

Minutes
University of Georgia College of Veterinary
Medicine Alumni Association
Executive Board Meeting
College of Veterinary Medicine
September 3, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Dr. Sam Adams. Dr. Adams welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed away since our last meeting. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves. Dr. Nancy Hughston was attending the meeting by speaker phone. See the attached list of attendees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections. Dr. Gary Bullard's name was added to the previous minutes as serving on the new Dean search committee.

Dr. Gary Bullard gave an update on the search committee for a new Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Three candidates were selected to interview at the College. The three candidates and their interview dates are: Dr. Lee Myers on August 17th and 18th, Dr. Kent Hoblet on September 8th and 9th, and Dr. Sheila Allen on September 19th and 20th.

Dr. Gary Bullard and Dr. Larry Corry gave an update on the Alumni Campaign fund-raising status. They encouraged all Board members to make a donation or pledge within the next month. Kathy Bangle will send out another pledge form to everyone. The goal is to raise \$2 million from the Alumni and \$425,000 has been raised so far for the new Teaching Hospital. They plan to have individual representatives from each class to help with the fund-raising. One hundred percent of the donation goes to the new Teaching Hospital.

Dr. Corry discussed the AVMA Foundation Katrina Hurricane Relief Fund. A matching donation will be made for all donations received. Dr. Flynn Nance made a motion for the College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association to donate \$10,000 to the AVMA Foundation Katrina Relief Fund. The motion was seconded and passed after discussion of other possible funds to donate the money to.

Dr. Henry Bohn is chairman of the Distinguished Alumnus/Young Achiever Committee. Other members selected to serve on this committee this year are: Drs. John Glisson, Nancy Hughston, Flynn Nance, Keith Prasse, Billye Faye Vickers, Mark Mosher, Maryann Adeline and Mark Abdy. Dr. Bohn explained the nomination and selection process.

Dr. Adams discussed forming a Strategic Planning Committee. He and Dr. Sheila Allen have discussed several options for locations and times. Carlton Bain developed a budget for the meetings. They suggested having several meetings at the College on

Saturdays. It was suggested to try and have one meeting on two consecutive days using a facilitator. Volunteers for the committee were Drs. Henry Bohn, Don McMillian, Jr., Joanna Davis, Dave Dreesen, Nancy Hughston or Bill Lazenby from South Carolina, Flynn Nance, Tim Montgomery, Billye Faye Vickers and Bruce Hollett. Each Board member was asked to send other possible volunteer names to Dr. Adams, Dr. S. Allen or Carlton Bain.

Carlton Bain discussed the changes in the Alumni Reunion in 2006. Online registration will be available and there will be a change in venue to the Classic Center because the event has outgrown the Georgia Center. The dates are March 31st to April 1st.

Dot Sparer and Sue Smith gave an update on the communications activities of the College. Dot listed the publications, website, brochures and other activities. A discussion followed concerning increasing our visibility in certain papers in Georgia. The suggestion was made to identify veterinarians or individuals who are reporters etc. for the papers.

Kathy Bangle gave an update on all the Alumni fund-raising activities including the Capital Campaign. She explained the new University Arch Foundation and status of funds in the old Foundation. Brooke Stortz explained the Horseshoes and Brick sales program. Their office is working with the Senior classes to encourage their donations to the Alumni Association and College. The Class of 2005 gave \$3,000 to the new Teaching Hospital and was honored with a plaque.

Julie Knowlton, Major Gifts Director, reported on the very successful fund-raising competition between the Aiken and Augusta veterinarians to raise money for the new Teaching Hospital. The winners will be announced at the Augusta Border Bash.

Interim Dean Sheila Allen gave an update on the status of the new Teaching Hospital planning. The College should receive planning money for the new Teaching Hospital from the Legislature in 2-3 years. The College is planning to approach the South Carolina legislature to help with funding the new Hospital. South Carolina would like to increase the number of their students accepted into the College.

Interim Dean Sheila Allen gave an update on the renovations ongoing for the Community Practice Service. The old Building #9 is being renovated and the Outpatient Community Practice service will be moved to this building to help relieve some of the congestion in the present Teaching Hospital. This should be completed by April 2006.

Interim Dean Allen gave a report on the very successful Merck Veterinary Symposium held in Athens this summer. Over 240 students and their faculty mentors came to the College in July. Drs. Amelia Woolums, Chris King, Susan Sanchez, and Harry Dickerson organized this event.

Interim Dean Allen discussed the various handouts explaining admissions, students' county of origin, gender, salaries etc.

Dr. Adams brought up the discussion concerning the naming of a University building after an individual. Dr. Sheila Allen had investigated the process with the University. Not many buildings are named for individuals who are still alive. Usually it is recommended to have a major conference named after the individual who is then given a plaque honoring him or her.

Dr. Nance discussed the successful Grace Fund and Angel Vets events which raised \$20,000 this year. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Dr. Nance discussed the Nominating Committee's recommendations and suggestions for the upcoming year. Discussion followed. The Nominating Committee wanted some direction as to filling the open Board positions and future positions. Dr. Adams asked Carlton Bain to provide Dr. Nance with the names of the three people with the most seniority on the Board. These three individuals will rotate off in April and three new members will take office after the April Board meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee will discuss the Alumni Board composition, terms, committee chairs only being from the Board, etc. when it meets.

Dr. Nance nominated Dr. Tim Montgomery as President-elect and Dr. Vickers seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Dr. Montgomery was unanimously selected as the President-elect.

Dr. Dreesen brought up for discussion the suggestion made by several Alumni to recognize Drs. Fred and Dianne Davison with a small memorial at the cemetery. A memorial located at the College of Veterinary Medicine was also suggested. Dr. Dreesen will chair the committee along with Dr. Sheila Allen, Dr. Prasse and Dr. John Bowen which will investigate this further and report back to the Board in April.

Dr. Adams mentioned the thank you notes he had received from the students who received Alumni Association Scholarships this year. Dr. Adams added how he enjoyed participating in the College graduation again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary-Treasurer