

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine  
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 29 October 2008**

**Call to order:** Mike Saksen calls meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Members present:**

Mike Saksen, Danielle Dito, Chris Ryan, Lauralea Colamussi, Rachel Kaplan, Jason Wood, Casille Batten, Elizabeth Taylor, Kevin Jepsen-Grant, Samantha McDonnell, Sarah Smolley, Tomo Wiggans, Karl Jandrey, Allie Jones, Tracy Alexander, Anika Colopy, Waka Blair, Katy Siguig, Scott Hamilton, Jan Ilkiw, Georgette Shields, Burgit Puschner

September 2008 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

**HVMC Presentation—Katie & Anika (Co-Presidents of HVMC) & Waka (Natura Rep)**

- ❖ Request for funding for the HVMC Symposium.
- ❖ A need for holistic medicine training (WSU study cited).
- ❖ UCD no longer offers electives related to holistic medicine due to faculty retirement 2 years ago – goal is to provide extra-educational forum to learn more about holistic modalities for vet students and community, which is where the symposium comes in.
- ❖ Attendance: 48% vets, 15% RVT, 10% vet students, Private animal owners, zoo keepers, shelter workers.
- ❖ Breakdown of costs: \$8786 total symposium costs – speaker fees (gave them \$200 each as a thank you) and paid for travel and accommodations. Dr. Ogilvie invited back April 4-5, 2009
- ❖ Proposal for funds: request for \$1800 to fund the 2009 Symposium airfare and marketing, as well as additional funding for future Symposium.
- ❖ Arrangement with Natura Pet Food – Natura allowed them to collect \$20/person/year for pet food that Natura distributed through HVMC. Already spoke with Mike. Natura wants to provide food to the entire school but their purpose is to support holistic clubs in schools throughout the country. Therefore, HVMC is asking for the amount of money that they lost and were able to raise last year through the Natura program.
- ❖ You had to become a club member last year in order to get the food benefits – this year only 60 members (as opposed to 80 last year) – less membership b/c no longer offers food
- ❖ Additional sources of funding besides pet food: \$1000 from Natura & \$1000 from Poly MVA
- ❖ Fundraising throughout the year – not really, only food distributions and t-shirts and \$5 membership fee.
- ❖ Suggestions from the Board: Considered raising prices for symposium attendance – HVMC hadn't considered it but not a bad idea. Pet Food Express in the Bay Area – Dr. Puschner will get them in contact with this company (home cooked and raw diets).
- ❖ Natura is the primary sponsor of symposium.
  - *Motion to fund HVMC for their 2009 Symposium.*
  - *Motion seconded.*
  - *Motion carries.*

**Discussion:**

- ❖ Tomo: In order to be as equitable as possible – call to all clubs to entertain presentations. Let the clubs know they can come to the board meetings to make a pitch.
- ❖ Danielle: Originally supposed to be for public events where there was no fee to enter and open to all – so the HVMC funding request is not what the original \$5000 was intended for; instead, it is meant to fund big events they can't afford on their own that will be open to entire student body with no charge for admission. If the presidents were at the meeting, they should know about the event planning.
- ❖ Mike: Board voted to normalize amount given to each club – decide the merit and depends on what they are asking for.
- ❖ Danielle: Hard to put dollar amount on constitution so no restrictions would be made.
- ❖ Jason: Worry about the precedent it sets – no pet food goes specifically. Suggested a loan of \$1800 while trying to figure out another way.

- ❖ Casille: Has HVMC considered the possibility of raising the requested funds. Pointed out that HVMC would have \$600 if they hadn't given gifts to the speakers.
- ❖ Georgette: Ways to cut costs: flyer was really great but very expensive with all of the colors and graphics. Organic catering service – can cut costs here since it was quite expensive.
- ❖ Rachel: Problem with ongoing nature of the request. Needs to be accountability for future years.
- ❖ Anita of HVMC: Not a huge amount of faculty that they can use – need to import people – that's why their costs tend to be higher than other clubs – used Davis resources but many of their speakers are not local.
- ❖ Georgette: Suggestion to give \$500 to get flyers printed, then give them next 6 months to raise funds on your own. Give loan of \$1000 and expect \$500 back. Maybe a special event for every other year if you do not make money and go into debt – so should break even.
- ❖ Tracy: If you could make it free to students, perhaps it would be more applicable to student funding.
- ❖ Jason: Raise admission fees to keep up with inflation – HVMC resistant to this idea.
- ❖ Danielle: Huge spike in what SCAVMA is giving HVMC this year (\$500).
- ❖ Rachel: Wants to make sure there has been activity and proof that changes are trying to be made.
- ❖ Katie from HVMC: Purpose not to take money away from other clubs – weird situation and did not realize that the Natura arrangement was not legal. Definitely not coming here with that intent. Presidents targeted holistic companies. Profit off symposium: broke even.
  - *Make a motion to give HVMC \$500 now. (This would be in addition to the \$250 & \$150 amounts already distributed by SCAVMA to HVMC, bringing the grand total to \$900 if this \$500 motion carries.)*
  - *Amendment to the motion to give \$500 to HVMC as a one time payment to support the HVMC 2009 Symposium and up for reevaluation in January pending proof of fundraising activity.*
  - *Motion seconded.*
  - *Motion carries.*

**President's Report:** (Mike Saksen)

- ❖ Letter from vet student in Iraq – sent message out to other vet schools and hasn't heard much – hopefully will have more next month.
- ❖ Still don't have Speaker & Activities coordinator – any first years willing to step up. First year SCAVMA reps designated to send out email to class for anyone interested.

