

MINUTES

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, July 28, 2024
Boston, MA

Dr. Andrew Rosenberg, President, called the meeting to order at 12:27PM. Members present were Drs. Abbott, Abraham, Ackermann, Akridge, Aufox, Bachtel, Backel, Bajwa, Bartlett, Bauer, Bennie, Berger, Bergeron, Bernardi de Sousa, Bizikova, Blessing, Bonenberger, Bourgeois, Bowden, Boyd, Brame, Brown, Bruner, Budgin, Burroughs, J. Campbell, K. Campbell, Canning, Chan, Charach, Choi, Clark, Contreary, Cook, Cox, Crothers, Crow, DeBoer, Dell, DeManuelle, Detwiler, Diesel, Doerr, Dong, Eckholm, Edginton, Falk, Fickle, Flanagan, Fleischman, Frazer, Foust, Frost, Ganz, Garfield, Gedon, Genovese, Gentry, Gilbert, Gimmler, Gould, Graham, Griffies, J. Griffin, Gunter, Haarstad, Hall, Harbour, Hasbach, Helton-Rhodes, Herrmann, Hess, Hicks-Robinson, High, Hnot, Ho, Hoff, Holm, Hopke, Hoppers, Hudec, Inga, Irwin, Jackson, James, Jazic, Jones, Jordan, Kelley, Kidney, Kirby, Klinczar, Klinger, Koch, Korbelik, Kunder, Lam, Lancellotti, Laporte, Laprais, Layne, Lee, Lefrancois, LeRoy, Levinson, Levy, D. Lewis, S. Lewis, T. Lewis, Liska, Lockwood, Loewinger, Logas, Lorch, Lowe, Marshall, Martin, Martinez, Matousek, Mazulis, McAuliffe, McClintock, McFadden, McKay, McKinney, Mendelsohn, Mesman, Messinger, Metry, J. Miller, R. Miller, Milley, Morris, Mount, Mueller, Ness, Nett, Oldenhoff, O'Neill, Orbell, O'Shaughnessy-Hunter, Outerbridge, Page, Painter, Palmeiro, Patterson, Peden, A. Petersen, J. Petersen, Peters-Kennedy, Piccione, Pieper, Pinchbeck, Plowgian, Quilling, Radwanski, Ramos, A. Randall, Reeder, Rexo, Richman, Roberts, Rook, Rosales, Rosenbaum, Rosenkrantz, Rothstein, Santoro, A. Schick, Schnedeker, Scholz, Schuldenfrei, Schwartz, Schwassmann, Seltzer, Senter, Shanley, Shumaker, Sickafoose, Simoes, Simpson, Solc, Soohoo, Sousa, C. Souza, Spiegel, Stepnik, Stewart, Strzok, Tapp, Theus, Thompson, Tomich, Toops, Tunhikorn, Udenberg, Udraite-Vovk, Valentine, Vandeneeble, Vogel, Voie, Waisglass, Watson, Webb Milum, Werner-Resnick, Westermeyer, B. Wildermuth, K. Wildermuth, Williamson, A. White, S. White, White-Weithers, Willis-Goulet, Wilson, Wu, Wyatt, Yen, Yu, Zabel, Zhou and A. Borich was also present.

INTRODUCTION

As a non-profit organization, we are required to have an annual business meeting. In conducting the meeting, we will follow Roberts Rule of Order. Today we will use a consent agenda to approve the three standing committee reports with one motion and second.

The Board of Directors transition occurred April 30, 2024. We want to thank Adam Patterson for ten years of service on the Board. The current slate of officers include: Past President – Anthea Schick, President – Andrew Rosenberg and President Elect – Ali Diesel.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (2023) – A. Rosenberg

There were no questions or comments regarding the 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved digitally after the meeting last year.

Welcome to our new Diplomates! Drs. Sara Bancroft, Dylan Burroughs, Hilary Chan, Kaitlyn Edmonds, Trenton Ewing, Drew Fleischman, Natalie Gedon, Erica Hess, Julie Lefrancois, Sarah Lewis, Kalie Marshall, Alissa Rexo and Chi-Yen Wu. Some of the new Diplomates will be speaking at the resident's lunch today.

TREASURER'S REPORT – A. Rosenberg

The combined total of the College and Research Foundation accounts increased by \$600,000 since last year. In part this is because our sponsorship funds doubled since 2023, along with receiving surplus funds from past NAVDF meetings and market performance. Even though we have a combined total over three million dollars we continue to subsidize the annual exam. Over the past seven years the College has contributed \$93,000 to cover the annual examination expenses.

We are also investing in our residents by providing dermatopathology training in October and a grant webinar series for members and residents in September. Our hope is to improve the quality of grant proposals so we can fund more grants.

M. Clark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

C. Mendelsohn seconded.

The report was accepted.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – A. Bourgeois

Thank you to the members of the committee: R. Mount, A. Detwiler, C. Cain, JM Short, M. Clark and K. Rook. Four members are from private practice and three are from academia. Rebecca Mount is the incoming chairperson.

In November 2023 six new programs were submitted and ultimately approved. In February 2024 eight new programs were submitted, five have been approved and the others are undergoing review.

