

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois  
Purdue / Wisconsin Room 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sunday, December 6, 2009

MINUTES

**Attendees:** Dr.'s T. Besser, J.F. Chang, C.C.L. Chase, M.M. Chengappa, H.W. Dickerson, T. Frana, C.L. Gyles, C.S. Hayhow, Y. Kim, J.L. Kiel, D.S. McVey, S. Olsen, K. Pabilonia, K. Platt, J.A. Roth, Y.M. Saif, E. Subbiah, A. Woolums, and K.-J. Yoon.

**Board Members Present:** Dr.'s T. Besser (2012), M.M. Chengappa (2010), H. W. Dickerson (2010), C.L. Gyles (2011), and K.-J. Yoon (2011).

**Call To Order**

President M.M. Chengappa called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. James Roth participated via conference call. Roll call was taken and all diplomates present introduced themselves. The minutes from the July 12, 2009, ACVM Board of Governors' meeting in Seattle, Washington were discussed. Motion by K.-J. Yoon and second by H.W. Dickerson to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report**

President M.M. Chengappa talked about the spirit of ACVM and the need for every member to help support the activities of the college. He said we are at a crossroads and need people to pay dues, serve on committees and promote the college if we are to continue to grow and be a success. Activities with the parasitology specialty are moving ahead.

**Vice President's Report**

Vice President Fahey was unable to attend due to a family health emergency. However, President Chengappa indicated that Jim is very active in the One Health Initiative.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

- a. Chris Hayhow summarized the financial status of the college. We have renewed our non-profit status with the State of Illinois for 2010. On November 1, 2008, we had a balance of \$33,747.56 in our checking account and \$16,380.13 in CD's, for a total of \$50,127.69. On November 1, 2009, we had a balance of \$43,244.24 in our checking account and \$16,743.43 in CD's, for a total of \$59,987.67. A detailed itemized report of

- our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. The proposed budget for 2010 was reviewed.
- b. Request for Emeritus Status: Motion by H.W. Dickerson and second by K.-J. Yoon to approve Melissa Libal (TX) and Leon N.D. Potgieter (TN) for ACVM Emeritus Status. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Deceased: Gianpaolo Maestroni (New York).

Dr. James Roth led a lengthy discussion concerning compensation for the ACVM Secretary-Treasurer. The scope and demands of the position have changed dramatically over the years. It is obvious that we can no longer operate on a volunteer basis. Several options were proposed such as splitting the positions, hiring an outside group, and increasing compensation for the position. President Chengappa appointed a committee, chaired by James Roth, to develop a plan to solicit candidates to serve the college in the capacity of ACVM Secretary-Treasurer. The committee members are Dr.'s Roth, Chase and Saif.

### **Committees**

- a. **Examinations Committee:** Dr. A. Woolums, Chair  
Amelia reported that a sample exam was provided to each candidate. She also reported that the pass rate was 60% for the general examination and 75% for the specialty examinations. This year we had fourteen (14) candidates sit for the general exam with thirteen (13) achieving a passing score (13/14 or 92.9%). Eleven (11) candidates sat for the virology examination and four (4) passed (4/11 or 36.4%). Nine (9) candidates sat for the immunology examination and three (3) passed (3/9 or 33.3%). Seven (7) candidates sat for the bacteriology / mycology examination and five (5) passed (5/7 or 71.4%). There were twelve (12) passing scores for the 27 specialty examinations administered (12/27 or 44.4%). The net result was ten (10) new diplomates were certified and one (1) diplomate added an additional specialty. Motion by T. Besser and second by C.C.L. Chase to accept the recommendation of the Examinations Committee to approve these new diplomates and the additional specialty for the current diplomate. The motion passed unanimously. The new diplomates for 2009, which were certified in Virology are Ramadevi Nimmanapalli, Dmitry Volokhov, Michael Zang, and Hemant Naikare. The new diplomates for 2009, which were certified in Bacteriology / Mycology are Barbara Byrne, Joshua Daniels, Akhilesh Ramachandran, Shuping Zang, and Musangu Ngeleka. Sara Lawhon is a new diplomate certified in Immunology, and Subhashinie Kariyawasam was certified in the additional specialty of Immunology.
- b. **Continuing Education and Program Committee:** Drs. Chris C.L. Chase and D. Scott McVey, Co-Chairs  
Chris Chase reported that the title of the symposium for this year is "Intracellular Bacteria: host cell interactions." If you have any ideas for topics for 2010 please provide them to Chris, Scott or another member of

the committee as soon as possible. Scott McVey reported that we have commitments from Pfizer Animal Health, Fort Dodge Animal Health, Intervet / Schering Plough Animal Health, and Boehringer Ingelheim VetMedica to support the joint ACVM/AAVI symposium and our other activities at the 2009 CRWAD meeting. In addition, we have an agreement in place for AAVI to provide ACVM \$1,000.00 in support of the symposium.

