

Members Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 26, 2013 Austin, TX

Roll Call for Voting Members

Veterinary Medical and Surgical Group **Ken Bruecker**
Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado **Brian VanVechten**
BluePearl-Georgia **present, not voting**
Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson **Jan Woods**
Veterinary Specialty Hospital of the Carolinas **Jerry Waddle**
BluePearl – Kansas **Jeff Dennis**
Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center **Ken Spokane**
Veterinary Specialist of Rochester **Jennifer Bidwell**
BluePearl-Tampa **Darryl Shaw**
BluePearl-Michigan **Ned Kuehn**
BluePearl- Manhattan **present, not voting**
Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center **Jeff Meinen**
Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center **Rob Orsher**
Akron Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center **Shaun McWilliams**
Seattle Veterinary Specialists **Art Arnaiz**
Southeast Veterinary Specialists **Rose Lemarie**
Memphis Veterinary Specialists **Todd Tobias**

Officer Elections - unanimous approval

- Tony Pardo – President Elect
- Jennifer Bidwell – Officer at Large

Treasurers Report

- Review of P&L thru 08/31. Post to VSPA website once 3rd QTR reports complete.
- Jan – Aug 2013
 - Jan 1 beginning cash 121,132, Aug 31st ending cash 106,643
 - AR @ 8/31 12,500
 - Income thru 8/31 93,112
 - Expenses thru 8/31 95,122
- Projected thru 12/31/2013
 - Expenses – 74,600
 - Income – 32,400
- Projected cash 12/31/2012 76,943
- Expect improved cash position 12/31/2014
- 3rd QTR 2013 ExpertVet assessment invoices to go out 10/01/2013

Designate New Committee Members for *calendar year-2014*

*Please remember that it is important (required) to attend and participate – if the designed volunteer cannot attend on a regular basis it is **their** responsibility to find a substitute in their practice.*

Membership Board liaison, Immediate Past President/President Elect

Southeast Rose Lemarie
Akron Shaun McWilliams

Agenda 2014 Board liaison, President

VRCC Tammi Abt
PVSEC Ken Spokane
Michigan Ned Kuehn
Seattle Jim McCutchan

Nominating Board liaison, Vice President

VSH-NC Jerry Waddle
WVRC Kari Severson (confirm)

Publishing Board liaison, Treasurer

VRCC Lori Ramig
VSEC Kristin Hoffman (confirm)

Website/Webinar Board liaison, Officer At large

VMSG Greg Stoutenburgh
PVSEC Tony Pardo
MVS Todd Tobias
SVS-LA Rose Lemarie
WVRC Jeff Meinen

Operational Management Education Board liaison, Secretary

VSEC-PA Rob Orsher
VSCOT Jan Woods

Agenda Committee Report

- Attendance at this meeting is lowest since 2009 – why so low with such a strong agenda?
- Brief overview of – Spring 2014 plans
- Spring 2014 April 29th – May 2nd (Brd Tues, Members Wed 8am – Fri 1pm)
 - Inn at Biltmore Estate – Asheville, NC
- Fall 2014 September 16-19 - week after IVECCS
 - Sofitel - Philadelphia, PA
- Location for Spring 2015 – Rochester

Publishing Committee Report

- Distributed copy of article to be submitted to Veterinary Economics.

ExpertVet Committee Report

- Review of site activity, costs, listing other practices (VSPA & others) plans and projections

- Reminder of need to Like & Follow ExpertVet. The site needs support from members!
- Responsibility for responding to ExpertVet questions to rotate between practices in the order of roll call. Questions to be forwarded to practice contact for them to distribute to appropriate clinician for response. Responses returned to Pam to send to pet owner and post to ExpertVet. Goal is to respond w/in 1-2 days.
 - November 2013 BluePearl-Tampa
 - December 2013 Memphis Veterinary Specialists
 - January 2014 Southeast Veterinary Specialists
 - February 2014 Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center
 - March 2014 BluePearl Georgia
 - April 2014 Veterinary Specialist of Rochester
 - May 2014 Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center
 - June 2014 BluePearl-Michigan
 - July 2014 Veterinary Specialty Hospital of the Carolinas
 - August 2014 Seattle Veterinary Specialists
 - September 2014 Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson
 - October 2014 Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado
 - November 2014 Akron Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center
 - December 2014 Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center
 - January 2015 BluePearl – Kansas
 - February 2015 Veterinary Medical and Surgical Group
 - March 2015 BluePearl- Manhattan
- Discussion of ExpertVet quarterly assessment amount. Initial estimate \$953 per quarter. Updated estimates of costs are higher by \$547. Motion for \$1,500 assessment for one year until the evaluation of project at September 2014 meeting. Motion seconded. Simple majority required. Vote 10 yes, 4 no, 1 not present – 71% yes. Motion passed.

Specialty Content Clinicians - Designate New for *calendar year-2014*

Internal Medicine

Ned Kuehn (BP-MI)

Surgery

Rose Lemarie (SVS New Orleans)

Emergency & Critical Care

Caleb Frankel (VSEC)

Oncology

Jerry Waddle (VSH)

Ophthalmology

Shelby Reinstein (VSEC)

Cardiology

Bryan Bottorff (Seattle)

Dermatology

Steve Lemarie (SVS-New Orleans)

Neurology

Ed MacKillop (PVSEC)

Avian/Exotic

David Hannon (MVS-Memphis)

Operational Management Education

- Standard deviation & FTE clinician data to be sent to practice contact in October
- Salary & Benefits Survey data to be emailed to practice contact

Membership Committee

Non-Compliance

- Meeting Attendance
 - Tucson out of compliance – no DVM attendance 2013
 - All other practices in compliance for meeting attendance 2013

Critical Care as 3rd specialty

- Decision to allow Critical care as the 3rd specialty. Future discussion regarding the need/ability to report.

Rules & Regs document updated to match By-laws

- By-laws restrict voting by commonly owned members to a 30% of any quorum or 3 votes whichever is less. The Rules and Regulations document lists a maximum of 6 votes from commonly owned members. The Rules and Regulations document to be revised to match the By-laws.

Next Members Business Meeting – May 2014 – Asheville, NC

Minutes Submitted by Pam Stevenson on October 17, 2013