**Minutes of BOD teleconference**

**March 5, 2020**

**5-7 PM EST**

In attendance – Drs. Fischer, Ebner, Dunlop, O, Posner, Kushner, Grimm, Bauquier

**Administrative Business**

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

2. Approve minutes of the February teleconference – an error was pointed out concerning the updated MOC: it was written that points for MCQ questions decreased from 1.0.5pt to 0.5 pt ; - this has been corrected to say it was changed from 0.5 to 1 pt /question. Dr. Dunlop motioned to approve the minutes; Dr. Fischer seconded – all were in favor

**Old Business**

1.Website – Dr. Kushner received the invoices and paid for monthly maintenance, $800/month for 3 months), the yearly fee for hosting ( $500) and the $500.00 for plugin.

a. Dr. Kushner asked PHOS to clarify the start date for monthly service and was told it was date of the invoice ( February, 22)

b. PHOS asked who of us would want to receive the monthly google analytic reports that they receive – this information includes info about the type and amount of traffic on the website- the BOD was not interested – Dr. Kushner will ask to receive the reports

2. MOC update- Dr. Bauquier has presented a revised MOC proposal and had sent it to Dr. Mama for her consideration – Some Discussion over the following items :

a. How many CE mtgs/yr ? -ie- 3 mtgs/10 yrs? 2 mtgs/10 yrs? If 2 mtgs /10 yrs – then should we increase #-points /mtg ?

b. Those not meeting the MOC requirements would take an MCQ exam

c. Exam should test current knowledge – not all science – How many questions?

d. In the beginning of this process - make it easy to pass –should be robust enough, but not necessitate much study time; we do not want people to fail and we want to avoid possible legal problesms

e. Test current literature – be clear on which journals (only VAA?)-past 3-5 years? So everyone would have the same information – perhaps authors of articles can contribute at least 1 question to submit to the MOC cmte

f. Perhaps appoint an Ad hoc cmte to write Q for MOC? This can then provide more questions for the EC too)

g. Is there a need for a cutscore?

3a. 2020 Business mtg at IVECCS- Dr. Kushner wanted confirmation for the date of the business meeting and reception that would be held on Saturday ( after the resident review ) at the Blues museum, and the resident reception on Sunday evening after the abstracts

a. There were no dissenting opinions

b. Despite cost of the room ( $3500 for large room; $2500 smaller) we still must purchase tickets to tour the museum ( group rate for >20 is $12/ticket ( they stayed firm at that price)

c. Discussed having business meeting at the Marriott from 5- 7, then reception at the Blues Museum \*(see notes)

3b. The ACVAA/AVTAA luncheon was brought up by Dr. Dunlop – he asked about the costs and who arranges it

a. Dr. Kushner: over the past several years – the ACVAA and AVTAA alternated as host to arrange it and paid the balance of the cost after Midmark’s donation of $6000.00

b. Discussion- It should be collaborative each year and cost should be shared

c. Dr. Kushner said she had already been in contact with president Katy Waddell who confirmed that they will host the luncheon in 2020

**New Business**

1. Ultrasound guided nerve blocks by technicians -Request for BOD input

a. Legality is determined by the State Boards, can vary State -State

b. Must be supervised by a qualified individual –

c. Dr. Posner- technicians do many things that could be dangerous –- must be the responsibility and the judgment and qualification of the person supervising the technician

d. The ACVAA can provide a statement from the BOD that clarifies our position on this matter - - similar to our stated position on ‘anesthesia free- dentistry ‘

e. Dr. Grimm will work on a statement -

2. College input about financial support for resident review – refers to the resident review organized by Dr. Haan; - their charge to attendees- $50? And number is 80 +/- - presenters have donated their time ? should the ACVAA offer support? How much?

a. Discussion – can we place the content on our website ? –archive this information ? we would likely need their permission -

b. Dr. Dunlop- if we sponsor CE – should be at an ACVAA meeting – ( ex IVECCS )

i. IVECCS review – Put this content on the website ? How much would we pay for this?

ii. there is no resident attendee charge – so no registration income for us.

iii. ACVAA should compensate the speaker(s) –( $1500 last year to Dr. Dodam )

2**.** BOD opinion re. U of Edinburgh offering on line certificate in Anesthesia for Vets and Techs

a. There were no comments -

3. NAVAS/ACVA-L email forum that is being investigated – no discussion – tabled

4. 2020 Budget – (was emailed to BOD) – Dr. Colin provide his budget, Dr. Kushner provided her budget

a. Although totals of income and expenses were slightly different, the net differences of each budget were very close

i. Net differences (gain) : – Dunlop- $30, 255.00 vs Kushner- $29,342.00

b. Dr. Dunlop: Proposed that Income from IVECCS, and sponsor donations may be significantly reduced in 2020 due to COVID -19

c. Dr. Kushner budgeted lower income from sponsorships and job postings for reasons that it was unusually high

d. Expenses- Cost of annual meeting, expected to be held off site, is proposed to be much less than last year

e. Cost of website for 2020 should be 1/3 of the cost in 2019

b. A motion was made to accept the budget- Dr Dunlop moved; Dr. Posner- seconded- all were in favor

5**.** FDA proposed new regulations – “compounding animal drugs from bulk drug substances” – ( from Khursheed to BOD)

a. FDA had proposed new guidelines about how such compounding from bulk substances would be regulated – this has drawn much criticism and the AVMA has petitioned  the FDA to extend the time for more comments

i. Dr. Grimm- may be best to send this to the listserve- - leave this up to individuals and not the BOD

6**.** BOD comment concerning the ABVS proposed language to describe veterinary anesthesia specialists

a. Dr. Mama had forwarded a request from the AVMA asking specialty organizations to provide a brief description of what defines our work as specialists in our field.

i. Purpose is to describe for the public what we do as anesthesiologists and the statement will be inked to our website

ii. The statement that the AVMA provided was too superficial even for most pet owners, so we will provide a more appropriate statement

iii. Dr. Fischer will work on a statement \*\*

7. Use of CBD in rabbits**-** list serve discussion – tabled

Motion was made to adjourn-Dr. Posner moved, Dr. Bauquier seconded – all were in favor

Meeting adjourned 7 PM

Respectively submitted;

Lynne Kushner, DVM

ACVAA Executive Secretary

\* Blues museum-- Bands do not routinely play on Saturday nights – Sat. is reserved for specific functions and shows, hired specifically for private functions. Therefore we would rent the large room ( $3500) then they will hire the band. Depending on the band – could be as little as $500.00 ie-. Therefore it is our private party. On Saturdays- the museum closes at 5 PM. However, they can keep the museum open for private parties until the end of the evening ( 10PM) but we still need to purchase the tickets for our group, $12.00 ticket ( #70? We would be able to go to/from the museum ( even bring some food and drink) when we want – while the band plays. The caterer would set up food –and the museum offers drinks either as cash bar or on consumption for a certain price. Since we would then be renting that space we could start earlier in that room for our business meeting (there is a large monitor there for presentations and we would have already paid for the engineer for the band – so that engineer ( $250) would oversee the audio /and the presentation viewed remotely by members dialing in –probably via Zoom ( does that work internationally?) . They require a 50% deposit non -refundable.

\*\* A statement was written and passed via email to the BOD to approve - this was sent to Dr. Mama to forward to the AVMA