Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells, WI
January 22, 2010

Board Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at by President Phil Johnson 9:15 a.m.

Board members and staff in attendance were: Drs Kratt, Johnson, Erickson, Kressin, Doescher, Kluslow, Brooks, Whitten, McKenna, Nussdorfer, Been, Jeans, Schuett, Daul, Buss, Howard, McKenna, Emilie Schwarz, Ehlenfeldt, Kim Brown Pokorny and Sarah Young.

Agenda topics

- October Board Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the October Board minutes as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

- Memberships: A motion was made and seconded to approve the following new member applicants into the WVMA membership. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
    - Full members: Drs. Kevin Byl, Celina Checura, Todd Jewell, Myron Kebus, Marjorie Koeppen, Lehua Maloney, Christine Nelson, Sandra Newbury, Britt Peters, Elisabeth Peters, Christopher Sndyer, Amelia Toomey
    - Out-of-state member: Dr. Kenneth McGowan
    - Student members: Adam Bangart, Andrew Dietsche, Lisa Krause, Tara Rabideaux, Leilani Savitt, Barrett Spurgeon and Ryan Wallace
    - Life members: Drs. Lawrence Dell, Mark Engelbreth, Lyle Hansen, Allen Ilsen, James Johnson, Thomas Kurtin, Ralph McGrew, Kenneth O'Tool, Chester Rawson, Ronald Shiffler, Donald Skaife and Warren Wilson.

- Conflict of interest statements: Executive Board members need to review the conflict of interest statement and sign and return their statement to the WVMA.

- Red Flags Ruling: A motion was made and seconded to approve the WVMA Red Flags Rules procedures and templates. A vote was taken and the procedures and templates were approved.

- A motion was made and seconded to have the Nominating and Procedural Committee review the mailing list policy and to have a recommendation for the next Executive Board meeting. A vote was taken and the motion approved.

- Treasurer's Report:
    - Financial information was distributed. After reviewing the information a motion was made and seconded to approve the year-end financials. A vote was taken and the 2009 year-end financials were approved.
    - A motion was made and seconded to have the Budget & Auditing Committee discuss whether or not an audit, review or compilation should be performed this year. In addition, the Nominating and Procedural Committee should look at the policy around financial reviews/audits/compilations. A vote was taken and the motion approved.

Professional Education Committee: A motion was made and seconded to give sponsors their first choice of booth locations. Platinum and gold sponsors will be notified two weeks prior to the general registration and silver and bronze sponsors will receive the registration information one week prior to the general registration. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

- A formal process should be developed for companies to submit speaker ideas to the WVMA

- A motion was made and seconded for the WVMA to develop some formal guidelines for companies to submit speaker ideas to the Association. Once developed and approved, this information will be posted on the WVMA website. The motion passed.

- There should be an Exhibit Hall only pass offered, either at no fee or a very nominal amount.

  - A motion was made and seconded for the WVMA to offer an Exhibit Hall only pass to DVMs, CVTs and Practice Managers with a fee of $30. The motion passed.

- Speaker reimbursement rates were discussed with the following recommendation: If a speaker resides in Wisconsin they will receive a $250/hour honorarium. If the live outside Wisconsin they will receive a minimum of $500 for ½ day and $1000 for a full day or $250/hour, whatever is greater.

  - A motion was made and seconded to use the same flat rate for everyone. Motion passed.

  - In addition, a motion was made and seconded that an effort be made to book speakers for a minimum of 2 hours. Motion passed.

- A recommendation was made to make all presentations at the Convention one hour in length (50 min. presentation and 10 min Q&A). A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation. The motion passed.

Nominating & Procedural Committee – a recommendation was made for the membership committee to look at the benefits of in-state versus out-of-state members. In addition, the committee needs to look at government and teaching member rates.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dr. Peter Muir to serve on the AVMA Council of Research. The motion passed.

Reports were given by: Dr. Randy Schuett, AVMA House of Delegates representative (attached), Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt (attached), Dr. Daryl Buss (attached) and Dr. Tom McKenna.

A motion was made and seconded to start making the Executive Board minutes available on the members section of the website. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, meeting adjourned.