

Veterinary Medical Alumni Association at Iowa State University Annual Meeting

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The annual meeting of the Iowa State University Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (VMAA at ISU) was held at the Marriott Hotel, Des Moines at noon on January 26, 1997.

President Gene Warren called the meeting to order. Dr. Darrell Trampel, secretary and treasurer, presented the minutes of the 1996 Annual Business Meeting, which were reviewed by those in attendance. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that the 1996 minutes be approved as circulated.

Secretary's Report on Year's Activities Dr. Darrell Trampel

Envelope addresses via ISU Printing. In previous years, the name and address of VMAA members were typed on a label and the label was placed on the envelope. Now, names and addresses are printed directly on the envelopes via a computerized process at ISU Printing. This change has made it easier and less expensive to send mailings to the membership.

A book, *Veterinary Drug Handbook*, authored by Donald Plumb, was presented to senior veterinary students in the Class of 1996. A total of 107 letters were sent to pharmaceutical firms. Five replies and \$550 resulted from this endeavor. Plates on the inside cover of the book acknowledge the VMAA and contributors. The same book will be given to juniors rather than seniors in the future. The VMAA paid for books for the class of 1997. Sponsorship from industry will be sought for books given to the Class of 1998.

Name change of the organization. A letter dated March 19, 1996 was received by Dr. Bill Hoefle who serves as the liaison between the College of Veterinary Medicine and the ISU Research Foundation. The ISU Research Foundation requested that the ISU Veterinary Medical Association change its name to avoid confusion over financial accounts that also begin with the name Iowa State University. Our organization is now called the Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (VMAA) at Iowa State University.

Incorporated as an organization effective July 3, 1996. In an effort to obtain legal nonprofit corporation status, we applied to the state of Iowa to be recognized as a corporation. The VMAA was authorized to transact business as a corporation effective July 3, 1996.

Attainment of nonprofit status for the VMAA at ISU. The VMAA applied to the Internal Revenue Service to obtain recognition as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. A letter dated October 28, 1996 from the IRS indicated that the VMAA would be recognized as a tax-exempt organization. There was no mention of penalties for failing to file appropriate reports in previous years.

IRS penalties. Letters from the IRS indicated that penalties would be assessed as follows:

<u>Date Letter Received</u>	<u>Year of Penalty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 6, 1996	1994	\$2,117.70
December 9, 1996	1993	\$3,077.50
<u>December 9, 1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>\$1,660.00</u>
Total		\$6,855.20

On December 10, 1996, a letter appealing the penalties was written by Mr. Robert L. Huffer (attorney) and sent to Internal Revenue Service. Results of the appeal are pending.

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Treasurer's Report Dr. Darrell Trampel

The attached Treasurer's Report was submitted to the membership. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Review of Dues Dr. Gene Warren

Dr. Warren explained to the membership the anticipated need for additional funds. A motion to increase annual dues from \$20 to \$25 was made by Dr. Dean Fry. The motion was seconded by Dr. Leonard Seda. The motion passed with one dissenting vote:

Constitution and By-Laws Dr. Gene Warren

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws were presented to the membership. The Constitution is based upon the Constitution of the pre-existing Iowa State University Veterinary Medical Alumni Association. The By-Laws were unanimously approved by the board. The By-Laws are based upon the By-

Laws of the pre-existing Iowa State University Veterinary Medical Alumni Association. The only significant difference is that an indemnification provision was added that includes a stipulation that the VMAA will purchase officers and employees liability insurance. This addition to the By-Laws will be similar to Article XV in the By-Laws of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association. A motion was made to approve the new Constitution and By-Laws by Dr. Randy Wheeler. The motion was seconded by Dr. Larry Herboldt. The motion passed unanimously.

Conclusion

The membership elected Dr. Donna Rizzo of Ames to serve as the new board member of the VMAA. The following slate of officers was presented by the Board of the VMAA at ISU and elected by the membership for 1997: Dr. Gene Warren, President; Dr. Matthew Sexton, Vice-President; and Dr. Darrell Trampel, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Gene Warren introduced speakers Dr. Mike Apley, Bovine Production Medicine; Dr. Karen Kline, Small Animal Neurologist; and Dean Richard Ross. The meeting was then adjourned.♦

New Student Chapter of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (SCVECCS) Established

Lisa DeNault[†]

The College of Veterinary Medicine has a new student organization, the Student Chapter of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (SCVECCS). The purpose of this organization is to promote the specialties of emergency medicine and critical care, both for the awareness of members and the community. SCVECCS will sponsor emergency medicine wet labs for first year students covering areas of burn manage-

ment, hypothermia and hyperthermia treatments, and poisoning effects and prevention. SCVECCS will be a resource for senior students by providing preceptorships in emergency and critical care medicine. Participants for the preceptorship program this year include Colorado State University, University of Pennsylvania, and private practices in California, Maryland, and Wisconsin. National SCVECCS sponsored lectures and dry labs in the fields of emergency medicine and critical care at the 1997 SAVMA Symposium held at Purdue University this March.♦

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