**ACVAA BOD Minutes of Teleconference**

**5 PM EDT, January 3, 2019**

In attendance: Drs. K. Grimm, C. Egger, R. McMurphy, C. Dunlop, Odette O, L. Ebner, L. Love, T. Aarnes, L. Kushner

**Administrative Business**

1. Approve Agenda: Dr. Love motioned to approve, Dr. Grimm seconded - all in favor
2. Approve December minutes: Dr. Aarnes motioned to approve, Dr. McMurphy seconded, all in favor
3. There was discussion about the day and time for future meetings

a. The BOD agreed to leave the time at 5 PM EST, first Thursday of the month

b. Since July 4th will fall on a Thursday, it was agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday July 2

c. It was mentioned that the Cutscore meeting may fall around the first week of July

**Old Business**

1. Update - Trademark for Board Certified Specialist in Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia - Dr. Fischer, who could not attend the meeting had emailed new information to the BOD

a . Dr. Egger: Information from the lawyer: Because our name change to add ‘Anesthesia’ was more than 5 years ago, it is assumed that there would have been continuous use of ‘board certified specialist in veterinary anesthesia and analgesia (rather than just ‘anesthesia ‘

b. The Lawyer feels that we have the necessary evidence to demonstrate this usage and now requires a statement from the College demonstrating broad and continuous usage of the term

c. Dr. Fischer wrote a statement that was sent to the BOD for review and for comments

i. Dr. Fischer will send the finalized statement to the lawyer

2) Update on teleconference between ACVAA/NAVAS and NAVAS current state of affairs- Dr. Grimm

a. ACVAA would like to know the status of officers and leadership in the organization

b. There is little advancement of action since its incorporation 2 years ago besides the construction of the website. Besides the ACVAA membership, very few new members have joined

i. NAVAS administration has provided little communication or direction and there appears to be a lack of leadership

i. There appears to be no concrete plan by NAVAS on moving forward

ii. The ACVAA has been working to bring NAVAS into IVECCS by sharing future CE with NAVAS at IVECCS or other national meetings

iii. Dr. Egger has emailed the ACVAA list to recruit interested diplomates to help

c. Dr. Grimm composed a letter to the NAVAS President describing our concerns and has asked the NAVAS BOD for a response

i. The BOD agrees that tone of the letter should be resolute

d. Discussion: There are 3 seats for ACVAA diplomates on the NAVAS BOD and we do need someone to replace Dr. Brock since she will be stepping down

i. The ideal person would be one who has had long time involvement and passion with the ACVAA and has the time and effort to create and steer the NAVAS agenda

ii. It was felt that Dr. Tranquilli fits this role

e. With hope that Dr. Tranquilli will accept, Dr. Grimm motioned to appoint Dr. Tranquilli to the ACVAA/NAVAS BOD; Dr. Ebner seconded the motion; all were in favor

f. Drs. Grimm and Egger will work on polishing the letter to be sent to NAVAS

3) P&P for Emeritus diplomate status - tabled Dr. Kushner will send it again to members to review

**New Business**

1. Voting on P&P for regional distribution of diplomates for 2019- - Tabled

2. Develop a P&P and/or ByLaws language for choosing a NAVAS representative in the future - tabled

3. Increase pay for Executive Secretary - Dr. Dunlop said the Secretary’s salary has been static at $25,000 for years ( since 2011)

a. Dr. Dunlop reminded the BOD that they discussed raising the Secretary’s salary to $30,000 several months ago; and in addition, there should be a cost of living adjustment

b. Dr. Egger said that at the annual meeting, there was support for a raise

c. Dr. McMurphy motioned to raise the secretary’s salary to $30,000.00 to begin in January 2019; Dr. Egger seconded; all were in favor

c. Discussion - to apply SS cost of living adjustments to the salary as needed

i. Dr. Grimm sent the BOD a document listing the SS COLA that were determined since 2000

ii. Discussion - should go to the membership; Dr. Aarnes concern that diplomates in universities do not receive such raises.; Dr. Grimm - COLA does not need to come from SS

Dr. Love- discuss at annual meeting to get input from membership

4. Savings account interest for ACVAA money --Dr. Kushner said the interest rate now on the Savings money market account is 0.75%

a. Dr. Grimm - there are on line CD accounts that offer good rates

i. on line - can be set up as automatic transfers on line

ii. consider $100,000 in a combination of long term / shorter term CDs

b. Dr. Kushner will look into this

5. ACVIM nephrology/urology subspecialty has been suggested - VSOC - is asking specialties for comments/input

a. BOD had no comments

6. Any topics for discussion for Dr.Mama to present to VSOC

b. Dr. Grimm -talked about the issue of Veterinary technicians and their role in practice-

i. The AVMA is asking for input on how technicians are best utilized but this pertains more to general practices

ii. Would like to know if the ABVS-VSOC can get involved in these discussions

7. Memo from the ACVS to ACVAA about ACVS surgery summit

a. No new information. This was presented last month; Dr. Bradly Simon is organizing it for 2019 but ACVAA will play a formal role in summits beginning in 2020.

8. New ACVAA CE Endorsement approved ; Dr. Kushner wanted to inform the BOD of a new CE program from Dr. Driessen “ Equine Anesthesia and Analgesia and Perioperative Care “- for veterinarians and technicians to be offered in Europe and North America in 2019

A motion was called to adjourn; Dr. Grimm motioned, Dr. Egger seconded; all in favor

Meeting was adjourned 7:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kushner DVM

ACVAA Executive Secretary/Treasurer