauralea Colamussi
SCAVMA Secretary