

**Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
June 14, 2012**

**MINUTES**

The WVMA Executive Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Bob Klostermann. Executive board members in attendance were: Drs. Klostermann, Erickson, Wolf, Been, Kratt, Gaveras, Buss, Kressin, Sherwood Zieser, McGraw, Daul, Howard, Zukowski, McKenna, Clark, Brooks, Janssen and student representatives Marsha Bush and Mathew Slentz. In addition, WVMA staff, Kim Brown Pokorny and Amanda Veum.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes. Motion passed

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

The following new members were approved: Drs. Jana Braun, Claude Gendreau, McLean Gunderson, LaVon Hettich, Mark Sauder and Bruce Van Enkevort.

**Report from President** – Dr. Bob Klostermann reported on his attendance at the WVMA Blue Coat Ceremony, UW School of Veterinary Medicine Awards Banquet and the State FFA Convention. He emphasized the importance of the WVMA staying involved with the State FFA Association.

**Report from Executive Director** – Kim Brown Pokorny asked for feedback on the executive board minutes being sent out to each districts. District representatives have been receiving positive feedback. It was suggested that we provide a condensed version in the email and provide a link to the full minutes.

Kim and the WVMA leadership will be going to the Heartland Veterinary Conference on July 13-14 in Iowa.

The WVMA Legislative Counsel has agreed to write a document on the do's and don't's in regards to DEA licensing.

Kim gave an update on the Dane County Animal Response Emergency Planning Committee. This committee fits in with the WVMA, as emergency planning is on our long range strategic plan. The long range goals of the committee were discussed.

**Report from DATCP** – There were minimal comments on the proposed changes to the premises registration rule. The final rule will be presented to the DATCP board on August 14. Changes include creation of a three-year renewal process and an alternative premises registration for people with strongly held religious beliefs.

Dr. Konkle, along with other division and department staff, has participated in a number of emergency response exercises and training recently. Milwaukee and Dane counties have both held recent planning events for animal evacuation during emergencies and disasters. A regional exercise, "Flu in the Zoo," was held in Illinois to discuss response plans in the event of an avian influenza outbreak at a zoo. Contact Dr. Darlene Konkle for additional information on these activities or general information on animal emergency response at 608-224-4902 or [darlene.konkle@wi.gov](mailto:darlene.konkle@wi.gov).

The traceability cooperative agreement with USDA requires the division to measure how rapidly we are able to trace exposed animals. The division has been using “real” disease traces of exposed animals to measure our traceability. When official “840” RFID tags are used traces can be completed within minutes to hours. When official alphanumeric metal ear tags are used the same type of trace can take days to weeks. For more information on the traceability program or RFID, contact Dr. Paul McGraw at 608-224-4884 or [paul.mcgraw@wi.gov](mailto:paul.mcgraw@wi.gov).

The dog seller’s advisory committee met May 24 to discuss issues, problems and concerns after the dog seller’s rule had been in effect for one year as required by the enabling legislation. There were minimal issues or concerns identified and most can be dealt with through interpretive policies rather than rule changes. Contact Dr. Yvonne Bellay at 608-224-4888 or [yvonne.bellay@wi.gov](mailto:yvonne.bellay@wi.gov) for more information on the dog seller’s rule or humane issues in general.

Information about Scrapie has been added to the DATCP website. Resources include details about the disease, national efforts to eradicate it, and official identification for sheep and goats. Additionally it provides details on programs that aid producers in keeping their flocks and herds free from disease which will enhance the marketability of their animals, especially to other countries. You can view this information at [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal\\_Diseases/Scrapie/index.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Diseases/Scrapie/index.aspx). If you have questions after visiting the web site, contact Dr. Gretchen May at 608-224-4352 or [gretchen.may@wi.gov](mailto:gretchen.may@wi.gov).

The USDA-APHIS-VS rule on CWD has been published. The rule has a delayed effective date until August 13 and a comment period open until July 13. States have 180 days to have state CWD rules reviewed and approved by APHIS. We do not anticipate any problems getting the Wisconsin rules approved.

**Report from WVDL** – Dr. McKenna reported that in general, business is going as usual. The Kansas lab replacement has been stalled due to funding and budget issues. Dr. McKenna attended an OIE World Organization for Animal Health meeting in Paris. He also went to Washington D.C. for a National Animal Health Laboratory Network meeting.

