**ACVAA monthly Teleconference /Zoom**

**November 5, 2020**

**5 PM EDT**

In attendance- Drs. Dunlop, Fischer, Ebner, Posner, Bauquier, McMurphy, Kushner, O, - Dr. Schroeder attended at 6 PM

**Administrative business –**

1. Approve the agenda- Motion was made to approve the agenda, - Dr. Dunlop moved, Dr. Ebner seconded, all in favor

2. Approve Minutes to October BOD mtg – Dr. Kushner will remove a name mentioned in #5 of old business; Dr. Dunlop moved, Dr. Ebner seconded – all were in favor

**Old Business**

1. CVS Summit: Summary of discussion with ACVS regarding future relationship—In the zoom meeting with Dr. Southwood in Oct we provided info of our past annual meetings with ASA and IVECCS – and they described the format of their summit and what their goals are for the future ( a copy of the minutes of that meeting was sent to the BOD)

a. ACVS is interested in growing their meeting and they are interested in ACVAA, sensible because of the close relationship between surgeon and anesthesiologist; they already include anesthesia lectures at their summit

b. Their scientific program targets diplomates, residents, primary care veterinarians and technicians, - they also have a sports medicine rehab group that would align well with CE on chronic pain

c. Typical attendance ranges around 1700-2000; diplomates, residents, practitioners

d. They meet at various hotels, sometimes convention centers; various large cities in the US

e. Once ACVAA decides to fully explore, investigate ACVS, they will fully explore the possibility of including ACVAA

f. The summit in 2021 is already planned so if there is a merge into ACVS summit, it would not be before 2022; they begin planning for 2022 sometime around April 2021

g. Comments – good to have interactions with surgeons, - ie discussions of advanced techiques ie -one lung, for surgeries; good for resident interactions ; and good since surgeons may be involved in recruiting anesthesiologists; would we be locked in long term? Perhaps need only give 1.5 yr notice

Discussion -There will be an early December meeting with IVECCS - need to discuss what kind of commitment we may want; type of contract; negotiate type of content we would provide --

General anesthesia w NAVAS, and run our own separate platform of ACVAA scientific meeting?

h. Poll our membership for their preferences and interests ?– we need that input before the meeting with IVECCS if meeting is to occur in the first or 2nd week of Dec – need results of survey by then - perhaps

i. Plan to push the BOD December meeting from 4th to the 10th

2. Cut Score committee update: Upcoming meeting November 17th 6pm - the Prometric EC/Cutscore meeting will be November 16 - - so the BOD on the 17th will receive the cutscore results -we must have a quorum

3. Update on upcoming election of directors- - the voting has been initiated and is scheduled to close Nov 22 –

4. Update on ACVAA/ACVIM-cardiology discussion- this problem existed before and was discussed in 2015-2016 –if there was a letter from ACVAA that was sent to cardiology president, it has not been found

a. Discussion – Could these issues present a legal problem if not addressed? how should this be addressed – should we get input from DACVAAs as to the content of a statement to be presented to the cardiology college? is this more a local, individual problems rather than a College problem?

b. No further discussion

5. Cease and desist letters- Dr. Kushner said that she has been tracking the letters that were sent first week in October and they appear not to be arriving at the destination – apparently have been lost- Dr. Kushner has resent the letters \* ( see addendum)

**New Business**

1. Review and approve Prometric invoice- Dr. Kushner received the statement of work (SOW) from Prometric for 2020 –cost quoted is $14,852.60. This has increased from $14, 420,00 due to ‘cost of living increase’. The description of work is similar to last year. They ask for approval so the signed copy can be sent, along with invoice. The BOD approved the SOW.

2. Credentials Committee: Discussion regarding clarification of questions raised about credentials evaluations - The BOD was sent a doc of some questions raised by a few mentors, that asks for clarification of on how case logs are reviewed, rationales for evaluating non -survival research cases, sedations and case numbers. Dr. Schroeder joined the conference to provide input to the discussion

a. For credentials approval, guidelines must be clear, any outcome must be handled by appeals

b. Dr. Schroeder admitted that the some of the guidelines do seem vague as written in the RTS guide and would welcome clearer guidelines

c Discussion -types of cases, numbers, sedations, research, non survival

i. ie standing sedations are considered OK especially if receiving CRI, as long as resident is monitoring such cases

ii. Terminal cases – may also be accepted – issue in question on logs, was 30+ terminal research pigs logged in order to reach 50 ‘other’ cases ( only had 20) each cases ran 4+hrs and several a day – how did resident monitor each pig? need guidelines to evaluate such situations –

iii. No problem with core species since there are more than enough- no need to count sedations-

d. Discussion - cases logs – what do we want these logs to accomplish to ensure success of resident ?

i. Assess techniques used /cases; categories of types of cases; - up to mentors to be sure resident is gaining adequate experience (ie A-lines ; intubations etc.)

ii. Different supervisors have different perspectives of a resident; the oral exam demonstrated the difficulty in agreeing how a case should be managed

iii. Better guidance for mentors?

e. Clearer guidelines necessary for consistency- particularly since committee members change over time

f. Dr. Dunlop- The Exam CMTE will be reviewing the CCE - perhaps consider how resident case logs can relate to what is tested in the CCE ; how logs might relate to exam success

g. Dr. Dunlop - Plan- CC and RTC discuss the current guidelines, clarify some of the issues - - provide their review to the Exam chair /CMTE --for discussion in December

i. Any changes would effect residents starting in 2021

3. Follow-up survey for exam candidates completing the exam –Dr. Kushner had sent the usual survey to members of the EC asking for input/changes- one new question about the change in the 2021 exam was added - so far only about 6-7 responses

a. Dr. Bauquier has created another survey using RedCap - - more questions added about the particulars of the 2020 exam

b. Dr. Kushner can send the link to exam candidates; or send the email addresses to Dr Bauquier who will send out the link – that way he can track who have not responded

