

# Minutes of UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association Board

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Athens Classic Center, Athens, Georgia

President Mike Topper called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Everyone introduced themselves. Those present were: Drs. Michael Topper, Tim Montgomery, Flynn Nance, Doris Miller, Sheila Allen, Stephen Arbitter, Scott Bryant, Marian Shuler Holladay, Stephanie Jordan, Dolores Kunze, Jan Sosnowski Nichol, Chad Schmiedt, Bill Seanor, Ruth McNeill Vaughn and Karen Aiken, Carlton Bain, Kathy Bangle, Marti Brick, Kat Gilmore, Sue Myers Smith, Molly Muschamp Thomas.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. See handout for agenda for meeting. Due to changes necessary to the Constitution and Bylaws, Dr. Topper suspended the Bylaws to discuss and approve changes in the Bylaws at the motion of Dr. Montgomery and Dr. Sosnowski Nichol. Dr. Montgomery reviewed the proposed changes to the By-laws. See handout for proposed changes which were approved. These changes made to Article V removed the phrase “appointed by the incoming President from a pool of members recommended by the Nominating Committee. Appointed” and were replaced with “Elected members shall serve two years and maybe reelected for one additional term.”

Section 3 of the Bylaws was amended by removing “on the Friday prior to the second Executive Board meeting” and replaced with “from time to time as directed by the Executive Board.” Dr. Chad Schmiedt suggested the Board have a training session which could be provided on-line. Dr. Topper said that he, Marti Brick and Dr. Miller will work on his suggestion.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws will be posted on the CVM Web site.

Dr. Kunze and Dr. Topper gave the Awards Committee report. Dr. Topper encouraged everyone to nominate people each year for the awards. The

Nomination committee report was given by Dr. Montgomery. The newly elected Board members whose terms started at this meeting are Drs. Bill Seanor (present), Patrick Bremer, Thomas Hutto, Ginger MaCaulay and Cathy McClelland.

Dr. Topper went over the New Graduate Advisory Committee for Chair Dr. Kris Kleine who was not present. See his handout. A brief history of the committee was given. Dr. Topper is trying to reinvigorate the committee. Dr. Scott Bryant, Vice President of the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians, discussed his state also partnering with UGA Seniors and the GVMA. Dean Allen suggested for South Carolina to have a part of their meeting dedicated to addressing issues new graduates face. Jeff Stanford of UGA Business Center was suggested as one possible speaker. It was decided to approve Dr. Kleine's report and let him work with Marti Brick to work out the details to engage the Senior Students and the cost of partnering with the GVMA and their committee.

Dr. Schmiedt discussed the idea for a proposed award for Practice of the Year. See his handouts. A motion was made and seconded by Drs. Schmidt and Montgomery establishing the concept of an Alumni Practice of the Year Award. Much discussion followed. The details of the award need to be worked out carefully every agreed. Details to be worked out include but are not limited to: not based monetary/economic income only, someone has to visit practice, how will a practice be nominated and selected, type of award based of size, specialty, small vs large animal, does any other school give out such an award. An ad hoc committee was established to work out the details. Dr. Chad Schmiedt will be the chair. Members include Drs. Jan Sosnowski Nichol, Steven Arbitter, Stephanie Jordan, Flynn Nance, and Scott Bryant.

The new Nominating Committee will be Drs. Tim Montgomery, Dr. Stephen Arbitter, and Bill Seanor.

The new Awards Committee will be Dr. Charlie Broussard and Dr. Chad Schmiedt.

The New Graduate Committee will be Drs. Kris Kleine, Chad Schmiedt, Scott Bryant and Jan Sosnowski Nichol.

Dr. Topper reminded everyone that when a UGA Alumni event is held in their area we are all members and should attend. Drs. Montgomery, Nance, and Topper will review all the committees and make suggestions on which ones to sunset, which to continue, and which to add.

Dean Allen gave the report of the College of Veterinary Medicine. See her handouts. There was a slight increase in the number of applicants (555) applying to the CVM this year. We lost one position from Delaware due to the State's budget cuts. There were no faculty retirements this year. Due to budget cuts there was a net loss of 15 resident/graduate positions by the CVM. Teaching Hospital accessions have started to increase after decreasing for 2010. Faculty at the CVM bring in the highest amount of research dollars per faculty member at UGA. The CVM is ranked #9 by US News and World Report. She discussed recent renovations in the CVM.

She reviewed the status of the proposed new Veterinary Medical Learning Center. President Adams met recently with the Legislative Appropriations Chair. Dr. Montgomery applauded the CVM efforts that have resulted in an increase in the number of students entering mixed animal practice after graduation.

Kathy Bangle gave the report for the Veterinary Medical Support Fund and budget. See her handouts. The CVM now has 6.3 million dollars for the New Veterinary Medical Learning Center. Dr. Miller gave an update on the Class Campaigns. Classes have donated more this year (\$127,256) than during the same time last year.

A question was raised as to the fiscal return generated by sending out a printed donor report each year. Kathy Bangle said it is worthwhile. Last year the report had several ads which decreased the cost of production of the report.

Kat Gilmore and Sue Myers Smith gave reports on Public Relations and the CVM Website. See their handouts. The CVM websites are being updated and redesigned. Sue reminded everyone to visit us on Facebook and Twitter. Kat reviewed all the recent news coverage the CVM has received. They are sending

news information about the CVM to other Deans of Colleges of Veterinary Medicine.

The next meeting will be November 12, 2011 at the Dean's Tailgate for the Georgia/Auburn game. A time will be determined at a later date. Dr. Topper recognized and thanked Dean Allen and all the Staff of the External Affairs office. Dr. Topper recognized and thanked those Board members rotating off at this meeting. They are Drs. Marian Shuler Holladay, Ruth McNeill Vaughn, Dolores Kunze and Scott Westmoreland.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Doris Miller

Alumni Secretary