

Minutes of the NSJVMA Executive Board Meeting  
December 13, 2023  
In-person meeting - Modesto, CA (Bessoff Home)

7:40 pm - called to order by Dr. Bessoff. 8 members present: Drs. M. Dziuba, B. Melody, H. Bessoff, F. Ferriz, K. Reeder, T. Hart, C. Wallace, and Mr. W. Herr (via Zoom)

Minutes approval tabled

Order of business:

*Officers' Reports:*

*President / LA CE (Dr. Bessoff):*

- Consider membership & communications coordinator - ask if any member would like to join as a coordinator - ask Dr. Audra Stepp and Jill Martinez, RVT - two people also interested in becoming alternate CVMA delegates.
- LA Services Rep - Pat Sweeney willing, but doesn't want to come to meetings.
- Projector screen? - NSJVMA has one
- LA CE::
  - Monica from BioMix would like to do meeting in January, Dr. Bessoff will give to Dr. Dziuba
- Target for 1 CE per month, both large and small animal, that would be 24 CE units per year.

*Former President (Dr. Melody):*

- Annual meeting went well, some no-shows. Open to suggestions on how to avoid no-shows in the future for such events.
- No representatives from LA clinics like Azores, DVS, M&M Veterinary Practice, Atwater-Merced
- Possible things that can be done:
  - Earlier speaker?
  - Different day?
  - More personal relationships? Direct calls?
- Covid brought "easier" CE
- NSJVMA can "decree" what is considered CE bc CVMA members
- Consider "exit" interview with former NSJVMA members

- Consider group texts for NSJVMA info. Dr. Reeder may be able to contact.

*Industry Rep (William Her):*

- Draft letter highlighting what was done this past year - Dr Ferriz send to Will and Pat

*Treasurer (Dr. Reeder):*

- E-mail was sent to Board with copies of account statements.
- Over 100k in investment account. Managed by investment company, not an account that is touched much. Dr Reeder will follow-up.
- Last year CE spent - 50% of budget - \$7000 spent. Offered about 30 hrs CE (including sponsored events). Can't do <\$80/pp
- Ideas on how to reduce people not showing up? Consider reducing annual fees and consider having people pay "deposit" for meetings.
- Consider "strike" system - proposed by Will. No call / no shows. If unable to show, give people a contact person to let us know.
- Request for coming up with annual budget so that we can try to manage account appropriately.
- For next meeting will have information about where money and such went.
- Taxes and insurance payments coming up with new year.

*Secretary (Dr. Ferriz):*

- Consider changing the annual meeting to a different evening? Can poll the members.
- Recommend social events. Consider summer when new grads are coming to the area.
- [Need to draft welcome letter for new members with information on NSJVMA.](#)

*Small Animal CE (Dr. Hart)*

- Librela lecture - Cathy Wallace has slideshow done, needs approval.
- Legislative update in January with Dr. Wallace?
- Dr. Thomas - BI - Bexacat.
- Fear-free
- Disaster preparedness

*Vice President / LA CE (Dr. Dziuba)*

- Consider on-line CE for the occasional CE.
- RVTs - more CE that is geared towards RVTs?

- LA CE - Vesicular stomatitis - RSV?

*CVMA Delegate (Dr. Wallace):*

- May consider helping with member outreach
- Went to on-boarding webinar about role that CVMA delegates have, right now looking at legislative agenda for the new year.
- Early Feb - Legislative update
- July - halfway point CVMA

*New Business:*

- New Executive Board
  - President - Dr. Heather Bessoff
  - Vice-president - Dr. Monika Dziuba
  - Secretary - Dr. Fabiola Ferriz Ashby
  - Treasurer - Dr. Katie Reeder
  - County representative and small animal CE - Dr. Tiffany Hart
  - CVMA rep - Dr. Cathy Wallace
  - CVMA rep alternate - Dr. Audra Stepp? Jill Martinez, RVT? - Heather will contact
- Fund-raisers
  - T-shirts
  - Scrub tops
  - Polo shirts
  - Mugs

*Future meetings in 2024:*

Jan 24, March 13, April 17, June 5, July 10, Aug 21, Oct 2, Nov 20, Dec 18

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm (Bessoff/Reeder)

Next meeting date: Jan 24, 2023 (Wed), at 6:30 pm in Modesto

Respectfully submitted – Fabiola Ferriz Ashby, DVM