

Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
Wisconsin Dells, WI

January 28, 2011

Minutes

The January 28, Executive Board meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Steve Erickson.

Board members in attendance: Drs. Philip Johnson, Steve Erickson, Daryl Buss, Tom Whitten, Jessica Daul, John Been, Tom McKenna, Dale Kressin, K.C. Brooks, Bob Ehlenfeldt, Tom Howard, Randy Schuett, Bill Nussdorfer, Pete Gaveras, Zach Janssen, Robert Klostermann and Robert Zukowski, and Gina Laur. In addition, WVMA staff members, Kim Brown Pokorny and Sarah Young were in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August Ex. Board minutes. Motion passed.

Report from President – Dr. Erickson

- Dr. Erickson reported on the AVMA Winter Conference and discussed committee assignments. In addition, the Executive Committee met to approve new members and discussed the Dog Licensing Rules and re-affirmed that the WVMA still supported the law and proposed rules.

Report from Executive Director – Kim Brown Pokorny

- WVTA leadership and timeliness to business was discussed and tabled until the planning retreat.
- WVMA has been active with committee meetings and industry meetings.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Howard

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Membership Report - A motion was made and seconded to approve the new membership applicants. Motion passed.

Full Members

Peter Gasper, Fremont
Katherine Grawe, Black Earth
Molly Roder, Kenosha
Darcie Kunder, Fitchburg
Devon Klipsic, Madison
Darcy Overturf, Hillpoint
Tyler Klose, Milwaukee
Jamie McGill, Milwaukee
Holly Kallio, Combined Locks
Kamran Khan, Chetek
Emily Buss, Menomonie
Thomas Albrecht, Athens
Elise Gingrich, MPH, Shorewood
Kiran Singh, BVSC, Franklin
Jennifer Niemuth, Delavan
Todd Leavitt, Eau Claire
Scott Becker, Appleton
Kirsten Franke, Appleton

Andrea Hoeksema, DePere
Joseph Stirn, Waukesha
Gretchen Gerber, Ashland
Jeremy Page, Madison
Stephanie Van Beek, Sheboygan
Valerie Linse, Portage
Donna Wirth, Middleton
Richard M. Dudgeon, Gays Mills
Kari Lynn Fox, Webster
Scott Aoki, Madison

Out of State Members

Michael Hodgmad, Minnesota
Lisa Maniscalco, Indiana
Amy Trussell, Iowa
Edward Susmilch, Texas

Graduate Student Members

Kelson Danielson, Madison
Carrie Donahue, Milwaukee
Alyse Aerts Johnson, Janesville
Jeffrey Smart, Colby

Student Members

Class of 2014

Megan Arce
Katherine Pankratz
Amy Priest
Stephanie VandenBush
Paige Wilder
Aaron Zimmerman

Life Members

David T. Allard, Milwaukee
Ronald L. Baylor, Green Bay
Randall H. Borri, Union Grove
Terry J. Buchli, Fitchburg
David E. Clausen, Amery
Lee Elger, Muskego
Daniel A. Goller, Cornell
Mary Kathleen Hanrahan, Random Lake
Louis J. Hein Jr., Thorp
James E. Helms, Pulaski
Wayne N. LeVasseur, Plover
Paul D. Martin, Prairie du Sac
Robert M. Mitchell, Germantown
Edward I. Movall, Thiensville
Michael R. Navartil, Stanley
Francis R. Pisarik, Kenosha
James W. Rieser, Franklin
Thomas Riggs, Fort Atkinson
Robert F. Rowe, Verona
Jim A. Rupnow, Wausau
Mark J. Schaack, Wisconsin Rapids
Arlynn W. Schwanke, Sun Prairie
Gregg Smith, New Glarus

Martin R. Smith, Minocqua
Joseph R. Sutton, Manitowoc
David W. Wiltrout, Hayward

Dropped members

William Dunn
Stephen Hadley
Russel Anthony
Nelly Lee
Amy Whaley
Martha Armstrong
Lisa Tobler
James Carpenter
Emily Buskey

Dr. Dean Peterson requested to change his membership status from life to full. The Ex. Board moved to approve this request. Vote was taken and motion passed.

