**ACVAA BOD zoom teleconference**

**September 3, 2020 , 5 PM EDT**

In attendance- Drs. Dunlop, Grimm, O, McMurphy, Bauquier, Posner, Ebner, Goudie, Kushner Meeting called to order at 5 :12 PM

**Administrative**

1. Approve agenda- Dr. McMurphy moved, Dr. Posner, seconded – all in favor

2. Approve minutes to August meeting, Dr. Ebner moved, Dr. Bauquier seconded – all in favor

**Old Business**

1. ACVAA /NAVAS Business meeting -proposed general agenda

 a. Begins with the NAVAS business meeting followed by AVTAA discussion of their exam, followed by AVTAA award; then ACVAA awards: Abstracts, Career Achievement, (President’s award)

 i. Presentations by the awardees would follow

 ii. Short presentation by ACVAA sponsors

 iii. End of meeting – short break

 b. ACVAA business meeting follows as separate login

 i. Reports by – Dr. Fischer ( COVID 19 effects), Dr. Bailey ( 2020, 21 Exam) ;

 ii. Dr. Bauquier – discuss MOC

 iii. Dr. Dunlop

 c. All Presentations probably will be pre-recorded but followed by a live Q&A at end

2. 2020 Exam update—Dr. Kushner is reaching out to the proctors at each site (18 sites) for names of the primary person for future communications, and to whom the material will be mailed – will alert them when the exam materials are ready to mail

3. ACVAA guideline on supervision of technicians/nurses when performing locoregional blocks—Dr. Grimm attached his position statement on the website ( under Action Items – Diplomate dashboard ) He said there were some comments- no complaints

4. Website update – Dr. Kushner said a meeting with PHOS ( Corey) and Drs Schroeder and Reed

was being planned; Brandon (CEO) would also attend but Brandon could not attend that meeting – plan is to meet Friday Sept 18 ( \*did not happen- trying to reschedule )

 a. Meeting is to discuss the resident logs, MOC ; and determine how this will be completed and for what, if any, extra cost

5. BOD nominations – Dr. McMurphy provided a nominee ( Dr. Ambros ) and Dr. Bauquier provided a nominee ( Dr. Leon Warn) – Dr. Kushner has sent them the BOD P&P that outlines duties of Directors- they said they will provide statements

 i. Dr. Kushner reminded the BOD that names should be presented to the membership at the annual meeting, and that the Bylaws does not say that nominations should be open to the floor but that additional nominations should be directed to the outgoing directors for consideration

 ii. Dr. Kushner had reached out to 2 other potential nominees who were interested \* ( see addendum)

 iii. Comment ; suggest a review of the Bylaws language describing process of nominations

6. Exam 2021 – Dr. Kushner mentioned that 21 candidates have submitted credentials for 2021 exam ; these have been forwarded to Dr. Schroeder for her committee to begin the review process

 a. Discussion about the date of the exam (July vs September )

 i. Dr. Ebner –July would be the best time , but must consider the residents , some just finishing in the middle of month and /or moving in July

 ii. if September, maybe around the annual meeting; must avoid Labor day

 ii. CMTE has not yet discussed if 2021 will be remote

 iii. Proposed date decided : July 23-25 (Fri- Sunday) if remote, July 22-24 ; there were no objections

**New Business**

1. Relationship between ACVAA and ACVS (ACVS summit): Dr. Dunlop said that the ACVS has been in contact discussing future plans for their summit

 a. Dr. Simon provided the lectures in 2019 and received very good feedback

 b. ACVS are happy to keep Dr. Simon if he is willing to continue

 c. The BOD agreed to keep Dr. Simon in this role for 2021 -

 d. comment: - Dr. Dunlop- to ask Dr Valverde to join the Ed CMTE ( no objections from the BOD)

2. Trademark infringement (technician/practice in Georgia) update:-

Dr. Driessen did email the technician and informed him that he must remove the language on the practice’s website that describes the technician as a ‘Associate of the ACVAA ‘ and ‘certified in general practice anesthesia and analgesia .” ( no news of a response)

 a. Discussion: It is an infringement on the copyright protection of ACVAA trademark

 do we need a lawyer to send a desist letter ?

 c. Posner’s nephew is a lawyer; Said we do not need a lawyer to send a desist as long as we have a trademark that supports infringement and we can tell the person to desist- should be enforceable

 i. Technician’s stated ‘credentials ‘ is a mis -representation and it is an infringement upon our trademark

 d. Dr. Grimm- to whom do we send the letter ? Technician or practice owner ?

 e. Dr. Kushner is to send Dr. Posner copies of Trademarks -

3. President’s award –Dr. Dunlop- -although P&P says not required every year Dr. Dunlop nominated the list serve managers – Drs. Wong and Ludders for their work in creating and managing the list serve

 a. Other names were mentioned as possible candidates

 b. Motion was made to award Drs. Wong and Ludders the President’s award – all were in favor

4. Information on NAVAS /Bylaws change – Dr. Grimm

 a. There have been some proposed changes in the NAVAS Bylaws; Those Bylaws with changes were posted on the NAVAS website for membership to review and comment

 b. Change includes 9 voting members ( was 10) and 2 non -voting members

 i. Among the 11 directors, will be 3 ACVAA directors, and 1 director from AVTAA, and 2 Directors -at large (NAVAS membership ) along with President, Secretary, Treasurer, and non -voting President -Elect and Past President

 c. Another possible change: Nominating committee ( appointed by the Society) would seek and review and approve the nominees (solicited from the membership); before recommending them to the BOD

 i. Nominating Committee comprised of 1 DACVAA of the ACVAA, 1 AAVTAA member and 1 from NAVAS general membership

 d. These proposed changes are under consideration by the NAVAS BOD - no vote expected until October or November

 e. One ACVAA director is vacating so; we need to find a nominee to fill that position

5. Additional item: VAA associate editors

 a. Editors need training and should be able to attend the 3 day training course, held November – cost about $800 USD

 b. Motion was made to support the cost for one, and consider another application if necessary Dr. Posner moved; Dr. Goudie seconded – all were in favor

Motion made to adjourn – Dr. Bauquier moved, Dr. Dunlop seconded – all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7 :26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kushner, DVM

ACVAA Executive Secretary

**Addendum**

\* Nominees for Region 3 : Dr. Barbara Ambros; Dr. Carrie Davis , nomination approved by Dr. McMurphy;

Nominee for At Large -Dr. Leon Warne Dr. Patrick Burns – approved /accepted by Dr. Bauquier

Their statements will soon be posted on the website –“Action Items ‘

Secretary note:-- Dr. Kushner sent Dr. Haan $2000.00 check for the Intensive Board Review held March/April – ( approved by the BOD) The money will be deposited in an account specific for these reviews