Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53708
Conference Room 266
April 14, 2010

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, Ehlenfeldt, Emilie Schwarz, Caroline Piskun, Kim Brown Pokorny and Sarah Young.

Agenda topics

- *January Board Minutes:* A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 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. Paul Olsen, Paul Molitor (pending license approval) and Kai Biu Shiu.

  Student members: Jamie Donahue, Christine Kohlman and Kathereen Tamburello

- Reports were given by Drs. Philip Johnson (President's report), Randy Schuett, (AVMA report; attached), Kim Brown Pokorny, (Executive Director report), Dean Buss, (School of Veterinary Medicine report), Robert Ehlenfeldt, (DATCP report; attached) and Tom McKenna, (WVDL report).

Treasurer's Report -- A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. **A vote was taken and approved unanimously.**

On February 9, the *Executive Committee* approved the following recommendations:

From the Public Education and Marketing Committee: Following the stipulations of the contract, to terminate our business relationship with B+L, fulfill PR needs in house and hire out when necessary.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the WVMA to accept the Imis database proposal to upgrade and integrate the database.

The Executive Committee made the following nominations:

- Task Force on AVMA Programs for Students and Recent Graduates: Bryn Bruss, Linda Sullivan, Tom Bach and Adam Ward

- AVMA 20/20 Vision Commission: Doug Kratt

A motion was made and second by the Executive Board to develop campaign materials for Drs. Muir and. Rawson; both are running for AVMA positions. **A vote was taken and passed unanimously.**

Large Animal Welfare Sub Committee Recommendation:

Guiding principle: **The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association opposes the routine tail docking of cattle. Current scientific literature indicates that routine tail docking provides no benefit to the animal.**

The WVMA recognizes that tail docking is utilized on some Wisconsin dairy farms as a means to improve cow cleanliness and udder health. However, current scientific research evaluating the effectiveness of tail docking to achieve these goals has shown no correlation of tail docking with improvements in cow cleanliness or udder health.

The WVMA recognizes cow comfort, cleanliness and udder health as vital aspects of the veterinarian client patient relationship (VCPR) on dairy farms. Management practices such as stall design, cleaning schedule, stocking density, and bedding management are significant factors affecting cow cleanliness and udder health. Veterinarians should assist dairy farmers in reviewing existing management practices and identifying new practices if needed that will improve these areas of dairy cow well being.

When medically necessary, amputation of tails must be performed by a licensed veterinarian utilizing proper pain management.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the guiding principle. **A vote was taken and passed unanimously.**

Budget and Auditing Committee:
The following recommendation was made to the Nominating and Procedural Committee:

"The WVMA will have an independent, random audit performed at least once every four years or at the change of the executive director. The executive board will decide when the audit will take place."

Veterinary Technician Committee Recommendation:

The Veterinary Technician Committee recommends that the WVMA approach the WVTA to offer to take them under the WVMA umbrella and/or to provide support to them. The WVMA would offer to take care of the finances and provide management support.

A motion was made and seconded. **A vote was taken and passed unanimously.**

Humane Shelter Subcommittee recommendations:
Recommendations (to be shared with the VEB):

Definition of a Humane Shelter

Humane society or animal shelter means a facility that is for the purpose of providing for and promotion the welfare, protection, shelter and humane treatment of animals (including those that provide foster care) and that is operated by a humane society, animal welfare society, animal rescue group or other nonprofit group.

VE Chapters (expectations of the shelter):

1. The humane shelter shall have a written agreement with a veterinarian/clinic licensed in the State of Wisconsin to serve as veterinary medical advisor and provide the following services to the Society at any animal shelter doing business under the authority of the Humane Society. This advisor will:
    a. Prepare and maintain written protocols under the veterinarians' signature for the staff, including but not limited to providing medical care, treatment, housing and sanitation.
    b. Assist in development of animal care protocols based upon sound and reasonable shelter practice.
    c. Consult monthly with the designated shelter staff to determine compliance with all established medical protocols by all employees. Shelter will not send drugs home with animals without the authorization of the veterinarian.

2. In the case of a shelter working with multiple clinics, they will provide to the following services to the shelter:
    a. Perform complete rounds on the sheltered animals and shelter facility on at least a weekly basis.
    b. Train qualified and designated shelter employees who will be providing medical care and treatment to the sheltered animals in the proper performance of delegated medical acts, if any, and the administration of medications.
    c. Provide professional advice on a case by case basis as needed.
    d. Provide euthanasia resources, including protocols and the appropriate drugs necessary for provision of this service.
        i. If SUA and DEA license exists, the consultation
        ii. If SUA and DEA does not exist, then services and drugs
    e. Review shelter animal medical records for compliance with Wis. Admin. Code sec. VE 7.03.
    f. Be available for telephone consultation during routine veterinary clinic business hours.
    g. Provide, or write prescriptions for medications used by shelter staff, for shelter animals.
3. The society shall employ a designated person(s) for each shelter who shall be responsible for providing medical care and treatment to the sheltered animals under the direction of the veterinary medical advisor.

