

**Northern San Joaquin Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
January 24, 2024
Modesto, CA (Bessoﬀ Home)**

Members present: Drs. H. Bessoﬀ, M. Dziuba, K. Reeder, F. Ferriz, C. Wallace, A. Stepp, T. Hart (Zoom), Mr. W. Herr (Zoom)

Agenda

Call to Order 7:32 pm (Bessoﬀ)

Approval of Minutes from December 2023 - (Wallace/Reeder)

Officer Reports

President – Heather Bessoﬀ

- Website issues - discussed yesterday via Zoom.
 - Clint had list of 4 people who were “Admins” - 2 are i-Tul people and 2 are Sylvan Vet people (T. Hart and C. Reece). Admins from Sylvan made by mistake and will need to be removed.
 - Heather will discuss list of issues with Clint. Has re-read and reviewed the contract with Clint.
 - Website did not notify members of expiration, just went ahead and charged members.
 - No membership update done yet when someone has paid via check.
 - Unable to delete credit card information.
 - Take off auto-renewal or at least have toggle to turn on/off
- Membership & communications coordinator - Audra is willing to take this position
 - Will need to outline expectations. No need to change bylaws, more like committee appointment.
 - Can be the person who reaches out to members to remind them to auto-renew
 - Reach out to Pat Sweeney to be “unofficial” LA rep to reach out.

Treasurer – Katie Reeder

- Update on organization finances:
 - Bank accounts (15k in acct)
 - Investment accounts - LPL account person non-existent at this time, Katie is communicating. WestAm is doing fine. Conservative investment, at 8%. What are the fees? Are we paying a lot for not having someone to manage the accounts?
 - Accounts payable
 - i-TUL billing
 - Taxes and insurance payments - 990 paperwork being taken care of

- Membership:
 - # of paid and current veterinarians , RVTs, other - per Katie about 32 members at this time (not including Lander Vet at this time)
 - # of life members
 - # of unpaid previous members
 - Review member list
- Update on erroneous renewal refunds - refunds have been processed, people still contacting Katie to let her know when money is being put back into accounts.
- Breakdown of 2023 spending - was sent by Katie after last meeting. Fabiola forwarded to Board members

Secretary – Fabiola Ferriz-Ashby

- Website updates/changes/improvements - Board member positions updated.
 - Needs some updated headshots - Monika, Cathy, Audra
- Status of welcome letter for new members with information on NSJVMMA - draft presented to Board and approved
- Updated NSJVMMA flyer - draft presented to Board and approved. Emailed to Will Herr for distribution.
- Look for list of veterinarians in Mountain counties

Vice President – Monika Dziuba

- Upcoming Large Animal CE – dates and topics - goal is 1 per month
 - LA CE - Vesicular stomatitis - RSV?
 - Dr Halle Fobes - Newport Labs - Feb or March? May be better for July as per dr Fobes
 - Native microbials - Caitlin Wickstrom
 - BioMix
 - Anthony Lusich
- Will contact some equine Vets to see if would have interest in joining and for equine CE
- RVT CE
- Reposting of AABP, CVMA and other organizations' CE of interest to our membership

Stanislaus Representative – Tiffany Hart

- Upcoming Small Animal CE – dates and topics
 - Librela lecture - Dr. Cathy Wallace
 - Scheduled CVMA Legislative update meeting - March 21st - Would be talk by Dr. Cathy Wallace - Tiffany will look into options - Fruit Yard, Fuzio
 - Dr. Thomas - BI – Synvelgo - Rx for feline diabetes
 - Dr Richard Ford for vaccine talk - week of April 15th
 - Merck - Joe Figueroa - talk in summer, new products being launched
 - Scribble Vet - AI records - dictates medical record
 - Fear-free webinar
 - Grant Miller - CVMA Director - ER medicine talk - seems interested

- Behaviorist through Iron Horse?
- RVT CE
- Reposting of AAHA, CVMA and other organizations' CE of interest to our membership
- Opioid Coalition nominee - can open it up to membership. Meetings are Thursday AMs, about 2 hrs. Once a month meetings, every 3rd Thursday. Being held virtually.

Associate Member Representative – William Herr

- Can get us BI speakers
- Can pass out flyers to clinics
- Wants to promote Tech Events

CVMA Delegate & Alternate – Cathy Wallace & Audra Stepp

- CVMA Leadership meeting
- Legislative update - March 21st
- Local rep is Maria Alvarado-Gil
- Some areas that don't have representation, should reach out to them
 - Mountain counties (Sonora, Mariposa, Calaveras)
- Laws in discussion 2024
 - ear/tail crops
 - RVTs neutering cats
 - HQHVSN certificate

Old Business

- Date for annual meeting - Nov 6, 2024
- Have we posted information on sexual harassment (training?) on website? Webinars can be found online:
 - <https://axon.avma.org/local/catalog/view/product.php?globalid=WEBOD-020>
 - <https://civildrights.ca.gov/shpt/>
- Discount for membership renewals for people who had historically been a member and have not been members for a few years?
 - Not supported by the Board
- Fundraisers
 - Veterinary T-shirts fund-raising idea – Fabiola can contact Tiffany Brown about Tshirts
 - Scrub tops
 - Polo shirts
 - Mugs

- Social Event possibilities
 - Bowling?
- Plan for increasing membership
 - Flyers given to or sent to hospitals and clinics - better reception if done in-person. Will Herr can do and can also ask Pat Sweeney (LA Rep)

New Business

- Heather approached to be on the Board of Governors for CVMA, interested so that we have representation.
- Use Facebook to share webinars and social events.
- Social events? Maybe one in April and one in July?
- April 27th - World Veterinary Day
 - Set up a social event to celebrate? Happy Hour?

Upcoming Executive Board Meetings – 2024

March 13	Aug 21
April 17	Oct 2
June 5	Nov 20
July 10	Dec 18

End meeting at 9:22pm (Wallace/Reeder)