**Vice President's Report:** (Danielle Dito)

- ❖ Update on clubs: 27 clubs registered, 7 are brand new clubs. Able to add \$50 to what was originally promised – yay! Older clubs got \$200 + \$50 per event per quarter – now \$250 to old clubs and \$350 to new clubs – checks distributed tonight.
- ❖ PDFs for fall – application due 2 weeks ago – 39 students applied almost everyone got at least \$100 – AAP, ACVP, Senior externs, etc. – only got receipts from a few people.
- ❖ SAVMA Symposium or AVMA conference: can't attend due to clinic conflicts so wants to propose funding to Western Veterinary Conference.
  - *Motion that exception be made to constitution that SCAVMA VP may use the designated travel funds for the SAVMA Symposium or AVMA Conference towards the Western Vet Conference in Las Vegas instead.*
  - *Motion seconded.*
  - *Motion carries.*

**Secretary's Report:** (Lauralea Colamussi)

- ❖ No new business to report.
- ❖ Rachel: Online student directory is up and running – rep info is updated – club info is updated.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jenna Fransioli)—not present.

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

- ❖ Dog Wash – first symposium fundraiser - Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at Arden Animal hospital w/ Dr. Kendall. Nice to get first year involvement – they have been on top of it!
- ❖ Microchip & Rabies Vax Clinic – Mia Lieberman – contacted Avid rep to donate chips – UCD community allowed to receive the chips – looking into early January, possibly the 11<sup>th</sup>. The rabies vax can only be given by licensed veterinarian. Someone has to sign all of the certificates. Dr. Jandrey volunteered!!!!
- ❖ Planning Masquerade Ball for January.
- ❖ Woodstocks Night & Dos Coyotes Night in the works as well.
- ❖ [UCD.Symposium.2009@gmail.com](mailto:UCD.Symposium.2009@gmail.com) → streamlining contacts rather than spamming everyone – 57 contacts for people interested in going.
- ❖ School as a whole is at over 90% membership, as is the class of 2010.
- ❖ Symposium checks from last year's symposium from Rosie were finally received.
- ❖ New email – new opportunities through IVSA – willingly to do group exchanges with schools overseas – also scholarships for anyone traveling abroad through IVSA – last night there was an ad hoc One Health Initiative Committee (Dog N Jog) → did well compared to a lot of schools. Lots of schools starting to make One Health Committee on their SCAVMA Committees – may want to change the name of the Committee.
- ❖ Reminder: November 15<sup>th</sup> – first date to register for Symposium in Ohio.

**CVMA Representative:** (Tracy Alexander)

- ❖ Board of Governor's Meeting with Dean Osborne last month: One of the new items that was presented to the board was to provide delegation to holistic vet association. House of Delegates (house of reps), and Board of Governors (senate) – need 25 vets to join the holistic portion to the Board of Governors and will have representation to the CVMA.
- ❖ Prop 2: Closed session – she was not allowed in there – deans were not allowed in either. CVMA still stands in support of Prop 2, although they do not endorse the current ads and are in opposition to them, as they do not represent what the ballot initiative stands for. Dr. Hurley from UCD in the commercials – shows dairy cow being pushed up by bull dozer, outdated poultry coverage – not clear representation of Prop 2.
- ❖ Vet med Board of CA did approve regulatory changes for RVT – as it stands now, if you have worked for 5 years you only have to take 24 hours of education to sit for exam and the AVMA is opposed to this. They need the signature of a vet to say they have worked for 5 years. Nothing outlined in terms of what you need to learn in that 24 hours.
- ❖ CVMA planning meeting next weekend in Napa.

**Legislative Liaison:** (Marissa Francis)—not present.

**Waggie Editor Report:** (Allie Jones)

- ❖ Waggie was awesome! Wiped out everything old and brought in everything new. Great articles. Allie was the censor. Severe under-representation from 2010. (email problems perhaps?). Next issue will be distributed in November. Free paper upgrade from Kinkos.

**Webmaster:** (Tomo Wiggans)

- ❖ Got SVM logo approved in appropriate colors for the website. Waggie posted on SCAVMA website as well.

**1<sup>st</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Sarah & Scott)

- ❖ Sunday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Turkey Roast – support 2012!

