**ACVAA BOD Zoom meeting Teleconference,**

**Thursday August 6, 2020**

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

**Administrative**

1. Approve the agenda: Dr. Posner moved, Dr. Bauquier, seconded, all were in favor

2. Approve the minutes to the July BOD meeting: Dr. Posner moved, Dr. Bauquier seconded , all were in favor

**Old Business**

1. ACVAA IVECCS. September 12-14, 2020

a. Dr. Dunlop- IVECCS has set up discount codes for ACVAA Diplomates and residents, also codes for NAVAS and AVA

b. Abstracts - Each room will be broken up into groups of 4 abstracts (48 min) follow by Q&A of 15 minutes followed by a break of 10 min. Need info -will presenters need to pay and register\*

c. Dunlop- IVECCS - will organize the training sessions about the recordings and uploading of abstracts

d. Sponsors – Dr. Kushner said she still has not heard back from SmithsMed – our long time sponsor for the abstracts – but Akorn, Hallowell and Midmark, SEVAS replied favorably about sponsoring in general \*\*

i. Dr. Dunlop- sponsors can have their logos displayed during the abstracts, at our annual meeting, and the NAVAS Spring meeting

e. Dunlop- at end of abstracts, suggest a roundtable; to launch review of the monitoring guidelines, with perhaps 10-15 min for Q &A

2. ACVAA Business meeting; September 26, update –

a. Some agenda items: Different sections may be presented by Drs. Fischer, Grimm, Dunlop; Bailey

i. 2020 exam organization and info; 2021 Exam, discuss possible dates

ii. Career achievement award announcement: awardee provide a presentation? President’s award this year?

iii. Recognition of all our committees

iv. Announcement of NAVAS Spring meeting

3. 2020 exam update-

a. Proctor review – Dr. Grimm – there were perceived proctor conflicts at 2 locations; 3 at one site, and 2 at another so there were 5 proctors who were rejected by the exam committee

b. Idaho site: 2 proctors with very close family friends at an Idaho site – candidate can appeal this decision; candidate had also provided a 2nd option at Colorado, with one possible conflict there too ; Attempt to find a surgeon in Idaho who might proctor- - not successful

i. Dr. Dunlop-: can we override the EC decision and allow these Proctors in Idaho?

ii. Comment : all proctors who are colleagues of candidates may carry some conflict

iii. Dr. Dunlop – motioned to accept the 2 equine proctors at Idaho; Dr. McMurphy seconded- all were in favor

c. California practice - Two of 3 proctors are owners of the practice; presumed financial conflict of interest- the other approved proctor can only proctor one day ( Friday) ( candidate is not sitting the CCE)

i. Dr. Kushner – asked EC if the candidate could go to Davis for Thursday although this idea wasn’t well accepted

ii. BOD said it OK for his candidate to go to Davis on Thursday

4. ACVAA guidelines on supervision of technicians/nurses when performing advanced anesthetic techniques/locoregional blocks. This Issue was brought up last year by a concerned member diplomate asking for a BOD response

a. Dr. Grimm wrote a document submitted to the BOD that outlines overview of AVMA practice act, the scope of veterinary technology practice; direct vs indirect supervision of technicians ; fact that veterinarian has sole responsibility of the patient

i. Comment/questions – is not a legal document; cannot be enforced ; Should we put it on our website ; send to other specialty colleges ?

ii. Problem is that there is little definition of the standard of appropriate level of knowledge /training of the supervising veterinarian who oversees technicians performing critical and invasive procedures

iii. The AAVSB approves CE programs (RACE) but those programs still must be approved /accepted by each jurisdiction based on their own regulations.

b. Dunlop- Australian NSW surgery group comment – any veterinarian can supervise any technician; Specialist accountability should be held at higher standard

c. Dunlop – perhaps incorporate these issues into the ACVAA monitoring guideline to be endorsed by other groups

d. Dr. Fischer asked for other opinions - - BOD agrees it is well written; suitable

e. Dr. Grimm- put on the agenda of the annual business meeting for discussion

5. 1st Annual NAVAS symposium -Dr. Grimm- the ACVAA ED CMTE working with NAVAS on a 3- day meeting

a. Scientific program would be Diplomate level and General Practice level

b. Monitoring guidelines will be discussed

c. NAVAS is soliciting sponsorships of large amounts with intention to promote long term continuing education goals

**New Business**

1. 2021 ACVAA exam and review-

a. Too early to decide if it will be virtual, although it is a possibility

b. Need a date of exam to determine possible date of the cutscore; exam date possibly around July

I. Dr. Ebner to discuss date with the committee

c. Deadline for credentials submission still on Sept 1

d. Dr. Dunlop- we may review the exam process ie continue the CCE? Split the exam in 2 sections ? This can be presented at the annual meeting for discussion

1. Nominations for new directors to replace Drs. McMurphy (region 3) and Bauquier (at large)

a. Outgoing directors will reach out to members in respected regions for those interested to serve

Motion to adjourn - Dr. McMurphy moved, Dr. Posner, seconded- all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7 :24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kushner, DVM

ACVAA Executive Secretary

**Addendum**

\* Per IVECCS: Presenters do not need to register to present- their abstract but they do need to register to ‘attend’ or view the other abstracts

\*\* AKORN, Hallowell and SEVAS will have logos within the abstract programs and with the addition of Midmark, at the annual meeting. AKORN, the biggest sponsor ( $6,000) will sponsor the abstract awards ( $1000.00)