**ACVAA BOD teleconference**

**February 6, 2020**

**5-7 PM EST**

Attendance: Drs. Dunlop, Aarnes, Bauquier, Ebner, Posner, Goudie, Fischer, McMurphy ,Kushner

**Administrative Business**

1. Approve agenda- Dr. Ebner moved, Dr. Posner seconded- all were in favor

2. Approve the minutes to the January meeting: Dr.Posner moved, Dr. Bauquier seconded- all in favor

**Old Business**

1. Website – new cost proposal for maintenance – an outline of the maintenance costs , costs of the plugin, and costs to complete the MOC and case logs were sent to the BOD via email

a. Plugin - $500.00 one time charge ; $800/month maintenance for the first 3 months ; after 3 months, a reduced monthly rate ( 100-200/mo?) can be discussed; otherwise additional services requested would be billed at $200/hr

b. Dr. Fischer moved for a motion to approved the costs of $800/month for 3 months, following those 3 months, to be re-negotiated - Dr. Dunlop motioned to accept, Dr. Fischer, seconded- all were in favor

2. ACVS resident training update- tabled

3. AVTAA request for ACVAA ‘endorsement update - it was suggested and expected that NAVAS would take the lead on that

**New Business**

1. MOC update – Dr. Bauquier discussed their committee’s updated MOC proposal (a copy was sent to the BOD earlier the day of the meeting)

a. As stated in the earlier proposal; will be a 10 year cycle, point total will be 100 points over 10 years; mandatory for those certified after January 1st 2016; diplomates certified prior to 2016 do not have to participate . The proposal provides several scenarios for diplomates in academia, private practice, and industry to obtain recertification, including options for part-time and/or maternity/paternity leave.

b. Detail was added about those who may not achieve the point total over 10 years :

i. Diplomate would need to sit the MCQ exam – there was discussion about how this would be scored and how a cutscore might be determined -needs to be a minimal number of examinees for a cut score-. Question raised: – a cutscore for all examinees or separate ones for diplomates and candidates ?- Dr. Dunlop discussed those options and consequences in each situation and explained why it should be separate.

ii. The exam fee for diplomates was discussed- perhaps the same fee ($500) for those who are repeating, although candidates pay same fee regardless if they sit the entire exam or just one part.

iii. The fee would be determined by the BOD; -since this would not happen until 2026, by that time, all the fees may have changed.

c. Section A- no. of points were increased from 5 to 6 for full time employment /yr

d. Section E –concerning ACVAA College involvement

i. Exam questions 1 pt/Q accepted ( was 0.5 pt/Q) ii. Question raised- how would the questions be tracked to determine its utility - The MOC CMTE would coordinate with MCQ CMTE- they would need to confirm that the Q is acceptable even if not used

e. Proposal says recertification process will be an honor system but with an ACVAA random audit of 10-20% of diplomates -seems vague, will need details

i. in 2026 – 10-20 % of all (± 150 ) could be audited ; how many ( who) will do the auditing ? May need a P&P to describe this

f. It was asked if the proposal should go to the membership or send to ABVS first

i. Once the MOC committee approves final draft It was suggested it be sent first to Dr. Mama for her input

g. Dr. Fischer motioned to accept the proposal; Dr. Dunlop moved; Dr. Posner, seconded; all were in favor

2. ACVAA 2019 annual report- the report was emailed to the BOD for review earlier in the week

a. Dr. Kushner asked for questions and provided a review

b. Dr. Dunlop suggested we look into a financial independent audit of finances

3. NAVAS/ACVA-L email forum that is being investigated- Dr. Grimm could not attend the mtg to discuss – tabled

4. ACVAA annual business mtg IVECCS 2020 –discuss separate day mtg (what day/ time ?) with reception off site- Dr. Kushner has investigated some options, needs BOD input

a. The IVECCS/ACVAA schedule of events will start on Saturday, Sept 12- Sept 15 and will be held in the St Louis downtown Convention Center ( not hotel ) w many hotels in the area along with restaurants

i. ACVAA resident review on Saturday; typically with Akorns’ sponsored resident review that evening

ii. ACVAA abstracts Sunday; followed by Knowles lecture, then Awards Ceremony; Monday and Tuesday ACVAA Special focus lectures

b. Dr. Kushner spoke to spokesperson at Blues Museum (next door to Convention Center) and there are good options to hold our reception there with a possibility of holding our business mtg there too– or should we hold the business mtg separately, if so which day and time?

c. It was suggested to hold resident reception Sunday (instead of Saturday eve) and hold business mtg/reception Saturday evening - Can we ask Akorn if he could hold the resident reception on Sunday (after abstracts) so we can hold our business mtg and reception on Saturday ( after resident review) ? Dr. Kushner will ask Akorn- but will many of the residents have left after Saturday or early Sunday?

i. The awards ceremony (ACVAA presents abstract awards) will be held Sunday

ii Can we present our ACVAA abstract awards on Sunday evening at resident reception? Will residents have left by then ?

5. Request for BOD input on ultrasound guided nerve blocks by technicians-- tabled

6. BOD opinion - U of Edinburgh offering on line certificate in Anesthesia for Vets and Techs - tabled

7. NAVAS progress report- tabled

8. Dr. Kushner informed the BOD of a second appeal made against credentials decision which was upheld

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Ebner, seconded by Dr. Goudie; all were in favor – meeting was adjourned at 7 :15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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ACVAA Executive Secretary