Report from DATCP – Dr. Ehlenfeldt

The DATCP Board approved the final draft of the dog seller rule at the December Board meeting. This rule will now be taken up the Legislature. There currently is no information available on when Legislative Committee hearings may be held. For more information, contact Dr. Yvonne Bellay 608-224-4888 or Yvonne.Bellay@WI.gov

Recertification seminars for veterinarians performing caudal fold tuberculosis tests on cattle in Wisconsin are scheduled around the state beginning in late May. For more information, contact Margie Proost 608-224-4877 or Margaret.Proost@WI.gov

Testing of herds that received tuberculosis exposed cattle from Texas and Ohio has been completed with no TB disclosed.

A Vernon County livestock producer, Mark Brothen, plead No Contest in a case for failure to register his premises. He was found guilty. The civil forfeiture will be stayed if Mr. Brothen registers his premises within 10 days. A similar decision was reached in a Polk County last year. For more information contact Dr. Paul McGraw 608-224-4882 or Paul.Mcgraw@WI.gov

State and Federal holidays along with scheduled furlough days are listed below. Veterinarians should keep these dates in mind when scheduling things like Tuberculosis tests where a district veterinarian may be needed to perform a comparative cervical test. There is also the possibility that additional furlough days for state employees will be ordered. As always staff are available 24/7 for foreign animal disease investigations.

January 1	State and USDA
January 17	State and USDA
February 21	State furlough and USDA
May 27	State furlough
May 30	State and USDA
July 4	State and USDA
September 5	State and USDA

October 10 USDA
November 11 USDA
November 24 State and USDA
December 26 State and USDA

Report from WVDL – Dr. Tom McKenna

Dr. McKenna discussed budget reductions and its impact on staff and work flow. In addition, testing numbers reflect economy dynamics.

Report from SVM – Dean Buss

The year 2011 has been designated as the AWorld Veterinary Year@ (<http://www.vet2011.org/>) to mark the 250th birthday of veterinary medicine. Coincidentally, 2011 is also the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Department of Veterinary Science at the UW-Madison. The Department of Veterinary Science and its graduate program, continuing today as the Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program, were profoundly important to the development of animal health and agriculture in Wisconsin and the nation. Those programs provided an exceptional foundation for the School, and we will be celebrating the birthday of the department and the graduate program with special events in June, 2011. Carrying on the tradition of advances, our new installation of TomoTherapy, the first in veterinary medicine, has enjoyed immediate success, with the number of patients treated daily exceeding our projections by nearly two-fold. Our recent expansion also included an expanded rehabilitation therapy suite that is similarly enjoying great success. In a separate project, we have completed a new, state of the art dentistry suite that will greatly expand our capabilities. Of special note is the fact that no public funds were used to create these powerful new clinical and educational resources, and we are deeply thankful to the many donors who made them possible. In addition, we are pleased to announce two major scholarship endowment gifts. The first will provide scholarships for two students in each of the four classes, plus significant financial support for activities to enhance the quality of life of current and future students. The second endowment will provide major scholarship support for students who are pursuing a combined degree program, e.g., DVM-PhD or DVM-MPH. Once again, we are deeply grateful to the generosity and farsightedness of these donors. With these and other developments, 2011 is a celebration of our profession, of academic veterinary medicine at the UW-Madison, and the excitement of what is possible in the future!

Residue Task Force – Dr. Howard

Dr. Howard discussed the happenings with the WVMA Residue Committee as well as its collaboration with industry events. Education materials are being developed for WVMA membership. In addition, the WVMA has been in dialogue with the different regulatory agencies responsible and has a greater understanding of regulatory process. In addition, the WVMA proposed plan to reduce the number of residues, was shared and discussed.

SCAVMA Report/Student Advisory Committee/Blue Coat – Gina Laur

“Vets to Vet School”, Blue Coat and the large sum of money in the SCAVMA account were discussed. The Blue Coat Ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 10.

Public Education & Marketing Committee – Sarah Young/Dr. Gaveras

Recommendation: WVMA proceeds with NBC proposal as presented. Motion made, vote taken and passed.

Recommendation: Logo – At this time, the committee has decided to hold off on any logo redesigns. The Ex. Board discussed this recommendation. This recommendation was voted down.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded for the WVMA to create a more modern logo, appealing to our membership and the public. Dr. Erickson would appoint the Logo Task Force memberships. Vote was taken and motion approved.