4. The society shall have copies of the signed written agreement with the licensed veterinarian and established written medical protocols referenced on site, and be able to provide it upon request.

A motion was made and seconded to share these recommendations with the Veterinary Examining Board. **A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Recommendations (to be used as a guide for shelter and veterinarians):

WVMA Fact Statement

We believe it is in the best interest of the community and animal health for every humane society/animal shelter to have a formal relationship with a Wisconsin licensed veterinarian(s).

Treatment of individual or large groups of animals for common infections and medical condition may be performed by trained shelter staff under telephonic or written instruction by a Wisconsin licensed veterinarian with direct knowledge of the population. All other situations require veterinary evaluation.

Veterinary/Humane Shelter Relationship Expectations

- To aid in the development and implementation of care protocols
- Constructive, respectful and open communication
- Annual or more frequent review of protocols

Accountability

- Working relationship with a licensed veterinarian in Wisconsin
- Shelter Staff
    - Management – train and supervise staff
    - Trained shelter staff - Training sources can include:
        - Outside resources
        - Consulting vets
        - Shelter management
        - Other

Consistent Protocol Content

Wisconsin licensed veterinarian and appropriate shelter staff should create/discuss protocol including, but not limited to the following:

- Medical treatment
- Record keeping
- Surgery anesthetic and post-surgical care
- Vaccinations
- Biosecurity
- Zoonotic/Infections disease care

- Parasite control
- Prescription Medicine
- Isolation
    - Rabies
    - Health
- First aid and emergency care
- Sanitation
- Euthanasia
- Pain assessment and management

A motion was made and seconded to accept the guidelines outlined above. **A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

VE Rules Subcommittee Recommendations:
Recommendations (**in bold**):

- **Support ability to scan electronic records with the goal of going paperless.** Discussion – Cornerstone (IDEXX) company does not allow that ability. Contact company? On a group level? VEB is looking at this as well – complete results need to be included into the file. Need to notify the vendors. Suggestion to write a letter to vendors to create something in that form. Kim says education and information both.
- **Pain management should be encouraged except where it is contra-indicated medically necessary or if prohibited by regulation (no drugs approved for pain management).** Encourage pain management. Example of prohibited and regulation ie Organic.
- Supervision/Delegation (VE 7) –**No change since it is working.** Other states distinguish between intermediate, direct and indirect; trained assistant and assistant – what each can do under the various levels of supervision. *Not a high priority.* Some states have three levels – Certified over the phone, assistant in the room, direct eye visual. Never worry about it until something happens. Committee had decided not to address this.
- Wordsmith language relating to whether a CVT can convey treatment plan (informed consent), etc. Discussion: informed consent more flexibility. LA – develop protocol and review once per year and don't need to have the conversation every time. The techs cannot be making the phone calls to convey treatment plan. Language to allow flexibility – It "guts" informed consent. Seek legal counsel to try and get some language. Analogy to human medicine? Not realistic for the veterinarian to call all clients.
- **Use of the term "specialty" or "specialist" if they are not board certified – should be considered malpractice.** Has been a problem in other states, though not in Wisconsin. Discussion: Malpractice for term "specialty" or "specialist". Use "focus on" What if there is no "board certification?". Sidenote – Hospital, clinic, emergency services, medical centers. Pam has her own definitions, but we may need to create our own eventually?
- Create definition of "protocol"

Recommendation: "Protocol" means medical guideline with the aim of guiding decisions and criteria regarding diagnosis, management, and treatment in specific areas of healthcare.

- Create definition of "timely"

May want to re-consider whether to eliminate timely or add 6 to 12 months.

Recommendation: Because what is "timely" is dependent upon medical appropriateness it is difficult to prescribe individual timeframes for each species and/or condition. The committee felt, therefore, that the emphasis should be on what is "medically appropriate" and is recommending the deletion of "and timely" in 453.02 (8) (b) of the Wisconsin statutes. Discussion – should be dedicated to medical appropriateness and should be medically timely. Keep visiting

(8) "Veterinarian−client−patient relationship" means a relationship between a veterinarian, a client and the patient in which all of the following apply:

(a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the patient and the patient's need for medical treatment, and the client has (SOUGHT) ~~agreed to accept~~ those medical judgments. ~~and to follow the related instructions of the veterinarian.~~

(b) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the patient because the veterinarian has recently examined the patient or has made medically appropriate ~~and timely~~ visits to the premises on which the patient is kept.