4. Late start of resident in Canada due to COVID - -due to travel restrictions entering CA – could not start in July – and therefore will not have the 104 weeks needed for credentials submission if submitting in end of 2nd year because of the September 1 deadline to submit credentials

a. The question asked was if the deadline could be extended for this resident ? Dr. Schroeder asked the BOD for input

b. The ABVS stated that specialty organizations cannot change exam/credentials requirements

c. Dr. Kushner noted that residents in Australian programs typically begin their residencies in January so never have the opportunity to submit credentials early, for that same reason. There has never been a change in the deadline date for these residents

d. BOD stands with the current requirements. Dr. Kushner is to write to the program leader to inform her of the decision.

5. Sponsorship for ACVAA: Development of formal plan- Dr. Grimm – there has been frustration about a lack of clear guidelines to present to sponsors, specifically the sponsorship levels, and what we provide to the sponsor for the amount donated.

a. Need to put together a proposal – with details for the BOD to review by December or January

b. Dr Grimm – will set up a zoom meeting with the annual meeting members involved in sponsorship to discuss

6. Comment about an anesthesia course that provides a certificate (not ACVAA) – tabled

7. ACVAA contribution/sponsorship for pain conference at NC state—tabled

8. Emeritus request- Dr. Douglas Follett – He is now retired, and meets all the requirements. The BOD had no objections

9. Added – Dr. O agreed to continue to be liaison/chair with AVTAA

**Additional information** –

1-to discuss next month- a. Renewal of Elsevier contract and editors; discuss future of the Journal

2-Dr. Dunlop- informed the BOD of an email from Dr. Kushner’s the primary Elsevier contact ( Rohit Sharma) Dr. Dunlop received a complementary email from Rohit and wants the BOD to be aware and Dr. Dunlop asked that the communication be added to this report

(See below)

A motion was made to adjourn- Dr. Bauquier moved; Dr. McMurphy seconded – all were in favor

Meeting adjourned a 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kushner, DVM

ACVAA Executive Secretary

Addendum

\* The cease and desist letters were received – and the technician emailed Dr. Kushner expressing his concern and apologies. His email was forwarded to the BOD.

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**From:** Sharma, Rohit K. (ELS-CHN) [<mailto:r.sharma@elsevier.com>]   
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 November 2020 7:09 PM  
**To:** Colin Dunlop <[CDunlop@aasmedical.com.au](mailto:CDunlop@aasmedical.com.au)>  
**Subject:** All praises for Lynne Kushner

Dear Dr. Colin Dunlop,

I am hoping all is well with you and your loved ones.

I work at Elsevier as the Society Liaison and ACVAA is one of the societies that is handled by me. So I am constantly in touch with Lynne Kushner regarding member files, invoices, and access issues. I wish to take time and tell you how great she is at what she does. The care and concern that she shows for the ACVAA members is impeccable. I cannot possibly praise her enough for her hard work and dedication. Our email conversations are so great and I thoroughly enjoy writing back to her whenever she contacts me with regards to customer queries.

She is a true professional and she is the reason behind I had heard some great things about Lynne from the liaison (Giovana) who was previously handling the ACVAA account and I realised how true all of that was after my first few conversations with Lynne. I want you to know that she is leading ACVAA to greater heights.

Stay safe!

Regards,

Rohit Sharma

Society Liaison

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**Subject:** RE: All praises for Lynne Kushner

Dear Rohit

Thank you for taking time to write to me and for your kind and generous words about Lynne. I will pass these on to the Board of Directors at our next meeting on Thursday this week if that is OK with you.

As well as being the current President of ACVAA, I run a small company based in Sydney – DarvallVet - we manufacture anaesthesia equipment for animals (surprisingly!) which is used in Australia, the UK, the USA, UAE and China. It is not a big company – maybe 20 employees - but we work with many other small companies to produce our equipment. It is uncommon that someone takes time to write to me to give me positive and glowing feedback about our people, although they are well regarded and do an excellent job. It is far more common for people to write about a problem or perhaps about perceived problems in communication etc. So it was a lovely surprise to receive your email

I have had a number of remote meetings with Ian Salusbury this year in relation to the VAA Journal and I have asked about how our society communicates with Elsevior so it is nice to understand how some things work and to get to “meet you”. I know early on when the VAA journal moved to Elsevior Lynne found the communication challenging, not having a responsive contact person and found difficulty getting answers to questions etc. I can see from your email that you and Lynne have good rapport and communication so I thank you for helping us and looking after our organisation and members!

**Colin Dunlop BVSc., Dip ACVAA**

**President ACVAA**

Dear Colin,

Thank you so much for writing back to me. I can imagine how busy your schedule must be and you still took the time write back to me.

I believe that any person should get their due recognition and praises that they deserve. Please do pass on the email to the Board of Directors meet so Lynne Kushner gets the recognition that she deserves. I loved reading your pleasant e-mail and I am glad that I wrote to you. It has been a great year working with ACVAA and I look forward to more such years.

Yes, you are right when you say that Lynne and I have built a great rapport and we will work together to make sure that ACVAA members receive the best customer experience possible.

Have a great day and stay safe!

Regards,

Rohit Sharma

Society Liaison

Nov 3 2020

Dear Colin and Rohit

This is great to hear. We’re grateful to Lynne for all her help in making sure our service to ACVAA members goes smoothly.

Regards

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