Legislative Committee – Drs. Klostermann/Kelly McDowell

The Committee has developed the framework for the PAC and recommends the Executive Board approve the framework. Motion made and seconded, vote taken and passed.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Article I – Name and Office

The name of the Committee shall be the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) Political Action Committee (“Vet Med PAC”). The principal office of the Committee shall be located at the Association's office in Madison, Wisconsin.

Article II - Purposes

The purposes of the Committee are:

1. To advocate and promote veterinary medicine, while enriching animal and human health.
2. To actively solicit and receive personal voluntary contributions from the membership of the Association and to expend those contributions in support of candidates for state public office who have demonstrated their general agreement with and support of the above purpose of the Committee; and
3. To develop programs that encourage the membership of the Association to become involved in the attainment of the political and legislative goals of the Association, its members, and the veterinary profession through personal contributions to the Committee in support of the purposes stated.

The Committee is not affiliated with any political party and will dispense contributed funds without regard to party affiliation of candidates or incumbents. The Committee is empowered to undertake any and all legally sanctioned actions necessary or desirable for the attainment of the purposes stated above.

The funds used to accomplish these purposes shall be acquired from personal fund, voluntary contributions from members of the WVMA, the Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association, (WVTA), and the Wisconsin Veterinary Practice Managers Association (WVPMA) or from individuals who support the purpose of the Vet Med Pac. The Association may assist in the administration of the Committee and in the solicitation of personal voluntary contributions; however, all personal voluntary contributions shall be deposited in a separate segregated fund (a separate campaign fund depository) and no part of the Association's funds shall be co-mingled with those of the Committee's.

Article III–Committee Members

1. Composition. The Committee and its funds shall be overseen by the WVMA Board of Directors with the assistance of the WVMA Executive Director and Legislative Counsel. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a. Seven members, appointed by the President of the Executive Board.

b. This shall include the Chair of the Association's Legislative Committee, the WVMA President, Past President, President-Elect and three at-large members

c. The at-large positions serve two-year terms coinciding with the state election cycle.

d. The chairman shall appoint the Treasurer of the PAC. The Treasurer shall work with the WVMA Executive Director to ensure the proper record-keeping, filing of reports with the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, and writing of checks for contributions to candidates.

2. Meetings. The Committee shall meet during the quarterly meetings of the Executive Board of the Association and at such other times and places as the Committee Chair directs.

3. Candidate Support. All members of the WVMA may make recommendations to the committee with preference given to contributing members that the Committee's PAC make or not make a contribution to a particular candidate. The recommendation must be in writing and received by WVMA Executive Director at least 24 hours prior to the Committee meeting. At least four committee members shall be required to approve a PAC contribution. E-mails, webinars, discussion groups and teleconferences are accepted forms of communication for committee work recommendations and decisions.

4. Duties and Responsibilities. The Committee shall have the following general duties and responsibilities:

- a. Advise and plan the development of specific Committee fundraising programs
- b. Establish fundraising goals and quotas for Committee fundraising programs
- c. Consider and approve member and staff recommendations for candidate and campaign contributions. Strategic preference shall be given to candidates that have had favorable positions on WVMA legislative issues, are assigned to committees relevant to association issues, or have been elected or appointed to a leadership position
- d. Report to the WVMA Board of Directors on a timely basis as to the effectiveness of the Committee's fundraising and contribution programs

Article IV – Operations

No expenditure shall be made or contribution received by the Committee when there is a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, in accordance with state regulations. Contributions received and expenditures made by or on behalf of the Committee shall be used primarily for the purpose of supporting the election of candidates to public offices in the State Government

Article V - Amendment

This PAC Committee policy and guidelines may be amended upon the recommendation of the affirmative vote of the majority of the Committee members present, and approval by the WVMA Executive Board. These bylaws are made effective on

There are 4 positions open on the Veterinary Examining Board (VEB). The WVMA made a motion and seconded to support the following individuals for appointment: Drs. Wes Elford (equine), Neil Wisely (food animal) and Brenda Nemec, CVT. Voted was taken and motion passed.

