

Minutes of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary
Medicine Alumni Association Executive Board Meeting
March 31, 2006
The Classic Center

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Dr. Sam Adams. Dr. Adams welcomed everyone. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves. See attached attendance sheet.

Dr. Adams introduced the SCAVMA representative Tiffany Reed (2008). Ms Reed explained some of the activities of SCAVMA students during the past year. These included 40 students attending the SCAVMA Symposium, the organization of the Diversity Committee, the Animal Welfare Panel discussion, and the Josh Project.

Dr. Adams asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed away this year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Dr. Henry Bohn explained the nomination process for the Distinguished Alumnus/Young Achiever Awards. He requested that everyone be reminded to supply as much information about the individuals when they are nominated as possible. Dr. Adams thanked Dr. Bohn for his many years of service on this committee.

Dr. Flynn Nance gave the report of the nominating committee. He thanked his committee of Henry Bohn, Joanna Davis, Nancy Hughston, Ed Roberson, and Billy Faye Vickers. Each member was presented with a thank you gift for serving on this committee. The names submitted by the Committee were:
President-elect - Tim Montgomery
Board Members – Delores Kunze ('76), Marion Shuler ('05), Freddie Zink ('86), Scott Westmoreland ('89), Tony Puglisi ('81), and Dr. Virginia Ruth McNeill (01).
The motion to accept these names was passed.

Dr. Nance gave an update on the Gracie Foundation and upcoming fund-raising events.

Dr. Sheila Allen gave an update on the activities of the College of Veterinary Medicine. These included:

1. An update on the status of the new Teaching Hospital.
2. Admission letters to new students went out on Thursday. See handouts. She mentioned that they do call references on each applicant.
3. The Class of 2009 has the first DVM/PhD candidates in it. Both were at-large applicants.
4. She met with the new Dean of the Ag School concerning strategies to help increase enrollment, early admissions to the CVM, and how to encourage applicants from South Georgia.

5. The Department of Population Health was formed this year. This department combined the Southeastern Wildlife Disease Center, PDRC and the Food Animal Health Program faculty under the direction of Dr. John Glisson.
6. The new Community Practice Program was explained and everyone was invited to tour Building 9 after the meeting. An Open House for area practitioners will be held on April 14th. Dr. Vickers initiated a discussion about the need for equine dentistry to be taught to students. Dr. Allen mentioned that Dr. Mike Lowder does instruct and encourage students to perform equine dentistry.
7. The partnership with the Georgia Aquarium was mentioned.
8. She mentioned the GVMA Centennial celebration and asked everyone to come to San Destin in June.
9. Discussed the challenges of facilities and faculty retention/recruitment.
10. Mentioned that the Alumni Board had voted in September to give \$10,000 to the AVMA Foundation to support the Katrina relief efforts. She explained that our Foundation cannot accept money to give to another Foundation. The College used \$8,500 so far to help house and care for dogs rescued from Louisiana after Katrina. She thanked Dr. Susan White and her staff for all their hard work transporting and caring for these animals.
11. Discussed the new Coverdale Building and the interactions the College will have with those in the building.
12. Mentioned the new MPH/DVM program.
13. Discussed the opening and completion dates for the Animal Health Research Center.

Dr. Shurling Bushway asked if there would be a way that the Alumni could contribute to incentives (like hiring bonuses) to help with faculty recruitment. Dean Allen mentioned that salary supplements from the Alumni Foundation could be used for this purpose.

Dot Sparer gave an update on the communications section of the College. See her handouts. They have been working on the Web site, have a new e-newsletter and placed all the Alumni publications on-line. Dot's last day will be April 1st, 2006.

Carlton Bain gave an update on all the Alumni events over the past year. See his handout.

Kathy Bangle introduced all the staff involved with the College Fundraising activities. See her handouts. She said the Alumni have given \$98,000 so far this year with 24% of the College Alumni contributing. Brooke Stortz mentioned the SEC challenge and explained the "1946" Club. Letters were sent to all who graduated five years ago and asked them to contribute \$19.46 per month to the CVM. A suggestion was made to expand the program to other class years. Kathy explained the new ARC Foundation as the UGA fundraising arm of the University. She said that Dr. Larry Corry and Dr. Gary Bullard are doing a great job with helping with the College fundraising efforts. She mentioned the Justin Seminars and help with programs by a client named India Watson.

Kathy Bangle asked a question about continuing to include a "return envelope fund" with all thank you notes sent when a practitioner makes a donation to the College in the

memory of a client's pets. Rather than put a disclaimer on each letter the envelopes will be left out of those from the two practitioners who complained.

Dr. Mark Abdy was selected as the new chair of the Nominating Committee as Dr. Nance is rotating off the Committee. Dr. Tim Montgomery was selected as the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

Dr. Dave Selleck gave an update on the Capital Campaign. See his handouts. He said that the College has exceeded its original goal of \$6 million as we have already raised \$24 million. Only \$2 million of this is for the Teaching Hospital however. Everyone was encouraged to send names of potential donors to Kathy Bangle.

Dr. Sheila Allen discussed the budget. See her handout. She answered questions on the budget. She said that the Alumni now give four scholarships of \$5,000 each. A motion was made and passed to continue the scholarship program at the same level.

Dr. Allen will continue to investigate the memorial for Drs. Fred and Diane Davison.

The proposal to develop a strategic plan was discussed. The individuals listed as members of this committee previously at the September meeting can still serve on this committee even if they are not on the Alumni Board. There still is money budgeted for a Strategic Planning meeting.

The next meeting of the Alumni Board will probably be on October 7th along with several other events (Dean's Party) planned by the College. Dr. Allen recognized Dr. Adams for his dedicated service to the Alumni Association while serving as President of the Alumni Association. Dr. Adams turned the meeting over to the new President Dr. Angie Shurling Bushway. Dr. Shurling Bushway said she would be finalizing her goals within the next few weeks and prior to the strategic planning meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer