Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2012
Sheraton, Madison, WI

The meeting was called to order at 9 am by President, Dr. KC Brooks. Executive Board members in attendance were: Drs. Klostermann, Booth, Holter, Markel, Ziegler, Gaveras, Wolf, McKenna, Ehlenfeldt, Kratt, Sherwood-Zieser, Sosalla, Clark, Janssen, Zukowski; WVMA Staff: Torrie, Kim, Sarah; and Guests: Jordan Lamb and Sherry Shaw (APHIS).

The **October minutes** were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report - Dr. Tom Howard, Treasurer presented the financial reports. He reported that the reserve accounts all had gains. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

New members were approved as presented. New members: Austin Bell, Kristina Deak, Marc Friedericks, Clifford Gidlund, Rachel Reiman, Casey Stepnik, Matthew Stepnik, Mackenzie Vermey, Julie Wagner, Leyla Wirth, Charlene Yaunke, Ryan Bousselot, Andrea Gade, Amy Hudson, Robert Derrig, Adam Gauthier, Erin Henderson, Megan O'Connell, Abbey Canon, Julie Walker, Matthew Adams, Cassandra Peterson, Jody Berquist, Bridgette Hemmesch, Danielle Johnson, Lynda Ludwig, Sarah Myers, Benjamin Blandin, Paul Deveau, Carey Johnson, Rosmarie Niznik, Allison Troutman

Legislative Committee Report - Jordan Lamb, DeWitt, Ross and Stevens, provided an update on PDMP and the exemption bill. Reps. Dean Knudson and Sandra Pasch and Sens. Terry Molten and Kathleen Vinehout are authors. On Monday, she will be seeking co-sponsorship on the bill. WVMA will send a Capwiz alert to members to contact their legislators for support. Following this, the WVMA will be looking for individuals to testify before the senate and assembly agriculture committees. From the committee, the bill would go to the floors of both the senate and the assembly for votes. Speculation is for this to happen in the latter half of February.

State Veterinarian Report – Dr. Robert G. Ehlenfeldt, State Veterinarian provided an update. Wisconsin was the second state to have its CWD herd status program approved under the new USDA CWD rules. For more information on CWD contact Dr. Richard Bourie 608-224-4886 or richard.bourie@wi.gov

Wisconsin animal health rules require official identification for animals tested for brucellosis. This includes animals tested for *Brucella canis.* Veterinarians have the option of using the rabies tag or a microchip as official ID when collecting samples for *B. canis* screening tests. Once an animal is confirmed positive for *B. canis*, all dogs in the kennel must be identified with a microchip. For more information contact Dr. Yvonne Bellay 608-224-4888 or Yvonne.bellay@wisconsin.gov

USDA-APHIS-VS announced plans to publish the livestock traceability rule in January 2013. The rule would have a 60 day comment period and would take effect 60 days after publication, sometime in March 2013, assuming the rule is published as promised. The only significant change to Wisconsin animal health rules, due to the federal rule, is that breed registration numbers and registration tattoos will no longer be considered official ID. The federal rule only applies to cattle at this time. In summary the rule requires official ID on all sexually intact dairy cattle moving interstate and all sexually intact beef cattle over 18 months of age. Federally approved official ID are 840 tags and NUES tags (35 series type tags). Wisconsin rules have more stringent requirements on livestock imported to Wisconsin. For more information on livestock traceability contact Dr. Gretchen May 608-224-4352 or Gretchen.may@wisconsin.gov

The USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture is once again soliciting State Veterinarians to designate geographic areas within their states that are shortage areas for veterinarians under the Veterinary Manpower Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP). If an area is approved by NIFA, applicants may be eligible for up $25,000 per year in school loan repayment assistance for up to three years' service in a shortage area.

There are three kinds of areas that the USDA considers:

- Type I areas -- Anywhere that a veterinarian could expect to spend at least 80 percent of his or her time working with food animals.
- Type II areas -- Rural parts of the state where a veterinarian could expect to spend at least 30 percent of his or her time working with food animals.
- Type III areas -- Where there is a shortage of veterinarians for public practice, working for government agencies as field veterinarians, epidemiologists, and slaughter inspection; in government laboratories; or at universities.

Wisconsin had two shortage areas designated in the past three years. Both had successful applicants. These were in NW Wisconsin and the Adams, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara county area. Do you know of other places in the state with shortages? If you do, contact Dr. Paul McGraw 608-224-4884 or paul.mcgraw@wisconsin.gov.

This is my last report to the WVMA as State Veterinarian. It is a bit ironic that both my first, last and many intervening reports contained information pertaining to improving livestock traceability. It's nice to see the US almost catching up to Wisconsin.

Between the United States Animal Identification Plan and the proposed Traceability rule Wisconsin has maintained a leadership role in thanks to the efforts of our veterinarians and livestock producers. Wisconsin was the first state and one of only three states currently with mandatory premises registration. Without the help of the WVMA and the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium we'd be like the other 47 states struggling to maintain minimal ID requirements that are key to tracing exposed animals during disease outbreaks.

Veterinary medicine has been a hugely rewarding career for me. Becoming state veterinarian was never on my bucket list. During my career I was presented with a number of career

opportunities and choices. Where I was successful the credits should go to a lot of other people and to my family. While there have certainly been some highs and lows, through it all I have had the pleasure of working with an incredibly group of talented, smart and dedicated people.

As I clean out dusty old files I am constantly reminded of the efforts made by veterinarians and producers to protect Wisconsin's $35B dollar livestock industry. New and re-merging problems like Pseudorabies and TB; West Nile Virus, EEE, Piroplasmosis and CEM; CWD and BSE; Monkeypox, VHS and Seneca Valley Virus; deer farm, fish farm and dog seller licensing; the transfer of the WVDL to the UW system; FMD, 9-11 and bio-terrorism; pandemic flu and a host of H's and N's.

All of these issues and problems have been dealt with, in Wisconsin, through the cooperative efforts and the wonderful working relationships between producers, WVMA, UW-SVM, DNR, DHS, WVDL, USDA-VS/WS, and others.

It has been one hell of a ride. "Thanks for the Memories".
Dr. Bob

SVM Report – Dean Markel gave an update regarding faculty/staff changes and faculty/staff incentive programs for the School of Veterinary Medicine, as well as, an overview of fundraising goals.

WVDL Report – Dr. McKenna gave an update, noting the WVMA representative on the WVDL Board term is up and asked for two WVMA members to be submitted for the WVDL Board.

The WVMA Board approved to submit the following members Dr. Ray Pawlisch and Dr. David Jeans for the WVDL Board of Directors consideration.

Moved to advance Dr. Pawlisch and Dr. jeans pending their acceptance to the WVDL Board of directors.

I. AVMA Report – Ann Sherwood Zieser, HOD delegate gave the report. The highlight was the WVMA's oversight addition to the VCPR resolution passed. AVMA Winter Session and VLC - January 3 – 6 in Chicago
   A. Informational Session
      1. Treasurer's Report
      2. Partners for Healthy Pets – collaborative effort
      3. GHLIT member notification – health insurance coverage(only) will be withdrawn at the end of 2013 – NY Life exits the market
         a. www.avmaghlit.com
         b. (800)621-6360
         c. The ending of the GHLIT medical insurance at the end of this year is obviously a big issue for a number of our members. AVMA has

initiated a series of AVMA Now videos and the first includes Libby Wallace and some answers to common questions http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THwHNIbGD1g&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=smartbrief&utm_medium=email

4. AVMF – celebrating 50 years
    a. Mission is to embrace and advance the well-being and health of animals
    b. 5 new task forces including food safety task force
    c. 4 star rating

B. Governance Dialog
    1. Task Force on Governance and Member Participation
        a. Created as a direct result of resolution in 2010
        b. AVMA must evolve to meet member needs = fast, friendly and flexible
    2. Glenn Tecker presentation – the author of "The Will to Govern Well"
        a. Three major concepts – knowledge, trust and nimbleness
        b. Change in professional associations is being driven by shifting demography and rapidly evolving technology.
        c. Core values haven't really changed
    3. Task Force presentation – 8 conceptual models boiled down to one.
        a. Preliminary recommendation = Board of Directors, Advisory Councils and Task Forces and Leadership Nominating Committee

C. 150th Anniversary Kick Off www.avma.org/150

D. How Winning Works: The Essential Elements of Human Synergy – Robin Benincasa – the Eco Challenge
    1. Work better together as a team than you can as individuals
    2. "Inspiring people to grab life with one hand, grab their teammates with the other, and create the special magic that allows each of us to become better and stronger than we ever would have been alone."
    3. Essential Elements
        a. Total commitment
        b. Empathy
        c. Adversity management
        d. Mutual respect
        e. "We" Thinking
        f. Ownership of the project
        g. Relinquishment of Ego
        h. Kinetic leadership

