

MVMA Board of Directors
MVMA Office, So, St. Paul, MN
October 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
MINUTES

Attendees

David Fell, DVM
Sharon Hurley, DVM
Matt Boyle, DVM
Ann Brownlee, DVM
Joni Scheftel, DVM
Nancy Peterson, DVM
Jim Winsor, DVM
John Howe, DVM

Beth Thompson, DVM
Rob Memmen, DVM
Tim Goldsmith, DVM
Julie Wilson, DVM
Chuck Lemme, DVM (guest)

Staff

Dan Tjornehoj, Kelly Andrews

I. Call to Order

President Dr. David Fell called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Dr. Fell briefly reviewed the status of the MVMA's strategic plan. Kelly, Nicole and Dan led the discussion with a review of the strategic plan action plan worksheet.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the July 19, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were distributed, reviewed and were approved as amended.

III. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Winsor provided an overview of the financial and investment statements that were distributed to members. He reviewed the previous and current fiscal year financials, investments and highlighted certain items in the financials. He also noted that Propel financial services continues to provide a quarterly review of MVMA financials.

Motion: MVMA financial report was reviewed and approved by the board.

Dr. Fell invited Dr. Jennifer Schurrer and Dr. Mary Olson to provide an update on their controlled drug database project. Dr. Schurrer provided an overview of the project and the recent beta testing that has been done. The project continues to be within its budget. The board discussed next steps with the project and recommended that staff work with attorney on identifying the legal and intellectual property issues that need to be researched along with the estimated costs for this work. The MVMA insurance agent was present during the presentation and was asked to provide the MVMA with his recommendations concerning the MVMA's coverage and whether additional coverage is needed to minimize the association's risk regarding its involvement with this project. Dr. Schurrer projected costs of \$2,000-5,000 for 2-3 years and approximately \$400/mo for program/software maintenance. The board was agreeable for the testing to continue.

Motion: MVMA will continue to support the project within the current approved budget for the project. Staff will investigate the legal, risk management and computer program costs to insure this is done properly and commensurate with the project budget.

IV. CVM and Board of Animal Health Report

Dr. Julie Wilson indicated that the upcoming legislative session involves approval of the Board of Veterinary Medicine's budget. She said that no license fee increase is requested in her proposed budget. She mentioned that the Board will have upcoming openings that they will be looking to fill.

Dr. Trevor Ames was not present but provided a handout that summarizes the current activities at the CVM. MVMA staff noted that a joint reception of the MVMA and CVM is planned for October 29th at the college.

Dr. Beth Thompson provided an update on several areas that the BAH is involved with including TB, CWD, ASF, emergency planning and FAD training, commercial pet breeder program, rabies incident, and new veterinarian joining the BAH veterinary team.

Student Rep. Andrew Keller was not present but provided a written report of the current student activities.

V. Membership Report

Dr. Matt Boyle provided a report on new members. Staff also provided a dashboard of membership data for a three-year period.

Motion: The list of new MVMA members was approved by the board.

VI. AVMA Report

Dr. Howe and Dr. Chuck Lemme (Dist. VII rep.) both provided an update on AVMA activities including the federal farm bill, AVMA membership growth, opioid shortage issue, marijuana use by pets in certain states, service dog policies and airlines, telehealth issue, AVMA's career center and they both indicated that more information about these issues can be found on the AVMA's website (www.avma.org) He indicated that the AVMA convention had record attendance and AVMA membership has increased. Dr. Fell congratulated Dr. John Howe and Dr. Mike Strobel for their election to leadership and council positions within the AVMA. Myveterinarylife.com website has been developed by the AVMA primarily for younger veterinarians and veterinary students. Drs. Hurley and Boyle noted that the Veterinary Leadership Conference is coming up in January. The AVMA veterinary forum program has been effective in getting member input on various issues.

VII. Other Business

MVMA and MVMF staff person, Brittney Yohannes, provided an MVMF update.

Motion: The MVMA will participate in the fall Give to the Max campaign and provide up to \$5,000 match to members who contribute to this fundraising activity.

Drs. Goldsmith and Boyle reviewed the veterinary liability issue associated with veterinary students in extern or internships with practicing veterinarians especially in large animal practice settings. It was decided by the board to have them prepare a newsletter article describing the potential risks and available resources for members.

Dr. Scheftel discussed the MOHASC project and their interest in exploring a cooperative webinar series with organizations like the MVMA. The MVMA would be able to provide a WebEx (webinar) platform for these sessions. Joni thought there would be around five sessions over the course of a year.

Staff presented the Nomination Committee report and the four candidates to be presented to the membership during the 2019 annual meeting (business meeting). The four candidates include Dr. Connie Sillerud (vice president), Dr. Jim Winsor (treasurer), Dr. David Lee (director) and Dr. Jessica Fox (director)

Motion to accept the Nomination Committee's candidates for the board was approved.

Staff pointed out that the recent hurricane disaster in North Carolina has been a hardship in that state impacting animals and veterinarians. It was suggested that the MVMA make a contribution to the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Foundation in support of the animal and veterinary needs associated with the hurricane disaster in that state. Board members inquired whether a donation was directed to Puerto Rico and the animal and veterinary hardship experienced in that state. Staff are investigating that situation with the board recommending a comparable donation be made there if possible.

Motion to make a contribution or donation to the NCVMF of \$1,000 be made to that organization as well as investigate if a similar contribution amount is feasible for the Puerto Rico hurricane disaster.

MVMA lobbyist, Cullen Sheehan provided a legislative report to the board
The remaining board meeting scheduled for 2018 will be on December 7th @ 11:00 am

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. was approved.