

Affiliate

- Todd Gunderson – Menan, ID
- Shani Henry – Colon, NE

Student

- Alyssa Doering – Colorado SU
- Tim R. Gibbs – Washington SU
- Tierney Hall – Washington SU
- Katrina Hartman – Washington SU
- Ashley Horvat – Oklahoma SU
- Jessica Hudson – Washington SU
- Perrie Crampton Neal – Washington SU
- Casey Peterson – Washington SU
- Luke Evan Runnion – Washington SU

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept members as presented. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Animal Welfare – Nancy Belk

The committee discussed and agreed upon the Animal Welfare Statement for presentation to the membership.

The Montana Veterinary Medical Association and its members believe that it is through the support and promotion of animal welfare that animals can be reasonably used and enjoyed by humans. These uses can include companionship, service, recreation, education, exhibition, work, food, fiber, and research. Animal welfare is a priority of the MVMA and through its Welfare Committee will continue to develop guidelines and standards to address the care, welfare, and humane treatment of animals. Veterinarians are advocates of animal welfare and should continually strive to support it through advocacy education and scientific research.

Animal welfare is a human responsibility and animals under our care shall receive proper nutrition, health care (including disease prevention), and freedom from unnecessary fear, pain, or distress. Animals shall be treated with respect and dignity throughout their lives and, when necessary, provided a humane death. The welfare of animals must also include environmental protection and management with consideration of the biology of the species.

The committee encourages all members to be aware of issues and actions at the national level in our government regarding animal welfare.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the welfare statement as presented. Motion approved.

Budget / Finance Committee – Terrill Todd

The committee reviewed financial statements with Executive Director Stuart Doggett. Consensus of the committee is that the finances are in good order. The committee will continue to monitor the allocation of medium and long term investments.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the committee report. Motion approved.

CE / Programs Committee – Lisa O’Leary

Committee discussed:

- Contacting DVM associations in neighboring states and inviting presidents to our meetings.
- Policy developed by the Executive Committee for postings on the website.
- Continue to communicate activities available at meeting places.
- The higher cost of holding meetings in remote locations.
- Possibility of holding roundtable discussions at future meetings – bring questions/cool cases and assign a chair for individual topics.
- Reinstate having a short state and federal veterinarian office report at meetings.
- Have disaster preparedness / foreign animal disease at one meeting per year.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the committee report. Motion approved.

Companion Animals – No report

Complimentary & Integrative Medicine Committee – No report

Disaster Preparedness Committee – Sherrie Nash

Committee discussed the question “What is the role of the DVM during an emergency?” Resources partners might include National Animal Healthcare Emergency Response Corp and Incident Command System.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the committee report. Motion approved.

Equine Committee – Mel Anzick

Mel Anzick stated that there are currently no known cases of EH-V1 although there is a suspected case in Gallatin County. He noted this information is not an official report on behalf of the committee.

Eulogy Committee – No report

Food Animal / Regulatory – Randy Ward

Committee:

- Reported that comments for the new TB / Brucellosis framework regulation can be made at APHIS until July 5.
- Encouraged members to sign up for Department of Livestock bi-weekly updates.
- Noted that 24 positive cases of Trich have been reported in 16 herds concentrated around Glacier County. Draft Trich rules will be available in July.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the committee report. Motion approved.

Legislative Committee – Stuart Doggett

Stuart Doggett provided an overview of legislation that was tracked which impacted the profession. Bills that received the highest level of attention and activity were

- HB 294 – provide confidentiality of livestock testing info collected by Livestock Department; supported by MVMA. This bill became law.
- HB 390 – require inspection for dog breeding facilities for over 30 dogs; supported by MVMA; died in committee.
- HB 408 – provide for timely filing and resolution of claims in medical liability cases. This was supported by the MVMA and passed the Senate and House but was vetoed by the governor.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the committee report. Motion approved.

Nominations Committee – Anne Johnson

Candidates for the Executive Committee were Elizabeth Dagnall and Jeanne Rankin. Ballots were distributed.

Veterinary Technicians Committee – Rick Sherr

Rick Scherr reported:

- CVTs are doing more training sessions, independent of the MVMA trainings. Often difficult for them to attend MVMA meetings due to need to be in the clinic when DVMs are at the meetings.
- There are three states in the US, including Montana, that do not have veterinary technician schools. The colleges are preparing a proposal to take to the Board of Regents, currently

scheduled for the August 11 meeting. A director from Tacoma, Washington was instate to discuss programs and need for accreditation.

- All Montana schools should work collaboratively on this effort. May be possible to develop as online curriculum.
- Goal is to have a program in Montana by August 2012.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the committee report. Motion approved.

Wellness Committee – No report

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Katie Ward of Broadus will coordinate entries for Pet Week with selection of state winners at time of Winter meeting.
- Jeanne Rankin elected to the Executive Committee.
- Tom Meyer, District XI AMVA representative, presided over the installation of MVMA officers for the 2011 / 2012 term.
 - Lisa O'Leary – president
 - Deborah Yarborough – president elect
 - Terrill Todd – vice president
 - Rebecca Mattix – secretary / treasurer
 - Hardee Clark – director
 - Jeanne Rankin – director
 - Randy Ward – past president
- Randy Ward thanked the membership for their kind words and support to him during his time on the Executive Committee.
- Lisa O'Leary thanked Randy for the great job he had done as president. She expressed her appreciation to him and presented him a plaque on behalf of the membership.

Meeting adjourned – by 12:03 pm