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2017 ACVAA Annual Business Meeting

NASHVILLE, TN



AGENDA – in brief!

- Announcements and Congratulations
- Constitution and Bylaws Amendments
- Important Committee Activities
- Exam Re-Design and transition from Oral Exam – NOW!!!
- VAA update
- NAVAS update
- ACVAA scrubs
- ACVAA Budget and Financials
- Acknowledgements!



Welcome New ACVAA Diplomates!

- Isla Arcaro
- Elizabeth Goudie-Angelis
- Ryan Bailey
- Ciara Barr
- Carrie Davis
- Stephanie Dooley
- Stephanie Fissekas
- Rachel Hector
- Melanie Jarrett
- Heidi Lehmann





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Welcome New ACVAA Diplomates!

- Kerrie Lewis
- Ben Liao
- Marta Romano
- Andrea Sanchez
- Allan Williamson
- Gareth Zeiler
- Aurora Zoff





ACVAA Resident Abstract Awards

- Keely Wilson BvSc
 - Murdoch University
- Melissa Smith PhD, DVM
 - University of Georgia
- Thanks to:
 - ACVAA volunteers for judging and moderating rooms
 - ACVAA Education Committee for reviewing abstracts
 - Dr. Odette O for mastery of organization!

2017 ACVAA Career Achievement Award



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Dr. Gene Steffey VMD, PhD, DACVAA, DECVA



2017 President's Award for Meritorious Service

- Outstanding service in advancing the ACVAA through leadership, service, or outreach
- Lydia Donaldson VMD, PhD, DACVAA





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In Memorium

Dr. Peter Gray





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Dr. John Thurmon



Dr. Edmund (Ted) Eger



ACVAA Foundation Research Grant Recipient



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- Dr. Kathryn Zatroch (ACVAA resident) Cornell University
 - Dr. Manuel Martin-Flores DACVAA, mentor
- Evaluation of atipamezole as treatment for dexmedetomidine-induced cardiovascular depression in anesthetized cats”
- Total amount is : \$4385

Board of Director Nominees – 2017-2020 term



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AT LARGE

- Jane Quandt

REGION 4

- Andrew Claude
- Turi Aarnes

From the floor???

President-Elect Nominees

- Melissa Sinclair

From the floor???



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"You BARFED back in second grade!!
What other skeletons are there
in your closet??"

Constitutional Amendments

- Article V
- Section 2.e. Change of Dues deadline to July 1
 - Rationale – tightens dues deadline to achieve better college fiscal responsibility
- Article VIII
- Section 2.b. Revocation of certification is a college-wide vote, not a BOD vote
 - Rationale – to align with ABVS recommendations

Bylaws Amendment – Dues



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- Article VI
- Section 2 – allows for many reminders to diplomates by Executive Secretary by many different mechanisms (email, post, registered mail)
- Section 4 – new language that allows deferral of dues for 1 year, after BOD approval, without penalty or inactive status. Sound justifications must be provided.

Bylaws Amendment – Committees

- Article IV
- Section 3.C.4 – Removes reference to members of the oral exam committee

Bylaws Amendment – Examination Process

Article I

Throughout, removes reference to written and oral examination and refers to the Certifying Examination

Section 3.D – defines a 7 day notice requirement for a candidate to defer the examination

Section 3.E – allows for special accommodations within the testing environment

Section 4 – removes BOD from final vote on decisions related to the Examination by the Appeals Committee

Bylaws Amendment – Board of Directors

- Article II
- Section B – Regions: Change to annual re-allocation of regions by Executive Secretary to maintain balance of representation based on geographic population of diplomates
- Rationale – allows change in regions without annual bylaws change and vote, omits table

Committee Activities



Committee Activities – Credentials

- Credentials Reference Letter
 - Short form to prevent “reading between the lines”
 - Improves consistency in the reference process
- Credentials Applications 2017
 - 23 applications: 16 accepted with no reservations; 7 accepted pending manuscript acceptance within or by 60 days prior to the written exam

Committee Activities - Education

- Reviewed all abstract submissions for the ACVAA meeting
- Organized Resident Review day for 2017 ACVAA meeting
- Organized diplomate CE for 2017 ACVAA meeting

Committee Activities – Residency Training Standards



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- Changed P&P to make it clear who is program leader and who is a mentor
- All ACVAA-recognized residencies must have at least 1 ACVAA diplomate (as of 2018)
- Further refined the pre-residency checklist

Committee Activities – Examination

- Written venue in Madison
- Entirely computer-based
- 27 candidates sat the written examination, with 17/27 passing
 - 63% pass rate
- 19 candidates sat the oral examination, with 17/19 passing
 - 89% pass rate

2017 was the last Oral Examination!

- Ad hoc Exam Re-Design Committee
 - Composed of DACVAA's with present and past significant involvement in the written and oral examination
- May meeting in Chicago
 - Reviewed this year's written examination
- ExamSoft™ worked well for this year's written.
- Minor glitches, pretty easily overcome
- ExamSoft personnel were responsive and helpful during and before the exam

Beta test of Oral Examination in Computer Format - 2017

- 2016 oral examination was transferred into a computer-based format in January 2017
- Members of the Exam Re-Design committee, as well as several newly boarded diplomates (who had survived the oral in 2016) took the beta test
- Success! Easily navigated, visual images were good.