E. District Caucus meeting – IL, IN and WI
    1. IL – sunset year of practice act
    2. IN – Spay Neuter Law – more low cost S/N + vax clinics in a large majority of counties; Health Insurance options for members

3. WI – HAACP for proper drug use – cash flow, presentation in DC; Joint committee with state Shelter committee; Winter Retreat with Jessica Goodman Lee; PDMP; DSPS; Animal Cruelty Bills

F. Reference Committees – (7) to discuss assigned resolutions and others + governance

G. Regular Session

1. Bylaw Amendment # 1- Notice of intent to amend BYLAWS will be announced to the AVMA membership via the association's website
    a. WVMA – voted approval
    b. AVMA EB and HAC – voted approval
    c. Amendment 1 – add "and other appropriate electronic media" – pass by 99%
    d. Amendment 2 – "such notice must include a specific description of the proposed amendments – pass by 98.3 %
    e. HOD –vote on amended resolution – pass by 95.2%
2. Resolution # 1 - broadening leadership opportunities on the House Advisory Council
    a. Important to maintain diversity
    b. AVMA Executive board and HAC - no recommendation - refer to HOD
    c. Moved to suspend the rules in the house manual so this can be voted on by HOD – Vote to suspend rules74.6%
    d. HOD vote -56% passes
    e. WVMA Executive board DISAPPROVE 6-2 – Recommend disapproval
3. Resolution # 2 Adding oversight to the VCPR – by WVMA and AABP
    a. AVMA executive board and HAC - disapprove
    b. WVMA Executive board APPROVE – Recommend approval
    c. HOD - passed by 70 %
    d. Comments: Concern of unforeseen consequences
        Follow up is a key component of scientific process to make adjustments in the interest of the health and welfare of our patients
4. Resolution # 3 Homeopathy has been identified as an ineffective practice and its use is discouraged (Only includes homeopathy - not complementary medicine in general)
    a. Endorsed by EBVM
    b. AVMA Executive board – disapproval
    c. HAC – referral to EB with referral to Council on Veterinary Service
    d. Reference committee - refer to EB with referral to CoVS
    e. HOD vote to refer - passes by 77.6 WI - vote not to refer
    f. WVMA Executive board DISAPPROVE - Recommend DISAPPROVAL
5. Resolution # 4 revised policy on canine devocalization
    a. AVMA Executive board and HAC – approval
    b. Reference committee vote in favor
    c. HOD - passes by 99.3%
    d. WVMA Executive board. APPROVAL 8-1

e. Recommend. APPROVAL

6. Resolution # 5 Policy on Livestock handling tools
    a. AVMA executive board and HAC – approval
    b. Reference committee – vote to refer to EB to refer to animal welfare committee
    c. HOD vote to refer - no by 50.1% - WI vote NOT to refer
    d. Word-smithing on the floor –
        i. Proposed amendment 1 –" the AVMA believes that mechanical aids to direct livestock movement should be used PROPERLY and not to strike animals. "
        ii. Opposition to the word driving aids due to multiple meanings to that term – HOD –Passes (yes)
        iii. Motion for Amendment 2 to strike the second sentence about driving aids due to multiple meanings of that term
        iv. Another suggestion to just change "driving aids" to "these aids – HOD – Amendment fails by 97%
        v. Amendment 3 – motion to strike 3rd sentence – amendment withdrawn
        vi. New amendment 3 "Every effort should be made to insure adequate on ongoing training in animal handling and behavior by all parties involved" – HOD – 89.7 in favor
        v. Amendment 4 – to replace "livestock" with food animal in 3 areas – HOD – fails by 64%
        vi. Amendment 5 – add additional wording at end of 3rd sentence "and be regularly monitored". Pass as friendly amendment
        vii. Amendment 6 delete driving and substitute these HOD passes by 92%
        viii. Amendment 7 – substitute non equine instead of livestock HOD – fails
    e. amended resolution 5 – passes after numerous amendments
    f. WVMA Executive board. APPROVAL – Recommend APPROVAL
    g. Comments : innocuous but is policy necessary for these tools specifically when AVMA has a humane policy....
    h. Referring to electric prod but that is not selectively stated so it may impact other means of handling

