

MINUTES
ACVD MENTOR'S MEETING

April 11, 2019
Austin, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 12:40pm by E. Rothstein. Members present were Drs. Angus, Berger, Bloom, Boord, Boynosky, Budgin, K. Campbell, Canfield, Clark, Cole, Coyner, DeBoer, Defalque, Diaz, Diesel, Drake, Duclos, Edginton, Fadok, Frank, Frazer, Ghubash, Gram, Griffies, Hansen, Hargis, Jazic, Kennis, Kirby, Koch, Layne, T. Lewis, Liska, Lo, Loeffler, Matousek, McFadden, Mendelsohn, Messinger, R. Miller, Milley, Moriello, Morris, Mount, Murphy, Outerbridge, Page, Patterson, Petersen, Peters-Kennedy, Pieper, Plant, Reiter, Rook, Rosenberg, Rosenkrantz, Rosser, Rothstein, Sauber, Sauve, A. Schick, R. Schick, Schissler, Stokking, Torres, Udenberg, A. White, S. White, Woodward, Yu. A. Borich was also present.

OPENING REMARKS – E. Rothstein

We have filed a trademark application for: **Board Certified Veterinary Dermatologist**. The attorney needs to show prominent use of the verbiage. If you have the ability to add this to your website homepage it will be helpful. The words should be bolded or underlined and capitalized would be good too. Please let Emily or Alexis know if you have made the change and they will send your link to the attorney.

Stallergenes Greer has agreed to sponsor a second resident education forum day starting in 2021 for a three year commitment (2021, 2022, 2023).

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – E. Jazic

Committee members include: E. Jazic (chair), H. Edginton, E. Goodale, D. Santoro and D. Simoes. N. Eckholm retired from the committee and C. Milley joined the committee.

In August 2018 ten case reports were submitted. Eight were accepted on first review. Two required additional information and passed on second review.

In January 2019 eleven case reports were submitted. Five passed on first review; four passed on second review and one was unredeemed. In summary for the two submissions, eighteen of twenty-one case reports passed for an 85.7% pass rate.

Eleven credentials packets were submitted in June 2018 and all were accepted. In those packets, six alternative case reports were included.

Twenty-nine current and recent residents participated in a survey asking if they submitted traditional case reports (32) or alternative options (27). They are also asked if the alternative options were submitted to journals (24) or textbooks (3) and what journals they would like to see added to the approved list.

Discussed one-year internship equivalency and whether that means working in general practice or could it include doing a different residency? The Committee recommends leaving it up to the discretion of the mentors hiring the resident.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – A. Diesel

Committee members include: A. Diesel (chair), A. Rosenberg (incoming chair), A. Bourgeois, S. Diaz, J. Gimmler and R. Mount.

The committee reviewed 43 annual progress reports in June 2018. Nineteen residents received completion letters in 2018. Eighteen first-year progress reports were reviewed in December 2018. These

six-month progress reports have been eliminated, only annual reports were been required moving forward.

The committee approved a change in mentor at NCSU, two formalized programs are currently in review, eight new individualized programs were approved and two new individualized programs are undergoing review. The committee appreciates your patience during the lengthy review process.

Discussed the idea of eliminating the textbooks incoming residents receive from Zoetis and instead providing them with an online subscription to Vet Derm Path Atlas. J. Bernstein and partners are working on a project that entails scanning live color slides so they appear as if under a microscope. Can add or remove annotations online. The idea is to provide the residents with a new resource.

Mentor discussion comments: what is the cost of the books versus online access? Is it possible to have both the textbooks and the online access? The sponsor chooses the books that are sent to residents. The concern is Zoetis has not been getting thank you notes from the residents. Please encourage your resident to thank the sponsors, not only for the books but also externship grants, research awards, etc.

Would like volunteers to work on an Education Ad Hoc committee to help with updates and projects.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE – J. Pieper

The 2019 mock exam will be available by May 1st.

A few candidates who failed only one portion of the past exam will have the option to take only the portion they failed or the new all multiple-choice exam. This offer will only be for the 2019 exam. Next year all candidates will take the new exam format.

Comments regarding why the change this year? Concern that histo training by mentors may need to change. Mentors would have liked more notice. The exam has been moving in this direction for several years and is changing now based on the job task analysis findings. The exam process won't change the way residents are trained or training methods. The histopath questions change how they answer and don't ask them for morphology, more based on what they do in practice. We want them to apply what they have learned and know what they are reading and learning. The histopathology will still contain terminology, pattern analysis, description of cells, application of knowledge, differentials and how to interpret.

Further discussion regarding lack of notice. The attorney said we are giving the candidates plenty of notice and in some cases more notice than other colleges gave their candidates.

The exam will be one day, held on Saturday, November 9th at Western University in Pomona, California. If candidates need special accommodations they should contact the committee as soon as possible. Eventually the hope is for the exam to be administered at testing centers

This year the exam results will be evaluated by the psychometrician for standard setting. This is fairer and will eliminate any bad questions for high stakes exams. Due to the standard setting the results of the exam will not be available for several weeks after the exam.

Universities are utilizing all multiple-choice testing methods and residents are used to this type of test format. Candidates have been answering application of knowledge histopath questions for ten years. Ultimately moving to a multiple-choice testing method will be better.

The PDF version of the mock exam will be sent to the mentors. Candidates will be sent login information and required to take the mock exam through ExamSoft.

For 2019, there will be a total of 250 questions on the exam, again based on the job task analysis findings and recommendation by Prometrics. The questions will be divided into two 4-hour blocks. The total time allowed will be eight hours.

The committee will work on a new study guide for future exams, not the 2019 exam. It will be the same information however a more streamlined format with a reference list and AOK format.

BENCHMARKS – E. Rothstein

Draft copies of the clinical benchmarks for residents were available on the tables for mentors to review.

The job task analysis determined what the college members believe a resident should know. The new resident benchmarks will be an objective scale for rating resident progress. We would like to have the final benchmarks ready by July 1st before the new residents start training. This will be a tool for mentors to utilize. This type of document is utilized by a lot of ABVS specialty colleges and is also used on the human medicine side.

We would appreciate input from the mentors. Please send your comments to E. Rothstein or E. Jazic. When the final document is ready it will be posted on the website and sent to the mentors and residents.

Discussion followed about communication skills. The ACVD has discussed having a communication seminar in the future. Also would like to see more communication lectures at the NAVDF meeting. Can consider adding this as a topic at future resident education forums.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Borich
ACVD Executive Secretary