Implemented new submission deadlines. February 1st is only for new program applications. October 1st is the recertification application deadline. Any major changes to a training program should be communicated to the education committee as soon as possible. Any questions, contact the committee at: Education@acvd.org.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE – B. Tham

The committee is seeking a new member. If you are interested or have questions, please contact B. Tham.

The 2023 exam was in held in person at the Nylo Las Colinas venue in Irving, TX on November 3rd. Drs. Tham and Milley were there along with Rob Malinowski, the exam administrator. Thank you to Diana Midyett for her help securing and planning the event.

The 2024 exam will be in person on November 8th, at the same venue in Irving, TX. Candidates are required to arrive the day before to attend a briefing on November 7th. Diana negotiated for a larger, quieter room for the exam this year. The exam fee is the same as last year, \$3,200. Candidates were required to pay a \$1000 deposit by June 1st and the balance is due by September 1st. Residents were given an opportunity to participate in a support program with Royal Canin to receive a \$1000 exam stipend. Merck also provided a \$1000 stipend to residents completing training in 2024 and taking the exam. Remind residents to take advantage of the offered support and to thank the sponsors.

In 2023, eighteen candidates took the exam. Of those, thirteen passed for an overall pass rate of 72%. Twelve candidates took the exam for the first time. Of those, nine passed for a first time pass rate of 75%.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – E. Goodale

Thank you to the members of the committee: Drs. D. Santoro (past chair), C. Contreary, H. Edginton, H. Newton, J. Schissler, K. Voie, D. Wyatt and Z. Zhou. Drs. Schissler and Voie have retired from the committee this year.

In January 2023 seven case reports were submitted and in August 2023 twelve case reports were submitted for a total of nineteen case reports last year. The initial pass rate for both deadlines was 63%. After resubmission, the pass rate increased to 92%.

The committee continues to meet with residents to answer questions and provide guidance and offer office hours for residents and mentors to schedule time to meet.

For the June 2023 deadline the committee received eighteen credentials' packets. Seventeen packets passed review. One was incomplete due to not meeting the publication acceptance requirement.

For the June 2024 deadline the committee received sixteen credentials' packets. Twelve passed review. Four did not pass because they did not receive publication acceptance by June 30.

The committee recommends changing the mandatory January 15 deadline to submit manuscripts for review. The change is to 'recommend' not require, residents submit their manuscript to a publisher by December 15th. The June 30 manuscript acceptance deadline will remain firm.

The committee reviewed the list of approved journals and added a few. If journals are indexed in Medline they should be okay however please confirm with the credentials committee before submitting to a journal not on the list.

A case report survey was sent out for comments and is now closed. The board is consulting with members of the advisory board, credentials committee and last ad-hoc credentials committee. The findings will be sent out when available.

D. Lewis made a motion to accept the education, examination and credentials reports.

E. Rothstein seconded.

The standing committee reports are accepted.

There were no comments or questions regarding the other reports.

NEW BUSINESS – A. Rosenberg

WEBSITE - After a lot of work and many delays, the website was finally launched on June 22. Members are welcome to update their profile and preferences anytime. If you did not receive the website welcome letter with login instructions contact: admin@acvd.org and it will be resent to you.

A few website issues we are working on and things to remember:

1. The find a dermatologist search on the Google map is having a few issues marking the correct location of businesses. In some cases, this could be because the member profile is incorrect. One thing, the business name should not be included in the address box.
2. Another is your business URL must be complete starting with www.https://.... That will allow visitors to click the link to take them to your website.
3. When submitting a payment, the address entered for your credit card must match exactly, the billing address for the credit card.

Alexis' new ACVD email is: Executive_sec@acvd.org

SOCIAL MEDIA – We encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X. Allyssa Borich is the social media coordinator, working with Julia Miller. They would like to receive photos and images of animals and also tips from members to share. Please send them to: Social@acvd.org.

COMMUNICATION – Our goal is to increase communication so our members better understand how the ACVD operates. A. Patterson will host a 'welcome to the ACVD' webinar in January 2025 open to all members.

We received good feedback regarding the previous newsletters. Our plan is to increase to bi-annual newsletters starting this year. The past letters are posted on the website.

RESEARCH FOUNDATION – Our ultimate hope is to fund more grants. We would like to see increased submissions and improved quality of the proposals. In response to questions about grant development, the grant committee helped develop a webinar series. Three ACVD members with extensive publishing experience will each provide one-hour lectures. They will be live, with time for questions on Sept. 3, 10 and 17. An invitation and Zoom links will be emailed to members and residents in early August. The sessions will be recorded and available later on the website.

STEPHANIE ABRAMS – Dr. Amy Schnedeker helped establish a fund at Ohio State University in memory of Dr. Stephanie Abrams who we lost too soon. The fund will support dermatology residents at OSU. You may contact A. Schnedeker for more information.

The board is grateful for our members who volunteer on committees! If you are interested in serving on a committee please contact us. We also want to thank our generous sponsors for their financial support. We encourage you to thank the sponsors when you visit the exhibit hall.

D. Bowden made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Loewinger seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Borich
ACVD Executive Secretary