



SVECCS GENERAL MEETING
Teleconference
3 pm EST, 2 pm CST
October 23, 2011

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Joseph D'Abbraccio – Sunday October 23, 2011 3:07pm EST

2. Present

- i. President- Joseph D'Abbraccio, St. Matthew's University
- ii. VP-Sarah- Smith, Michigan State University
- iii. Secretary- Heather Napolitano, St. Matthew's University
- iv. Members-at large (2)- Anne Kelman, Ontario Veterinary College

Not Present

- i. Members-at large (1)- Erica Fauth, Louisiana State University
- ii. Advisor-Dr. Gary Stamp, DVM, MS, DACVECC

3. New Website

Heather has not gotten in touch with Crystal for the website. Deadline November 15th for going LIVE. Trying to get everything finalized earlier. After going over design with Crystal send officers ideas for approval. Heather and Erika need to coordinate all information.

Sara verified externship survey is updated on the current website after Amanda White reported that it had not been updated.

4. Newsletter

Anne has not received submissions so she will send out request from chapters. Will outline VIN's recent contributions, New Website Launch, Welcome Letter from Joe (deadline November 5th). Goal is to release newsletter mid-November.

Joe suggested reserving article space for case reports (deadline approximately June 2012), add rules and regulations of IVECCS and stipend, include bios and gmail contacts.

5. VIN

Anne speaking with Shilpa and cross referencing list of people with current permissions with googledocs. Creating limited access for presidents and open access for members. Need to clarify how to allow additions. Propose idea to Paul about adding a function to opt to the listserv when signing up for VIN as a student. Also propose to Alejandro to add in the weekly newsletter there is a survey for externships.

6. Externship

To add new externship you must go to live form and copy the information into our list.

Michael Johnson should be contacted by June 2012 to initiate more publicity about IVECCS members signing up for the externship survey. This year we had a total of seven additions at the VIN cyber café.

Fourth year and Caribbean students should get the new externship list emailed out to them since the website is not up yet.

Wait for the website to be live for the AVMA announcement.

Also add this information to the SVECCS Facebook page.

This page needs more publicity. We should continue to work on this. Perhaps have regular posts because it drives up traffic.

7. Re-activation of chapter-University of Tennessee

The chapter is ready to go for reactivation. UT is having issues with their advisor because they are an ECC boarded vet tech and SAAVMA is not approving the request since advisor is not an AVMA member. UT will work on getting the appropriate approvals and will keep in touch with us. We do not need to vote on their constitution, just submit it along with their member list.

8. Post IVECCS Stipend

IVECCS stipend issues this year: some chapters requesting money in advance however did not send an active chapter member and did not volunteer time.

For next year we need further clarification of "active chapters" as well as who can receive said money. Since it is not posted clearly on the IVECCS website we will send out pdf of responsibilities and requirements to receive the stipend in addition to what an "active chapter" is. Heather will help create this document and final will be posted on Google Docs so we have in time for next year's conference. This information will also be linked to the website.

9. Grants

Grant amount \$500/semester. Officers will determine rules and regulations for this stipend. Erika put together a grant form (attached to minutes). Heather will assist in

editing application. Submission should include how money will be used along with contribution to the newsletter and photos documenting the event.

Sara will speak with Dr. Stamp regarding the loaner equipment with what feasibly will be available. Sara will get a list of available items together, determine how shipping and damages will be handled, what will the time frame for loaner be, will there be a signed agreement? Sara will follow up with Dr. Stamp and solidify protocol.

10. Constitutions and Membership Lists

Joe entertained motion to write amendment to obtain a current copy of their constitution as well as a current member list at the beginning of the new year (September/October). This will help to keep an accurate count of how many participants in the annual survey each chapter must submit to maintain active status. He will add this to "What makes an active chapter" section.

Heather motioned for ammendment

Anne second motion for amendment

Joe will prepare by November meeting.

11. General Comments/Concerns

Heather found we do not have Liverpool or Alabama (is this Auburn?) contact information. Heather will check with Donna to see who she has listed as coming and gather information from them. Heather will also send emails to both chapters to see their attendance.

Vet Tech school in attendance at IVECCS interested in having a SVECCS chapter. Anne and Sara will talk with their vet tech schools and see what the interest is and we will formulate possible tech chapter involvement over the next year. ECC specialty available to techs now titled VTSECC.

Concern about Abbott stipend: We will check interest and then approach Dr. Stamp about this.

UC Davis is holding an online CE course. Joe will look into possibility of NSVECCS holding online courses such as these with our diplomates in the hopes of raising money for the NSVECCS fund to offer additional stipends to active chapters for their wet labs etc. We will look into the potential for VIN to help out in order to drive more traffic to the website. Additionally we can develop this into a seminar for local chapters so the cost of a speaker can decrease without having to fly someone somewhere. This CE course would be about an hour long with support materials provided online.

Anne will talk with Paul regarding this idea.

Joe is working with the VIN Foundation board and will pitch idea too.

Listserve goal: To provide a forum for SVECCS members to ask questions about internships and residencies and swap ideas and stories. Encourage global communication. Additionally this is a

way to reach chapter members without relying on the chapter president to communicate timely information and get fresh ideas from our membership. This is a members-only participation.

7. Adjourn – 4:17pm EST