

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING**

**Conference call
3:00 PM, Monday, August 16, 2004**

MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance: Drs. McVey, Kleiboeker, Woolums, Brock, Chengappa, Olsen, Roth, Hayhow, and Chase

Call to Order: Dr. McVey called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the Board of Governors

Minutes from the 2003 ACVM Board of Governors meeting, which was held at the CRWAD meeting were discussed and will be approved at the next Board of Governors meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Brock)

- a. **Financial Report.** The ACVM balance sheet was reviewed (balance as of 11/01/03 was \$29,594.88). The income/expense report for cash flow from 7/1/03 to 11/01/03 was presented (income of \$11,497.05 and no expenses).
- b. **Request for Emeritus Status.** None
- c. **Deceased.** None

A motion to accept the report was made and passed unanimously (motion: Hayhow, second: Chengappa).

Committees and Representative Reports. (McVey will contact committee Chairs)

Examinations Committee (Kleiboeker, Chair): All the applicants were approved by the Examinations Committee to take the certifying examinations.

Nominating Committee. No report

Honorary Diplomat Nominating Committee. Dr. Frank Blecka was approved by a vote of the College as an Honorary Diplomat.

Continuing Education Funding Committee. (McVey, Chair), activities are ongoing to solicit funds for the symposium at CRWAD.

Continuing Education and Program Committee. (Thacker, Chair), the symposium has been finalized for CRWAD and is entitled "Advances in Vaccine Delivery Technologies"

Graduate Student Awards Committee. (Olsen, Chair)

Graduate Student awards were discussed. A new format for grouping the papers for grading was presented. The following categories were proposed:

1. Don Kahn
2. In vitro
3. In vivo Research (animal component)
4. Molecular Biology
5. Poster

Dr. Steve Olsen will submit an update concerning this new format at CRWAD this fall.

Chengappa moved to accept the proposal, second, Roth. Passed Unanimously

American Board Of Veterinary Specialties. (Brock)

Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents. (Chase)

Chengappa moved to accept these reports, second Hayhow. Passed Unanimously

Old Business.

Results of the 2004 ACVM election:

J.A. Roth was elected President

B. Love, D. Suarez, and J. Timoney were elected to the Board of Governors.

Welcome to all the newly elected members of the Board of Governors!

Updating the website was discussed. Dr. Brock will submit a proposal to the Board of Governors. The webmaster will update the site.

New Business

We discussed submission of a questionnaire to members to solicit comments concerning ACVM activities. Many ideas have been proposed, however, ACVM has always been a small organization. The majority of our activities are focused around the CRWAD meeting. The role of microbiologist in academia, industry, and government must be evaluated. To go to the next level we need to evaluate the commitment of our diplomates. We will prepare surveys and questionnaires for posting on the web to capture data. The administrative work of the college

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and opportunities for growth will be evaluated. We must evaluate the commitment needed to go in any one direction or another. We will propose a team (Board of Governors) to work on questions to solicit feedback. The President will propose numbers for dues examples and see what the response is. An exciting list of new activities would help support any proposed dues increase.

Suggestions:

Center for Public Health, Readiness

Suggest to Board of Governors, ACVM biosecurity task force. National group that is certified in infectious diseases.

CDC appreciates Veterinary Medicine more. Invite members to join the task force. The Center has developed materials for distribution to veterinarians for use as educational tools. Members of the task force would be willing to give educational presentations or be contacted in an emergency, if needed. Develop task force, provide names, mission, and provide information to all persons involved. This activity would have high visibility and a clear mission. Public Health could also be tied into the task force as well.

Meeting was adjourned.