

**MVMA Board of Directors**  
**MVMA Office, So, St. Paul, MN**  
**July 19, 2018, 11:00 a.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

David Fell, DVM  
Tim Krienke, DVM  
Matt Boyle, DVM  
Ann Brownlee, DVM  
Joni Scheftel, DVM  
Nancy Peterson, DVM  
Jim Winsor, DVM  
John Howe, DVM (conference)

Beth Thompson, DVM  
Rob Memmen, DVM  
Trevor Ames, DVM (conference)  
Jerry Sprau, DVM (Finance Com.)  
Tim Goldsmith, DVM  
Andrew Keller (conference)

**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 and Dan led the discussion with a review of the strategic plan action plan worksheet. Drs. Anna Ruelle and Matt Kruse presented the professional success component of the strategic plan by reviewing the activities planned under their proposal.

*Motion: To continue to develop and implement the professional success proposal that targets our younger members was approved.*

**II. Minutes**

The minutes of the April 26, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were distributed, reviewed and were approved as amended.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Jerry Sprau (Finance Com. Chair) introduced Jeff Carlson with Carlson Cos. to update the board on its Schwab investments. Dr. Sprau provided an overview of the financial statements that were distributed to members. He reviewed the current fiscal year financials, investments and highlighted certain items in the financials. He noted that the Finance Committee met in the spring to develop the 2018-19 budget. He and Dr. Winsor provided the details of the proposed 2018-19 budget. The board reached consensus on staying the course with current dues and annual convention registration rates for current year and 2019 convention. There was also a brief discussion on the MVMA current memorial donation to the foundation.

*Motion: MVMA financial report and 2018-19 MVMA budget were approved by the board.*

*Motion: The Board will continue to look for ways to spend MVMA reserves on worthwhile projects.*

Dr. Fell invited Dr. Jennifer Schurrer and Dr. Mary Olson by telephone conference to provide an update on their controlled drug database project. Dr. Schurrer provided a visual of the program used and the information to be included on the program's platform. They indicated that they next need to do some testing of the program by involving practitioners to begin to enter some data in order to see how the program works and identify areas that need additional work or refinement. A legal client release or consent form is needed for the participants to execute prior to their participation in this project. The project continues to be within its budget.

#### **IV. CVM and Board of Animal Health Report**

Dr. Trevor Ames reported on staffing and facility updates. The college has agreed to a membership plan with the MVMA with its faculty. A discussion was held regarding the risks associated with student interns in large animal educational settings off campus. Dr. Ames indicated that he will review the school's insurance coverage provided in these student training environments.

Dr. Beth Thompson provided an update on several areas that the BAH is involved with including TB, CWD, SVV, poultry disease monitoring and FAD training.

Student Rep. Andrew Keller provided a student update that included his work in finding student state fair volunteers as well as participation at the MVMF golf event.

#### **V. Membership Report**

Dr. Matt Boyle provided a report on new members.

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

#### **VI. AVMA Report**

Dr. Matt Boyle, AVMA alternate delegate, reported on the resolutions and activities scheduled at the July AVMA annual convention. He indicated that the canine devocalization resolution and allied organization membership generated some discussion in the House of Delegates. Dr. Howe joined the meeting by web conference and he shared some information from the AVMA board. 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.

There was some discussion about MVMA AVMA delegate terms and it was decided that both Sharon Hurley and Matt Boyle have one more year to serve as delegates.

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

The board engaged in some discussion about ex officio involvement at MVMA board meetings and how the current arrangement has worked.

*Motion: Change the current board meeting structure so that ex officio member reports are at the beginning of the board meeting with the option to stay for the full meeting. The motion was approved.*

The remaining board meeting scheduled for 2018 include the following dates: Oct. 4, Dec. 7/8.

*Motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. was approved.*