Beta test of Oral Examination in Computer Format - 2018

- 2017 oral examination will be transferred into a computer-based format in January 2018
- Members of the Exam Re-Design committee, as well as several newly boarded diplomats will voluntarily take the computer based “clinical competency” examination
- Further fine-tuning with feedback, as needed

So what happens in 2018 with the Certifying Examination?



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- An “all in one” certifying examination held sometime in May or September at the annual meeting?
 - feedback on timing?
- ExamSoft® for software and alternative question formats
 - Electronic photos, videos, drag and drop, clinical case material, question threads with no ‘go back’ options, etc.

What will the 2018 All-in-One Credentialing Examination look like?

- Day 1 and Day 2 Morning
 - 8 – 11 AM – 100 multiple choice questions
 - 11AM – 12PM – 1 required essay
 - Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Equipment
- Day 1 and Day 2 Afternoon
 - 1PM – 5PM
 - 5 essays of which 4 must be answered

What will the 2018 All-in-One Credentialing Examination look like?



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- Day 3 – Clinical Competency Examination
 - 3 hours in the AM
 - Replaces the Oral Examination
- Candidates who failed 2017 oral (or previous) will take only the Day 3 examination portion
- Candidates who failed the 2017 written will take the entire examination

When will candidates become diplomates?

- After successful completion of the Certifying Examination
- After final submission of case log to the Credentials Committee
 - With approval
- After sign-off by residency program leader that they have fully completed their residency



Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia

- Progress Report
 - January 1 transferred to Elsevier
 - Submission # about 10% higher than 2016
 - Delay in mailing issues in the transition – Issues 1-3 have now been mailed out, Issue 4 will be on-line soon. Twice the number of pages published than with Wiley in previous years.
 - Chronic Pain virtual issue coming soon
- Impact factor increased to 1.768

VAA Awards

- Langley Prize to Alonso Guedes, Monica Aleman, Eric Davis, and Caitlin Tearney "Cardiovascular, respiratory and metabolic responses to apnea induced by atlanto-occipital intrathecal injection of lidocaine in anesthetized horses". £500
- Elsevier Prize to Matthew McMillan and Hannah Darcy "Adverse event surveillance in small animal anesthesia: an intervention-based, voluntary reporting audit". £250
- Dechra Analgesia Prize to Marta Romano, Diego Portela, Gloria Breggi, and Pablo Otero "Stress-related biomarkers in dogs administered regional anesthesia or fentanyl for analgesia during stifle surgery" £500



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Abbreviated Mission Statement for NAVAS

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Wednesday, February 25 at 15:00

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29/FEB

Title

Sunday, February 29 at 19:00

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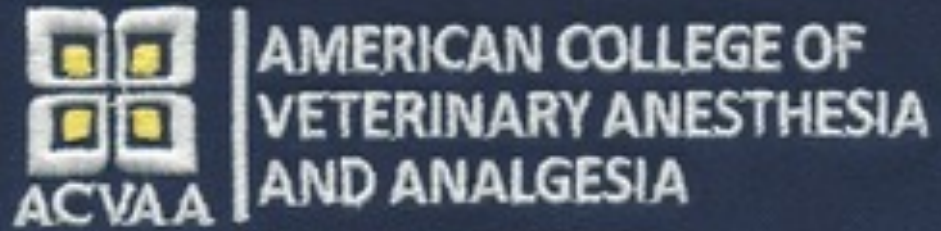
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Content Topics:

Need contributors and editors:

- Practice guidelines
- Technician's corner- check lists etc.
- VASG-like content- Dose calculators/how to do the calculations
- Webinars and other CE content

ACVAA scrubs!



ACVAA Financials

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



"We're in good shape.
Nobody understands our financial statement."

ACVAA Financials

INCOME

- Dues
 - \$107,650
 - Exam fees
 - ~\$15,000 - \$20,000
- VAA royalties
 - ~\$23,050

INCOME

- Sponsors
 - \$5000
- IVECCS registration
 - ~\$4000
- Miscellaneous
 - \$4587 (exam review in February and website advertisements)

ACVAA Financials

EXPENSES

- Written Exam
 - \$10,533.00
- Oral Exam
 - ~\$17,000
- Prometric
 - \$10,000

EXPENSES

- MCQ database and clinical competency transition
 - \$3397
- ExamSoft contract - \$0
- Exam ReDesign meeting
 - \$5170

ACVAA Financials

EXPENSES

- 2017 Scientific Meeting
 - ~\$2630
- 2017 Business Meeting
 - \$9000
 - Does not include sponsorship support

EXPENSES

- VAA subscriptions
 - ~\$20,000
- Executive Secretary
 - \$25,000
- Misc housekeeping
 - \$10,905

ACVAA Financials

- NAVAS support
 - \$10,000 promised
 - ACVAA paid remainder of the balance in 2017
 - \$7978.00

Bottom Line

- Income – Expenses =
 - \$141,688 minus \$106,609.00 = **\$35,079**
 - With all dues paid, total income would be **~\$59,080.**

Finally – Acknowledgements and Thanks!

- ALL committee members
- ACVAA Board of Directors and Lynne Kushner as Executive Secretary
- ACVAA Speakers
- Dr. Cynthia Trim - VAA editor in chief
- Sponsors!
 - AKORN (Resident reception)
 - Smiths Medical (abstracts)
 - Midmark (AVTAA luncheon)
 - Stetson Hallowell (Foundation and ACVAA)
 - Sentier (social hour)
 - Mindray (social hour)

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