7. Resolution # 6 - Revised policy on pluripotent stem cells
    a. AVMA Executive board and HAC –approval
    b. HOD – passes by 99%
    c. WVMA Executive board APPROVAL – Recommend APPROVAL
    d. Good potential but worried about potential for abuse as a money maker

8. Resolution # 7 - Revised policy on the objectives and key elements needed for effective electronic identification of companion dogs, cats, other small mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and equids

a. AVMA Executive board- WITHDRAWN (withdrawn because it was poorly written and pits one policy against another)
b. Comments: concern about placement when anesthesia is necessary...in An amendment last sentence of 4 b- ,"with consideration for pain and risks"
Concerned that this is restrictive and endorses only microchip
Why are camelids not included?

9. ELECTIONS
   a. COUNCIL ON VETERINARY RESEARCH - private clinical practice
      Sasha Henderson - ******
      Martha Keller –
10. Closing Session – Water the Bamboo by
   a. The Basic concept is that many things in life require a lot of effort before results are seen

Residue Taskforce Update – Dr. Dave Rhoda and Kim Brown Pokorny gave an update on current committee work. With the looming FDA milk testing results, the Taskforce is contemplating the need for additional staffing/support staff for this program. Kim Brown Pokorny, accompanied DATCP Secretary, Ben Brancel and PDPW Executive Director, Shelly Mayer to a meeting with the FDA to present What Matters and the WVMA HACCP for Proper Drug Use.

FDA Meeting, Washington, DC - HAACP for Proper Drug Use

Individuals in attendance:

- Dr. Bernadette Dunham
  Director, CVM
- Dr. Bill Flynn
  Deputy Director of Science Policy, CVM
- Eric Nelson
  Director, Division of Compliance
- Dr. Mick Dutcher (via phone)
  District Director, MN Office, FDA
- Anita MacMullen
  Office of Partners
  Branch Director
  Contracts & Grants
- Joe Reardon (via phone)
  Office of Partners
  Senior Advisor
  Federal – State Relations
- Idaho Dept. Of Ag. Secretary (via phone)
- SC Dept. of Ag. Secretary (via phone)
- Bob Ehart (he helped set the meeting up)

Senior Policy and Science Advisor
National Association State Departments of Agriculture

FDA was very receptive to our solutions based approach (HACCP Program). Dr. Dunham followed up with us after the meeting and thinks there is a role for CVM to help highlight our approach around the country and have national uptake of it.

Dr. Flynn mentioned they will release all the information, so they are transparent. Versus, only some of it and they be criticized for looking like they are trying to hide something.

Executive Directors Report
Public Health & Food Safety Committee: Wants to sign onto a letter of opposition of a raw milk bill.

The WVMA Board approved the following: The WVMA opposes any bill that would legalize the sale of unpasteurized (raw) milk, but if such a bill was passed we would like to be involved in the rule making process.

The WVMA will continue participate in the safe milk coalition.

Legislative Committee/VE Rules Changes- Veterinary Examining Board will hold a public hearing on January 30th to consider an order to repeal VE 1.02(8); and to amend VE 1.02(7) relating to the definitions of patient and prescription legend animal drugs.

SECTION 1. VE 1.02(7) is amended to read:
(7) "Patient" means ~~the~~ an animal ~~being~~ that is examined or treated by a veterinarian.

SECTION 2. VE 1.02(8) is repealed.
(Section 2 is repealed due to "Prescription legend animal drugs" no longer being referenced in the VE Code.)

They are also finally updating VE10 to remove the pesticide CE training language. If you remember back, we were able to get an exemption from that law in 2009 and it became effective immediately. However the written rule language was never updated to match the legal exemption.

The WVMA Board **approved to** remain neutral on these VE revisions.

Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Paul McGraw - Dr. Paul McGraw asked the WVMA for a letter of recommendation for the state veterinarian position. The WVMA Board tabled this item until the next meeting.

Presidents Report – Dr. KC Brooks provided a recap of the AVMA Winter Leadership Conference.

Executive Committee Actions
The WVMA Board approved the following executive committee actions since the October meeting

- Continuation of current health insurance to lock premiums for the next year.
- Travel expenses for Kim's attendance to the FDA meeting in January.

The WVMA Executive Board approved these decisions.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 5 in Madison, WI.