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Minutes from the House of Delegates Meeting

20 August 2003

Santos, Brazil

The meeting was called to order by Sikke Minnema, president of the House of Delegates.

The representatives present were Michael Wolters (Germany - GVAS); Kristine Elbaek (Denmark - NOVAS); Kevin May (USA - AAVA); Dietrich Graf von Schweinitz (UK - ABVA); Robert Norman Schwyzer (USA - AAVA); Dirk B. Yelinek (USA - AAVA); Freddy Wegelius (Sweden - NOVAS); Albert Snyders (Belgium - BEVAS); Francisco J.Zendejus (Mexico); Peter Grob (Switzerland); Jean-Yves Guray (Germany); Sabine Heuchert O'Mahony (Brazil - ABRAVET). Ed Boldt, present as the Executive Director; Linda Boogie (USA - AAVA) present as President Elect of IVAS; Dwight Hooton (USA) present as Past President of IVAS.

Active membership

The first topic of discussion was to determine how to get IVAS members to become more participant in the organization. The HOD members are responsible to find out what the members need is. The possibility to sent out a yearly questionnaire to the membership through the newsletter or per e-mail in november, in order to find out what the members want from the organization was discussed. The HOD members should make contact with the members to help them fill out the questionnaire in order to get as many reactions back as possible. So in the organization the have more than 1 representative, this needs to be a shared job.

Newsletter

It was suggested that the Newsletter that is send out after each congress should make a survey about what the members liked or disliked about the congress as well as other issues. The idea was to have a yearly membership survey send out with the November Newsletter. (I think that this repeats the last part of the above)

Other ideas to improve the Newsletter were: every HOD member should write a summary of one of the lectures of the congress for the Newsletter and was expected, all attending picked a lecture and make an approximately 400 word summary ; a space for "IVAS affiliated organization news" whereby each affiliated organization is listed underneath the other, leaving a blank space for each individual organization to place their news.

Futures congress locations

The discussion on the location had a lot to do with the financial spin off from the yearly congress. IVAS needs to make at least \$25.000-\$30.000 on a congress as part of the income to let the organization run its business. This has not been the case the last couple of years, except the one in Lexington. This being the basis "safe" locations were picked.

Belgium 2004

Park City, Utah 2005 (still in discussion, maybe it will be somewhere at the east coast)

Muenchen, Germany 2006

New Orleans, USA 2007

Britain 2008

Spain offered to hold the congress and stands in line.

IVAS congresses

Ideas how to improve IVAS congresses were discussed.

There should be basic and advanced lectures. The lectures should be applicable and more practical, like vet. (wet?) labs, demonstrations, point demonstration, round tables and discussion groups at lunch or breakfast time, poster sessions.

Another point discussed was to start offering small trips after the congress at the country the congress is held. This might make the overseas congresses more interesting to go to, joining work and family vacation.

IVAS Courses

Another topic of discussion was how the basic courses could be improved.

Dietrich von Schweinitz believes that increasing the scientific approach to the basic course will attract more students and will make it easier to be recognized from the universities and local veterinary associations. Therefore he does not want to go too deep into TCM at the course given in the UK. At the other hand IVAS does not want to shorten the hours of TCM lectures. The idea was to think about an advanced course following the basic course whereby both, TCM and scientific approach could be given as needed.

In the UK the basic course is set 50 % TCM and 50 % scientific. Therefore the IVAS and the UK course and exams are not compatible. Dietrich von Schweinitz believes that there is no need for national groups to apply for IVAS exams, but IVAS wants to be the "golden standard"

over viewing international organization in order not to lose the credibility as a certifying organization and mainly not to lose the purpose of IVAS which is of unifying the countries

around the world (mission statement: IVAS is a worldwide advocate in the promotion of education, responsible research and the integration of acupuncture into vet. medicine to create and maintain optimal health in animals) . IVAS needs to look at the UK exams to verify if they are reciprocal. Instead of designing a exam for the UK course, IVAS could offer TCM continuing education or an extra module to prepare students from the UK to take the IVAS exam.

Internships

Linda Boogie mentioned the difficulty some students have to do their practical internships in countries where there are no IVAS certified members and she suggested that in these situations IVAS certified veterinarians could fly to that country and have a 40 hour session, similar to how it was done in Cuba.

Dues

The dues will be raised next year from \$85 to \$128 for direct members and 1/2 the amount (\$64) when being members of IVAS through an affiliated organization.

Sabine Heuchert O'Mahony mentioned the difficulty that veterinarians from countries like Brazil have to be members of IVAS due to the high dues. Linda Boogie suggested to have these veterinarians create a pool in order to be able to have 5 IVAS members and thus have an affiliated organization and share the IVAS membership and contact.

Ed Bold mentioned that next year a new HOD President and Secretary needs to be voted and that two HOD members need to be voted now to go to the Board of Directors. This is a flaw in the organization in the HOD, since this needed to be done at the annual meeting. A motion was made to disregard the bylaws to vote for the two HOD members that are going to the Board of Directors so there can be a voting through the bulletin board. As long as we have not voted, the BOD is incomplete and cannot function.

Meeting adjourned.

Sabine Heuchert O'Mahony

Acting secretary