

MINUTES

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 11, 2019
Austin, Texas

Dr. Emily Rothstein, President, called the meeting to order at 5:52PM. Members present were Drs. Abbott, Abraham, Abrams, Ackermann, Akridge, Aniya, Ashley-DeVore, Bachtel, Bajwa, Bartlett, Bauer, Beadleston, Beale, Berger, Bernstein, Blessing, Bonenberger, Brown, Budgin, Buerger, Candito, Canfield, Cannon, Clark, Cole, Contreary, Coyner, Crow, Dell, Diesel, Doerr, Donnelly, Duclos, Eckholm, Edinger, Fadok, Falk, Farver, Fickle, Flynn, Foust, Frank, Frazer, Friedman, Ghubash, Gilbert, Gimmler, Goodale, Gortel, Graham, Gray, Griffies, J. Griffin, Gunter, Helton-Rhodes, Hnot, Holm, Irwin, James, Jazic, Kelley, Kennis, Keppel, Kidney, Kirby, Kirzeder, Kunder, Kwochka, Layne, Lee, LeRoy, D. Lewis, T. Lewis, Liska, Lo, Logas, Lowe, Matousek, Mauldin, McFadden, McKay, McKeever, Mendelsohn, Mesman, Meyer, Metry, R. Miller, Milley, Milosevic, Moreillo, Morris, Mount, Murphy, Muse, Nagle, Oberkirchner, Oldenhoff, O'Neill, Page, Patterson, Peikes, Petersen, Peters-Kennedy, Pieper, Pinchbeck, Plant, Preziosi, Rees, Reiter, Restrepo, Richman, Roberts, Rock, Rook, Rosenbaum, Rosenberg, Rosser, Rossi, Rothstein, Sargent, Sauve, Scheidt, A. Schick, M. Schick, R. Schick, Schissler, Schmidt, Schwartz, Schwassmann, B. Scott, Seltzer, Shanley, Shumaker, Simoes, Simpson, Solc, Song, Souza, Spiegel, Stepnik, Stewart, Stokking, Strauss, Tapp, Tater, Tham, Theus, R. Thomas, Thompson, Toops, Torres, Tranchina, Udenberg, Valentine, Vaughan, Voie, Watson, Webb-Milum, Westermeyer, A. White, B. Wildermuth, Williamson, Wilson, Woodward, Zewe, and A. Borich was also present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (2018) – E. Rothstein

There were no questions or comments regarding the 2018 minutes.

M. Clark made a motion to accept the minutes.

K. Beale seconded the motion.

The minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – D. Liska

The treasurer's report was projected on screen for the members to view.

The balance as of December 31, 2018 in the College account was \$1,190,874 and the Research account balance was \$957,633 for a combined total of \$2,148,507.

D. Gram made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

D. Logas seconded.

The report was accepted.

Thank you to the finance committee members, Drs. Bateman, Clark, T. Lewis, Patterson, Rothstein and Schwassmann for your help. Tom Lewis is retiring from the finance committee.

Please encourage people to submit quality grant proposals so we can fund more projects. Also, please contribute to the Wish Fund. When we reach our goal of \$500,000 in the Wish Fund we will have additional funds to support grants.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – E. Jazic

Thank you to the committee members: Drs. Eckholm, Edginton, Goodale, Milley, Santoro and Simoes.

Ten case reports were submitted for the August 2018 deadline. In the original review eight were accepted and two needed additional information and were ultimately accepted. For the January 2019 submission eleven case reports were received. Of those, five were accepted on initial review. Of the remaining five, four required additional information and one is considered unredeemable.

Eleven credentials packets were submitted in June 2018 and all eleven were accepted. In the credentials packets, six alternative case reports were submitted. Two residents chose to submit two alternative case reports.

A survey was sent to current and recent residents and twenty-nine of them completed the survey. Questions pertained to how many submitted traditional case reports (32) or alternative options (27). If they chose alternative options what format was used, Journal (24) or textbook (3). Also what other journals would they like to see added to the approved list (Canine Practice, Case Reports in Vet Med and Feline Practice).

D. Gram made a motion to accept the credentials report.

A. Schick seconded.

Credentials report was accepted.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE – K. Doerr

Thank you to the 2018 exam committee members Drs. Bajwa, Pieper, Rook and Shumaker-Meyer and the incoming members this year Drs. Lam, Laporte and Tham. J. Pieper is the incoming chair of the exam committee. Thank you also to the question writing committees members Drs. Cain, Fadok, Kunder, Moriello, Roberts, Schissler, Scott and A. White.