(c) The veterinarian is readily available for follow−up treatment of the patient if the patient has an adverse reaction to veterinary treatment.

3. Revise definition of "client" to reflect informed consent definition

Recommendation: "Client" means the individual who represents themselves as the authorized owner or agent who has primary responsibility for the care of the patient.

A motion was made and seconded to accept these recommendations and to share them with the VEB. **A vote was taken and passed unanimously.**

Professional Education Committee Recommendation:
To accept the following form:

Speaker Nomination Form

Nominator Information
Your name:
Address:
Telephone: Email address: Company you represent:

Nominee Information
Nominee Name:
Contact address:
Contact telephone: Contact email address: Website:
Nominee's employer:

Background information
Tell us briefly about the speaker. Occupation, honors or distinctions, recent research/work and why are you recommending them?

List the topics the nominee could speak on:

Have you heard this person speak publically? If so, where and when?

If yes, please describe the person's speaking style.

Rate this speaker on a scale of 1 to 5 (1=poor and 5=excellent):

Estimated cost?

Please provide links to any online audio, video, articles or web pages featuring the proposed speaker.

Please indicate in 250 words or less why you think that the WVMA should select this particular speaker:

Thank you for your nomination! We look forward to reviewing your suggestion. Although we cannot guarantee the speaker you have nominated will be selected, all nominations are considered. Nominations are kept on file for continual reference.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the speaker nomination form. **A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Membership and Member Services Committee Recommendation to the Nominating and Procedural Committee:

Bylaws: By-law 1, J: A student member is a non-veterinarian who is currently enrolled at ~~the~~ an accreditated School of Veterinary Medicine, veterinary research program or masters of public health program. Such person may participate in association activities and serve in designated student ex-officio positions on the executive board and committees. The individual shall not be allowed to vote.

SOP guideline change:

Dues notices

This committee will have oversight of the dues notices. All dues notices are to state that dues are due January 1. All statements after that will state the dues are overdue. Dues notices will be sent monthly beginning November 15. The schedule of dues notices is as follows:

1st notice:	November 15. Send dues statement stating dues are due January 1. Place this in the November and December newsletters
2nd notice:	December 15.
~~3rd notice:~~	~~January 15.~~
3rd notice:	February 15. To notify them that if they don't respond, the will be dropped from membership at the April executive board meeting. Email a list of those in arrears to the district representatives on the executive board so they can call these members. Calls must be made before March 15.
~~5th notice:~~	~~March 15.~~
~~6th notice:~~	~~April board meeting. Give a list of those in arrears to the district representatives on the executive board so they can call these members. Calls must be made before May 15.~~
~~7th notice:~~	~~May 15. Send a registered letter to in-state members only notifying them that if they don't respond they will be dropped from membership at the June executive board meeting. Send this letter first class to out-of-state members.~~
Termination:	~~June~~ April executive board meeting. Send a letter to all who are terminated within a week of termination.

Student members

Member year for students.

Student memberships will go from ~~June 1 through May 31~~ September 1 to August 31 of each year. Students will be considered in arrears if the dues are not paid by ~~September 1~~December 1. First year students will be first asked to join in the first few weeks of the fall semester each year.

Nominating & Procedural Committee Recommendations:

Financial records recommendation:

"The WVMA will have an independent, random audit performed at least once every four years or at the change of the executive director. The executive board will decide when the audit will take place."

Since financial protocols have been changed since June 2008, it was requested that Kim document the processes in place as it pertains to the financials.

Mailing member mailing lists recommendation:
"*The WVMA will cease selling member mailing lists. Exceptions can be made for regulatory and teaching purposes, with the approval by the WVMA Executive Board."*

A motion was made and seconded to accept both recommendations. **A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Oral histories – a motion was made and seconded to have the WVMA create a model interview, and to contact past presidents, (past 13 years) and have them complete the interview. **A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Next meeting is June 22 at the Park Bank building, on the east-side of Madison.