**Report from AVMA – Dr. Schuett
Winter Session Meeting 1/2011**

The House of Delegates met again with the Veterinary Leadership Conference on January 7-9 ,2011 at the Westin in Chicago Ill. The main business was voting on three resolutions and 1 Bylaw amendment and discussion about the Critical Issues Statements and the passage of the new Veterinary oath by the executive board. The Bylaw Amendment which made the AVMA's operation in the state of Illinois compliant passed by 100 %. Resolution 1 concerning a \$ 10 annual dues increase over the next 3 years passed by 91%. Resolution 2 proclaiming 2011 as World Veterinary Year passed by 100% and Resolution 3 concerning transparency in the voting in the HOD was defeated 69.5% to 30.5%. After an amendment to strike "and elections" was disapproved by an 83% vote.

Discussion of the change to the Veterinary oath that was passed by the EB included a history of previous changes to the oath and the significance of the recommendation from the animal Welfare Committee. A history of the veterinary oath follows;

1954-APPROVED BY HOD

"Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly dedicate myself and the knowledge I possess to the benefit of society, to the conservation of our livestock resources and to the relief of suffering of dumb animals. I will practice my profession conscientiously and with dignity. The health of my patients, the best interest of their owners, and the welfare of my fellow man, will be my primary considerations.

I will, at all times, be humane and temper pain with anesthesia where indicated. I will not use my knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity, nor in contravention to the ethical code of my profession. I will uphold and strive to advance the honor and noble traditions of the veterinary profession.

These pledges I make freely in the eyes of God and upon my honor."

1969-REVISION APPROVED BY HOD, based on recommendation submitted by the Judicial Council through the Executive Board

"Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of livestock resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics. I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my profession knowledge and competence."

1999 - REVISION APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD, based on recommendation of the Judicial Council

"Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources , the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence."

2010 - REVISION APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD, based on recommendation of the Animal Welfare Committee

"Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources , the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics."

The Animal Welfare committee had recommended to the EB to change the oath, while the Council on Veterinary Services apparently had recommended NOT to change the oath. The lesson was to try and include the HOD in these type of decisions

The critical issues as identified by the Task Force on Strategic Planning from the critical issues scan which was done over the last several years where presented in a preliminary draft. The strategic goals identified were 1. Promote Animal Welfare, 2. Transform veterinary medical education, 3. Strengthen veterinary practice profitability and financial well wellbeing, 4. Enhance Veterinary medical workplace, 5. Advance Science and Medicine, 6. Advocate oversight of veterinary medical procedures. During the reference committee meetings we discussed and prioritized these goals and that info is being analyzed. Much more to follow...

The general session provided insight to Biowatch a Department of Homeland Security Program which needs DVM's to be trained as responders in the case of a bioterrorism threat. Almost all concerns are with zoonotic diseases and therefore veterinarians are key resource in establishing the proper procedures and responses. The Biowatch goal is to be able to detect a biological attack before it happens.

A report on the North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium provided insight into the draft reported to the Ex. Bd. in Oct,2011. It's an in-depth look at the way we have educated Veterinarians and what changes are necessary to deal with future concerns. A survey was completed to get input from HOD members. A good review is available at NAVMEC.com

In our District caucus meetings one of the main areas of focus was the restructuring or termination of the Heartland Veterinary Conference. It will be held in Aug26-27, 2011 in Indianapolis but the future after that is still uncertain. Many suggestions were offered and possible solutions will be discussed at the Aug meeting. The Alternate Delegates are leading the discussions

Professional Education Committee – Drs. Nussdorfer

Winter Retreat and Practice Management Institute registrations are currently being accepted.

The committee held a wrap-up meeting for exhibitors and following that meeting, a committee meeting where the following recommendations were made:

Recommendations:

1. Reduce the Annual Meeting to 90 minutes

A motion was made and seconded. Vote taken and motion passed.

2. Open the Exhibit Hall on Thursday between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded. Vote taken and motion passed.

Other business

Request for AVMA DC Fly-In Funds -- Kim Wojteczko, class of 2012

A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$200 to be used to help off-set costs for the trip. Vote taken and passed.

Meeting adjourned – A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote taken and motion passed. The Ex. Board will now shift to the Planning Retreat.