**Report from AVMA** – Dr. Sherwood Zieser reported on upcoming events: Heartland Veterinary Conference will be held July 13-14 in Des Moines, Iowa. It sounds like the Heartland Conference Program will be informative as Link Welbourne, Chair of the Economics Strategy TF, will be in attendance and speaking.

The AVMA House of Delegates will convene in San Diego on August 2-3 at the AVMA Annual Convention. The president-elect is an uncontested race but there are three candidates for vice president.

Political news: The AVMA Executive Board just returned from their June meeting in Washington, D.C. The GRD arranged Hill visits for members last Thursday. Chet Rawson was in Senators Johnson's and Kohl's offices along with Rene and they lobbied against HR 1406 and for an amendment to HR 2146. As you know, 1406 is the Fairness to Pet Owners Act that would require veterinarians to write prescriptions for all drugs prescribed among other things. HR 2146 is a new piece of legislation brought forward in response to a scandal involving federal employees overspending at a GAO meeting in Las Vegas. We support the amendment as it would allow federal employees to continue to participate in private conferences, i.e., AVMA, Councils, Committees, etc. Apparently the current bill which has been passed would severely limit their ability to attend many of our functions and limit communication and transparency with government agencies. Needless to say, there was a lot of excitement in Republican quarters about the outcome of the recall election here in Wisconsin.

The second meeting of the Governance Task Force will be held in Schaumburg in July. We will convene 40-60 invited folks from all disciplines in veterinary medicine to get input on governance issues.

**Animal Welfare Committee** – Dr. Clark presented the recommended policy review: Upon suspecting animal abuse, the veterinarian would first attempt to educate the client and then, if there was no improvement, report him/her (June 21, 2006 minutes). A motion was made and seconded to continue with the policy as written. Motion passed.

The committee came up with an elective guiding principle for the board to review. After a lengthy discussion, the board made edits to the principle. The principle will be brought up at the next board meeting for approval.

The committee's concerns of the new wolf hunting law were brought up. There have been some recent concerns about the ability to use packs of up to six dogs to hunt with. There is concern that the wolves will turn on the hunting dogs and create bodily harm, due to the physical differences.

The committee is not comfortable with the use of dogs. However, the law has been passed with that language in it. The committee recommends the WVMA provide written comment on the use of dogs during wolf hunts. Discussion followed the recommendation that the WVMA does not take a stance on the use of hunting dogs with other hunts (i.e. coyote, raccoon, etc.). The board decided to take no action at this time.

**Grievance Committee** – Dr. Gaveras discussed the current case being worked on.

In addition, Dr. Stevenson wrote a newsletter article based on a past case for the WVMA newsletter. The committee decided to call these Grievance Committee articles the "SOAP Box."

**Public Health and Food Safety Committee** – Dr. Wolf presented the pet food safety flyer. A motion was made and seconded to approve the pet food safety flyer and distribute to our membership. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to include a link to the CDC zoonotic disease update information in every WVMA newsletter. Motion passed.

Dr. Wolf explained that the legislative session ended with no movement on the raw milk bill. We should expect to see it again next session.

At the WVMA 2012 Convention, there will be speakers on SA and LA public health topics.

The committee will submit informational articles on the following topics to the WVMA. These articles will be printed in the WVMA newsletter. They will include but are not limited to: One Health, Lepto, Rabies bites, Q Fever, Crypto and Salmonella.

**Report from the SVM** – Presentation was given by Dr. Chris Olsen and Lynn Maki on the SVM's admission process.

A motion was made and seconded to pass a resolution stating: "The executive board of the WVMA thanks and recognizes Dean Buss for his years of services to the WVMA and organized veterinary medicine in Wisconsin." Motion passed.

Dean Daryl Buss very much appreciated the resolution and thanked the WVMA.

**Public Education & Marketing Committee** – Dr. Daul reported the WVMA display and small animal activity book are completed. The large animal activity book is now being designed.

**Report from SCAVMA** – Marsha Bush introduced the new WVMA Student Representative, Matt Slentz. She reported that the UW SVM spring activities all went well for the students. Their annual fall picnic will be held on September 21.

A leadership summit was developed and held in the spring. The SCAVMA President helped to plan the summit. The focus of the summit was towards medicine in general – One Health. It received great feedback and they hope to do it again next year.

