

**University of California, Davis – School of Veterinary Medicine  
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 4 March 2009**

**Call to order:** Mike Saksen calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Members present:** Mike Saksen, Rachel Kaplan, Jenna Fransioli, Jason Wood, Lauralea Colamussi, Kevin Jepsen-Grant, Scott Hamilton, Gina Terpolilli, Danielle Dito, Tracy Alexander, Allie Jones, Sarah Smolley, Eric Postumus, Adrienne Cashion, Jess Morgan, Dr. Puschner, Dr. Jandrey, Chris Ryan, Samantha McDonnel, Omar Cabrera, Dan Nucci, Kelly Lin, Lauren Riley

January 2009 SCAVMA board minutes reviewed and approved.

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

- Bookstore issues: Binding is done by the professors and Mike has no control over how this is handled – if you want to make this happen you have to go straight to the professors and/or to the department head, as they own and purchase the materials.
- SCAVMA Class Reps: Proposal to change duties to include more things beyond the Pet Food Program and to include attendance and participation at all SCAVMA events.

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

- PDF: Less people applied for the winter PDF - \$4,000 total was refunded to students for externships/internships/conferences.
- Western Conference: Many inspirational speakers present, including Bill Cosby. Western Vet Conference Leadership Scholarship: 3<sup>rd</sup> year students are eligible based on leadership experience.

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

- Items to be discussed under Old Business & New Business.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jenna Fransioli)

- The accountant failed to inform us that taxes for our organization are due November 15<sup>th</sup>, not April 15<sup>th</sup>. So currently in the process of correcting this problem.

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

- Meat Market: Spread the word! Good fundraising success so far. Will be held at the Rec Hall Lodge this Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Dog Wash postponed to April.
- Talent Show – April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- SAVMA Symposium: 34 people attending Ohio – big enrollment so big fundraising needed.
- Swearing in of the new Junior SAVMA delegate, Gina Terpolilli: Congrats Gina!!!!!!

**CVMA Representative:** (Tracy Alexander)

- Great News: Vet sales tax was not included in the governor's budget.
- Bandaging wetlab is April 9<sup>th</sup> – open to all second and third years.
- CVMA Senior banquet – May 29<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Marks will be the faculty speaker – alumni speaker is being worked on.
- Melissa Garrick from 2011 will be in her position next year.

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

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

- Wants to propose an amendment to the SCAVMA constitution – allows for the election of more than 1 editor. Trevor Miller and Blaise Wanieewski want to be editors from the class of 2012. No 1,2,3,4 → change from editor to editors.
- *Motion to amend the constitution to allow for the election for more than one editor of the Waggie.*

- *Friendly amendment (no voting required): Motion to amend the amendment to have the “s” of editors changed to editor(s).*

**Webmaster:** (Tomo Wiggans)

- Nothing to report.

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

- Submitted application for picnic day float and waiting to hear confirmation on it – this year’s theme is “Reflections: 100 years of Aggie legacy.” Concept is a vet 100 years ago – center highlighted one health/reflective concept – instead of pulling it with a tractor they have a draft horse team (they are aware that they are responsible for picking up the feces).
- 2012 Class: Fearduary class collected \$540 for Heifer.

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

- April 10<sup>th</sup> is Pharm Night – still need volunteers to sell raffle tickets, etc. Held at Veteran’s Memorial. So far items ranging from wine to ipods have been donated. Nothing has been donated from professors.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

**Graduate Professional Student Representatives:** (Jess Morgan)

- Nothing to report.

**Dr. Ilkiw:** Not present.

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

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

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

- Meeting with the Dean on Monday.
- The bid binder is coming together nicely.
- Competition is Oregon and they are much more prepared this year so we better come prepared. Don Priesler who is the school photographer has allowed us access to amazing photos. Cheap hotels in Davis. Highlight campus so we will be holding the entire event on campus.
- Met with campus events 3 weeks ago – budget for facility time and basic registration processing package and food.
- Fields and pools – in the process of getting approval for their use.
- Ideas for keynote speakers welcome.
- The bid will be presented on Thursday morning and voted on Friday morning of the conference.

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

- Haven’t sent dates out to the reps – we must keep track of who is giving what – just purchased two new boxes so there will be a dedicated box for each company.
- Any more word on if we have to change the pet food policy. Not many ideas from the student body at large. There has been no hinting but there has been pushing from companies.
- The shed is still full.

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

- Alissa – has been postponed to the first week of April – date to be determined.

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

- Met today to write an article for the Waggie in regards to the budget and then realized they do not have a copy of the budget.

- Has placed flyers about the Meat Market.
- Bagel and coffee idea – is Hills in a position to help again. Buy bagels from Costco as they are from Noah's anyway. Bananas, oranges, granola bars, bagels, cream cheese, more coffee.

#### **Speaker Committee (Sam & Jen)**

- Dr. Jim Peddie (Hollywood Vets) coming tomorrow at 5pm → lined up for April a speaker who is a radio host who talks about dog behavior and will talk about the training techniques of Caesar Milan and her website will be on the email – taped discussion with other boarded behaviorists. Round table will be after the talk. Related to insurance for vets.

#### **One Health Committee Reports (Dog 'N' Jog): (Jenna & Lauralea)**

- Finally got a check from Iams – using the rest of the money for the banner.
- Scott and Sarah are going to be our co-chairs, which we are extremely excited about!

#### **Committee Reports (Josh Project): (Sarah)**

- Coming along with the help of Shell and Lauralea – incorporated into the Doxie Derby site – delivering kits – donations started coming in the first day that it was put on the Doxie Derby site – Josh Project pamphlet and donation site – start working on the Christmas gift in the name of idea.
- Boxes in 2010 homeroom with josh kits that she will pick up.

#### **Committee Reports (Yearbook Committee) (Jenny)—Not present.**

#### **Old Business**

- Discussion about whether this would be for profit through SCAVMA.
- ***Motion to amend the constitution to approve the Sx Pack Proposal.***
  - ***2/3 majority to amend the constitution.***
  - ***Amendment carries.***
- Pizza Party for the first years already happened!
- SCAVMA Scholarships – extend the deadline – entertain VSTP for VLE Award.
- CVMA Lifelong Learning Award – to be voted on at the next meeting as well.
- Senior Buddy Proposal: organizing a senior buddy rep from the class of 2011 – get info from Sarah and match them by proximity.
- Class Reps – ideas for format of voting proposal – but no outline for how you want to represent the class opinion – this is what your class thinks and this is how we want to vote. Get something in writing that is standardized for voting procedures. Any ideas send to Mike. **GET A PROPOSAL TOGETHER ON HOW YOU WANT THIS LEGISLATION TO GO.**
- Tracy: talking to Dr. Kendall – said we should do everything we can to get the CVMA involved in the Symposium.

#### **New Business**

- Elections will be held at the next meeting. You need to be present at that meeting to vote. Descriptions of each position are available on the SCAVMA website.
- Omar: Big Win—have until June to vote so advertise it through the Public Relations Committee or Class Reps – deadline is in June. Once a week solicitation for extra bag of food or treats.
  - The Big Win is a competition with all the vet schools – member of the third year class gets drawn to represent Davis – read up on the website – finish the quiz and cast your vote – if we are in the top 6% our rep gets to go to AVMA Symposium paid for by Hill's and Hill's will pay for their 4<sup>th</sup> year tuition. SCAVMA also gets \$5,000. Third year attends a dinner and name gets randomly drawn out of a hat.
- Printer issue – talk to the administration and bring it up at the Dean's Round Table.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.**

Lauralea Colamussi  
SCAVMA Secretary