The 2018 exam was held at Western University in Pomona, California. Eighteen candidates took the exam. Of the eighteen, eleven took the exam for the first time and seven were repeat takers. Of the eleven first time takers, seven passed for a first time pass rate of 63.6%. Overall eleven of eighteen candidates passed the exam for a pass rate of 61%.

The new members are: Drs. Abrams, Ackermann, Choi, Hasbach, Laprais, Moczarnik-Petersen, Richman, Rock-Painter, Schwartz, Solc and Webb-Milum.

D. Gram made a motion to accept the exam committee report.

B. Scott seconded.

Examination report was accepted.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – A. Diesel

Thank you to the committee members: Drs. Rosenberg who is the incoming chair; Bourgeois, Diaz, Gimmler and Mount.

The committee evaluated thirty-four annual progress reports in June 2018 and all were accepted. Nineteen completion letters were sent to residents finishing programs in 2018. In December 2018 the committee reviewed eighteen 6-month progress reports for first year residents and all were accepted. The first year, 6-month progress report has been eliminated and residents and mentors will only be required to submit annual reports in the summer.

Eight individualized programs were reviewed and approved for mentors: Drs. Duclos, Hansen, Rosenberg and Budgin, Bloom and McDonald. Programs for Drs. Diesel and Patterson, Griffies and Bateman and Plant were renewed. There are a few programs still under review as well as a few programs with minor changes to their descriptions.

Discussed reason for contingency mentor in case primary mentor is unable to complete the training as outlined in their program description.

The committee appreciates your patience during the review process which can take up to six months.

D. Gram made a motion to accept the education report.

A. Schick seconded the motion.

Education report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLICITY & MARKETING – D. Senter

The committee members include Drs. Breen, DeJaham, Holm, Miller, Outerbridge, Randall and Seals.

Committee conducted a survey of clients with dogs who were diagnosed by a general veterinarian who then saw a dermatology specialist. Three-hundred surveys were completed with great representation from the US and Canada. The committee is still sifting through the data but here are some of the initial findings: 39% were aware of specialists; sixteen symptoms were identified from the visit with the general veterinarian such as itchy, coat changes, ear problems tumors, etc.

Other things were specialists use different diagnostic tests and 46% of the diagnosis did not match that of the general veterinarian. Other differences included response to shampoo therapy and food trials when recommended by general vs specialists. Client satisfaction with general vets was 41% while satisfaction with specialists was 80%. Clients were asked what they thought is the breaking point when the general vet should refer to a specialists. That was when they reach \$925 or the third visit for the problem. Of the clients surveyed 73% had reached that point. 58% of clients said they feel better about their regular vet if they are referred to a specialist, 82% would be happier if referred sooner.

NEW BUSINESS

TRADEMARK – E. Rothstein

Our trademark attorney is working on our application for the terminology, **Board Certified Veterinary Dermatologist**. If you can update your website homepage to include this terminology to help substantiate the use we would appreciate it. The text should appear as stand-alone (not used in a sentence) and either Bold, all capitals or underlined. If you are able to do this please let Emily or Alexis know so we can send the link to our attorney.

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION – E. Rothstein

A survey was sent to the members with maintenance of certification options other than attending a specified number of meetings and publishing a paper. A few ideas included receiving points for mentoring residents and serving a minimum one year term as a scientific journal editorial board member. For a ten-year time period considering attendance at four meetings and three other point options to be determined. May consider classes taught or CE lectures but need to figure out the point

system. Mentoring would be more points than lecturing. Please submit other ideas to the exec board as we would like to vote on this change by next year.

Discussed what happens if a member is not in compliance. The new certificates are dated for 10 years and will not be reissued unless maintenance of certification is current. Next year is the WCVD meeting. Voting will likely be done via email. Your answers are anonymous so please take a moment to cast your vote when you receive the email request.

2019 EXAM – J. Pieper

This year the exam will be one day only rather than two consecutive days. It will be held Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Western University in Pomona, California. It will be a total of eight hours split into two 4-hour sections and all the questions will be multiple-choice based on the job task analysis results. There will still be AOK histopathology questions but no glass slides. The mock exam should be ready by May 1st.

For this year only, candidates who failed one section, either the basic or practical section, last year will be given the choice to take the new multiple-choice exam or only the portion they failed last year. Each of the six candidates this applies to will be sent a letter and they will need to indicate their choice and send the letter back to us by May 15, 2019. We will notify the residents and candidates about these changes at the resident breakfast this Saturday.

Thank you to the exam committee, exec board and the members who participated in the job task analysis for doing a great job. We ask members to contribute and participate when you are able.

A question was asked about the NY State continuing education issue. D. Liska will look into it.

D. Gram made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
A. Schick seconded.
The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Borich
ACVD Executive Secretary