- c. **Graduate Student Awards Committee:** Dr. Steven Olsen, Chair  
Steven Olsen requested that anyone interested in assisting with evaluation of the graduate student presentations at CRWAD contact him as soon as possible.
- d. **Nominating Committee:** Dr. Sanjeev Narayanan, Chair  
Sanjeev Narayanan was unable to attend but Dr. Scott McVey gave the report in his absence. The committee has already secured seven (7) candidates for the three (3) positions that will be available on the Board of Governors in 2010. Two diplomates have expressed their willingness to run for President of ACVM. We have received three nominations for the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award for 2010. In addition, we have received the names of four candidates for consideration for ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2010. However, the committee is still seeking names of candidates for both of these awards. If you are aware of a deserving candidate for either of these awards please contact Sanjeev Narayanan as soon as possible.
- e. **Budget Committee:** Dr. Chris Chase, Chair  
Chris Chase reported that he completed the audit of our financial records for ACVM and everything appears to be in order.
- f. **American Board of Veterinary Specialties:** Dr. Chris Hayhow  
Chris Hayhow reported that the ACVM annual reports for 2009 were submitted to AVMA and will be reviewed at the ABVS meeting in February 2010. Once again, the big topic at the ABVS meeting in 2009 was the status of veterinary specialty certification and the need for more specialists in academia.
- g. **COBTA:** Dr. Chris Chase  
Chris Chase reported that his term on COBTA ends in 2010. Next year there will be an opening for an immunologist on the COBTA Board. Chris encouraged everyone to consider running for the position.

### **Old Business**

- a. ACVM Biosecurity Task Force: Jim Roth reported that we have twenty-three (23) members. Jim has contacted USDA, EMOC, CDC, DHS, the area veterinarians in charge (AVIC) and the state veterinarians to inform them of our activities and willingness to assist as needed.
- b. AAVI/ACVM Symposium: Plans are ongoing to select a topic for 2010.

- c. The Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award for 2009 will be presented on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Dr. James A. Roth is the recipient for 2009.
- d. One Health Initiative: President M.M. Chengappa reported that we are monitoring activities concerning this issue and will continue to be active.
- e. Parasitology subspecialty: President M.M. Chengappa reported that we continue to make progress on potentially adding a new specialty to our college. The parasitology group submitted a petition to AVMA on November 1, 2009, and we submitted a letter in support of their request to be added to our college. These documents will be reviewed by AVMA and the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS). The approval process for this new specialty will take some time as we work through the AVMA / ABVS requirements. It is anticipated that comments will be solicited from the AVMA membership in 2010. In the meantime, guidelines for the new specialty are being jointly developed. We will continue to keep everyone updated on the activities and progress.

### **New Business**

- a. ACVM Election in 2010: We have a slate of candidates that are willing to run for the Board. If anyone else is interested please contact the nominating committee or ACVM Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible.
- b. Status of members not current on dues. We have several members that have not paid dues. There was a recommendation that we should make these members "inactive" in status until they pay delinquent dues. Following a long discussion, it was agreed that Chris Hayhow will provide President M.M. Chengappa a list of all members delinquent on payment of dues more than two years and he will a) search the AVMA database for a current address so we can contact the member, and b) consider posting information on the ACVM website requesting contact information concerning the members.
- c. Fees for ACVM: There was a discussion concerning the fee structure we have in place and the need for us to promote the benefits of the college. President Chengappa appointed a committee of H.W. Dickerson (Chair), C.L. Gyles, J.L. Kiel, Y.M. Saif, and K.-J. Yoon to prepare a white paper on ACVM. Motion by K.-J. Yoon and second by Carlton Gyles that effective July 1, 2010, when dues for 2011 are due, that ACVM dues will increase to \$100.00 per year. The motion passed unanimously. Motion by Chris C.L. Chase and second by K.-J. Yoon that the application fee for ACVM is \$200.00, and the fee for each examination (general and specialty) is \$100.00 (per test) effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Dr. Amelia Woolums presented a proposal for reimbursement of expenses for some of the members of the ACVM Examinations Committee to attend the meeting and administer the examinations. Motion by Chris C.L. Chase and second by K.-J. Yoon that we pay expenses for up to four (4)

- members of the examinations committee of up to \$1,000.00 each upon submission of receipts. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. We plan to have a Board meeting in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, July 31-August 3, 2010.

**Adjourn**

Motion by K.-J. Yoon and second by T. Besser to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.