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April 8, 2010

To: WVMA

From: Dr. Robert G. Ehlenfeldt, State Veterinarian

Subject: State Veterinarian's Report

No Wisconsin herds were involved in the investigation of the TB infected herd in South Dakota. Nebraska recently announced finding another infected herd disclosed through a trace-out form the SD herd. There has been no word from USDA concerning the changes to the national Tuberculosis program. These changes primarily focus on not reducing a state's TB status due to a single TB infected herd or multiple herds epidemiologically linked to the index herd. These changes could potentially impact Wisconsin animal health rules related to TB. Contact Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt 608-224-4880 robert.ehlenfeldt@wisconsin.gov

The committee to develop rules for dog sellers in Wisconsin will begin meeting on April 21. Dr. Doug Kratt represents the WVMA on this committee. Other veterinarians on the committee are Dr. Maria Verbrugge and Dr. Rick VanDomelen. The rules should go to public hearing early this fall. Contact Dr. Yvonne Bellay 608-224-4888 yvonne.bellay@wisconsin.gov

A positive Piroplasmosis (*Babesia equi*) horse remains under quarantine in Wisconsin. Several states have begun requiring a negative prior Piroplasmosis test for import. Once again, as a reminder, always check with the state of destination for current animal health requirements before completing CVI's. Contact Dr. Darlene Konkle 608-224-4902 darlene.konkle@wisconsin.gov

One additional stallion has tested positive for CEM and is currently being treated. A total of 25 CEM exposed horses remain under quarantine in Wisconsin. All but 3 have completed at least one negative culture. Wisconsin had 279 horses involved in this CEM outbreak. There have been 10 positive stallions and 1 positive mare.

The department is in the process of considering modifications to animal health rules. The rule changes will likely go to public hearing in August. A draft of the rule changes along with the hearing schedule will be shared with the WVMA office. If you have questions, comments or suggestions for changes in Wisconsin animal health rules contact Melissa Mace 608-224-4883 melissa.mace@wisconsin.gov

AVMA Update to the WVMA 4/14/2010 from Randy Schuett, DVM

The AVMA Annual Convention will be July 31- Aug. 3 in Atlanta, Ga. The HOD meeting will be held July 29 – 31 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Below is a list of the current candidates from the Heartland Assoc. for various councils and some additional info on Dr. Ron Gill fro Ill. I will be proud to nominate Dr. Peter Muir for the Council on Research representing vet med research (the correct category this year). Ann and I will also have the honor to represent the WVMA and nominate Rene Carlson as president- elect to the AVMA. A recent change in protocol will not allow any second nomination from other states as has been done in the past Further updates will be available closer to the meeting.

AVMA Council Heartland Candidates

Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents	Immunology At-Large	Dave Helland (IL)
Council on Education	Private Mixed Practice Postgraduate Education	Ron Gill (IL)
Judicial Council	At-Large	Mike Chaddock (MI) Linda Lord (OH)
Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine	At-Large	Loren Adams (IA)
Council on Research	Vet Med Research	Peter Muir (WI)
Council on Veterinary Service	At-Large, Recent Graduate	Elysia Schaefer (IL)
House Advisory Committee	Mixed Practice	Dave Prigel (MO)

AVMA Officers

President-elect René A. Carlson

WVMA Nominations to AVMA:

Animal Welfare Award: Yvonne Bellay

Task Force on AVMA Programs for Students and Recent Graduates: Bryn Bruss, Linda Sullivan, Tom Bach and Adam Ward

AVMA 20/20 Vision Commission: Doug Kratt

**Dr. Chet Rawson is Wisconsin's nominee for the AVMA Executive Board, District 6 seat.

INFORMATION FOR THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATION (COE) BROCHURE

By Ron Gill, DVM

AVMA SERVICE:

Member of Council on Veterinary Services (CVS) for 6 years, serving as Chairman for last two years.

Represented the CVS as a member of the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee for 5 years.

Represented all Councils on the Governance Performance Review Committee for 4 years.

I served on these three entities for four years simultaneously which speaks to my willingness to invest the necessary time to serve on the COE.

I was an at-Large member of the Strategic Planning committee for two years until the committee recommended to the Executive Board that the EB and the HOD should be responsible for Strategic Planning and the committee be sunset.

SERVICE to STUDENTS and the COLLEGE of VETERINARY MEDICINE:

I have been very supportive of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois.

I recently received the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Veterinary Medicine. (Fall of 2009)

I have served for many years on interview teams, interviewing from the practitioner's perspective, the students prior to admission to the college.

I have mentored many students during their college years.

I have always allowed young students to 'job shadow' in my practice.

I have financially supported many scholarships for students in the veterinary college.

I believe that I have an excellent personal relationship with the faculty and administration of the college and therefore have a very good understanding of the challenges facing our colleges.

STATE SERVICE:

I recently completed 9 ½ years as a member of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Board of Directors.

I served 1 ½ years as Chairman of the Board.

I also served one year each as President Elect, President and Past President.

Ron also received the ISVMA Presidents Award, and the ISVMA Service Award, the two highest awards ISVMA presents.