**2<sup>nd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Eric & Casille)

- ❖ 2011 Halloween party at G–street this week!

**3<sup>rd</sup> year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Adrienne & Georgette)

- ❖ 2010 hasn't killed anything in sx yet!

**4<sup>th</sup> Year SCAVMA Representatives:** (Justin & Rosie)—not present.

**Graduate Professional Student Representatives:** (Jess Morgan)—not present

**Dr. Ilkiw:**

- ❖ All admin was supportive of symposium venture.
- ❖ Student emails will be migrated to gmail on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – will still have the ucd extension but run through gmail so we have them FOREVER!!!!
- ❖ Temp control: work in progress.
- ❖ Danielle: for the people who have to do cat spays, will they get to do a neuter? Dr. Ilkiw: Yes, cat spays, dog spays and then dog neuters.

**Dr. Puschner: Nothing to report.**

**Dr. Jandrey: Nothing to report.**

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

- ❖ Meeting with Dr. Ilkiw, Dr. Jandrey, Erin Seay & Christine Milligan. Deans Council (taken back by Dr. Ilkiw) – getting everyone on board – meeting with campus events and Erin and Christine.
- ❖ Concern over implementation of new scheduling – original concern but it no longer an issue per Dr. Ilkiw.
- ❖ Proposed Symposium date: March 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- ❖ Should be able to get all Davis speakers.
- ❖ Save the date emails to Davis faculty.

**Committee Reports (Pet Food Committee)** (Mike)

- ❖ Distributions supposed to be run by Class Reps – list of hills distributions and Natura and Nature's Variety that class reps will be responsible for, will send out an email to sign up for dates. Sit there and collect money from residents and then sell shed food – that is the responsibility. Nature's Variety: no diets that need to be refrigerated that UCD will be distributed – only dry kibble and coupons to pick up raw diets from Ace Hardware – first distribution in November. Might have to open shed in middle of week since it is full – 23-1-27 is the code for the shed.

**Committee Reports (Mentor Committee)** (Jason)

- ❖ Mentor event – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> tentatively.

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

- ❖ Start looking for quotes for bagels and coffee – find low bidder for finals week. Something consistently in the Waggie – a “brought to you by SCAVMA deal” .....already two places in the Waggie in it – more PR!! Allie will contact Rachel for a SCAVMA factoid every month.
- ❖ Organize canned food drive for the holidays – can this go through SCAVMA this year and make it a class competition and give the winning class a pizza party. Canned food drive for Thanksgiving and toy/gift drive for Christmas. Nothing with bulletin board done yet.
- ❖ No motion needed for this.

**Committee Reports (Speaker Committee)** (TBD)

- ❖ Sarah Smolley volunteered to steer this committee – responsibilities include: find > speak to Rachel about details – reserving room, getting food, \$2,000 budget, etc.

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

- ❖ Concern that a lot of potential funds went to Active.com, perhaps consider a different route of advertisement next year → most other races are coordinator by “A Change of Pace” – med school felt they were being overshadowed by A Change of Pace – something to check into.

**Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Danielle)**

- ❖ No one has stepped up to take over – no one in 2010 wants to be in charge of it – will send out school wide email about this. Donations need to be in by January.

**Committee Reports (Yearbook Committee) (Jenny)—not present**

**Old Business**

- ❖ Motions for Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Please see SCAVMA Proposed Constitutional Amendments Addendum October 2008 for details on: (1) the addition of Article VIII, Section 2.8; (2) the addition of Article VIII, Section 2.9; and (3) edits to Article VIII, Section 3.4.
- ❖ (1) Addition of Article VIII, Section 2.8; (2) Addition of Article VIII, Section 2.9; and (3) Edits to Article VIII, Section 3.4 → All motions for the amendments included in the SCAVMA Proposed Constitutional Amendments Addendum October 2008 were seconded.
- ❖ (1) Addition of Article VIII, Section 2.8; (2) Addition of Article VIII, Section 2.9; and (3) Edits to Article VIII, Section 3.4 → All motions for the amendments included in the SCAVMA Proposed Constitutional Amendments Addendum October 2008 carry.

**New Business**

- ❖ Dean's roundtable – conference dates conflicting with finals, exams and teachers who won't reschedule. Tell Erin Seay in advance, as she has power to change exam schedules to some extent.
- ❖ Leave it up to the club presidents – instead have SCAVMA gather up all student attended conferences and give to Erin to try and allow students to go to conferences.
- ❖ List of events that has every vet specialty conference and symposium: AVMA.org – under events – IVIS. org may also have this list – free for us to join. Chris Ryan is all over it.
- ❖ Samantha from 2012: Rep for Com for International Exchange → link will be forwarded in regards to her new position. Christine Milligan sent a link – group of people made up faculty, students, community, and meet to talk about international travel and issues in vet medicine.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.**

Lauralea Colamussi  
SCAVMA Secretary