There are many renovations going on this summer at the SVM. The new class of 2016 will arrive towards the end of August for orientation.

**Legislative Committee** – Update was given by Jordan Lamb, Kim and Dr. Janssen.

VE rules: An update from the VEB meeting on June 13 was given. The rule-making process came to a halt because the VEB was writing rules without scope making statements. The proposed rules regarding the record keeping portion will be discussed at the next meeting.

The VEB candidates were discussed.

PDMP update: We were able to successfully slow down the rule and get the assembly health committee to send it to the examining board to modify rules. The amendments requested by the WVMA include: 1) Change to the 90 day reporting period for veterinarians. 2) Exempt veterinarians from certain criteria. Currently, veterinarians are to report/collect owner's name and DOB (not the pet's). The NPI number is now optional. 3) The VEB will now be involved in reporting selection criteria.

Jordan and Kim have already started working with legislators to seek an exemption next session. Although the rule continues to move on, the WVMA has made their presence known.

PAC: Jordan explained what a PAC is and made a recommendation for the PAC Committee. Kim is going to share this information with the PAC Committee and the committee will make a decision.

**Student Advisory Committee** – Marsha reported that the first WVMA Student Day was very well received. Students requested it last longer next year.

In the fall, they hope to do a resume workshop. They are interested in having as many veterinarians as possible to help with the workshops, allowing for smaller groups. Further details will be discussed at a later date. Dr. Kratt suggested that veterinarians be available on a more regular basis to review resumes via phone and email.

**Blue Coat Committee** – Amanda announced the 2013 Blue Coat ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2013. It will be at a new location on campus – Union South.

**Foundation** – The board continued their discussion from the January meeting. The goal is to have the foundation board launched at the 2013 WVMA Convention.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the composition of the foundation board. Motion passed.

The foundation board will be composed of four at large positions, one WVMA Executive Board member, two WVMA members, one veterinary medical student, and two industry representatives.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the names discussed for the board. Motion passed.

**Budget and Auditing Committee** – Dr. Been did not have a new report since the last board meeting.

**Membership and Member Services Committee** – Dr. Kratt reported that the committee reviewed the Vet GPS materials and request for an endorsement. The committee's recommendation is to not support the Vet GPS buying group at this time. A motion was made and seconded to not endorse the Vet GPS company. Motion passed.

During their last meeting, the committee brainstormed areas of void or need, where the WVMA could provide benefits to members. Ideas and topics were discussed.

A motion was made and seconded to conduct a member survey on clinic benchmarks in Wisconsin. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to remove The Payroll Company from the member benefits program due to lack of performance. Motion passed.

**Residue Task Force** – The task force sent out a FARAD support letter. In the meantime, we continue to present the HACCP for Proper Drug Use information at industry meetings. Some WVMA veterinarians will be going through the PDPW media crisis training, being held in July.

The two trainings held in May went well. The plan is gaining out of state interest.

**Veterinary Technician Committee** – The committee made a recommendation to not financially sponsor the WVTA. A motion was made and seconded to approve this recommendation, effective immediately. Motion passed.

There was discussion on the Endorsed Veterinary Technician (EVT) category within the VE Rules. A motion was made and seconded to approve the committee recommendation of **not** having an EVT category. Motion passed.

**Professional Education Committee** – Dr. Robert Zukowski reported convention planning is going well. Their next committee meeting is scheduled for July 5.

**Awards & Recognition Committee** – Dr. Kressin reminded everyone the WVMA Awards Nomination form is available. Forms are due 31. After that date, a meeting will be scheduled to review nomination forms.

**Nominating and Procedural Committee** – Dr. Erickson reported from the last committee meeting president-elect candidates were discussed and the list was narrowed down to six, and then rated. Dr. Kratt will be reaching out to the individual on the top of the list. The committee will have a candidate for the July board meeting.

The committee asked to send the conflict of interest statement to DeWitt Ross & Stevens for review.

A policy recommendation was brought up, the board reviewed proposed changes. A motion was made and seconded to re-affirm the policy of treating WVMA members who are interns, residents or DVM graduate students, as students for convention registration purposes; if they are a member, they do not have to pay a registration fee. Motion passed.

**Personnel Committee** – A motion was made and seconded to go into closed session. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.