1. Dr. Mark Starr called the meeting to order, which was held at the same time as the annual AVMA meeting. The following members were present: Drs. Mark Starr, Sue Trock, Kimberly Orr, Robert Wills, Eric Ebel, David Smith, and Tim Stevenson. Candace McCall, Executive Vice-President of the ACVPM, was also present.

2. President's Report: Dr. Starr provided information from his position on the ACVPM Executive Board.
   a. The Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/ is a portal that the Specialty could use to connect virtually with meetings online. There was general consensus that periodic virtual meetings would be a way for members of the specialty to stay connected and aware of issues and opportunities for the Specialty.
   b. Regarding the ACVPM exam, there was a record number of candidates that took the ACVPM exam this year! Dr. Starr thought it would be a good idea for the Specialty President to send a personal letter to all the new ACVPM diplomats, providing information about and inviting them to pursue the Epidemiology Specialty.

3. Credentials Committee: Dr. Orr provided the report, and stated that Dr. Millicent Eidson has agreed to serve as the new Chair of the Committee.

4. Exam Committee: There were 3 candidates that took the Specialty exam this year, all of which took the exam at separate sites at the exact time, provided by an official exam proctor. The results will be distributed as soon as the exams are graded.

5. Nominating Committee: On behalf of the nominating committee, Dr. Starr reported that Dr. Trock had received more than the required number of votes to be elected as the next President of the Specialty. Dr. Trock accepted the nomination and graciously agreed to serve as President for the specified 3-year term.

6. Continuing Education Committee: Dr. Ebel reported on the full day of presentations coordinated by the Epidemiology Specialty at the AVMA conference this year. The members discussed the concern that this year, and in past years, the Epidemiology sponsored conference presentations have been scheduled at the same time as the ACVPM and Epidemiology Specialty meetings. The consensus was to request that the AVMA allocate a specific time block for a ½ day, rather than the full day, for Epidemiology Specialty presentations. Designating a specific time block for these presentations will prevent scheduling conflicts with the ACVPM and Epidemiology Specialty meetings.

7. Additional topics:
   a. Additional Specialties under the ACVPM. Dr. Starr explained that other areas of expertise (e.g., food safety) within the ACVPM that are considering recognition as a formal Specialty, as is the Epidemiology Specialty. The Epidemiology Specialty President and other members are participating in the ongoing discussion.
   b. Mentoring. The members discussed the possibilities of having a more formalized mentoring program to assist potential candidates for the Epidemiology Specialty. The members were
generally supportive of the idea, especially as an informal process, but no specific plans were developed to codify the process.

c. American Association of Public Health Veterinarians collaboration. Dr. Eidson is exploring ways that the Epidemiology Specialty could provide expertise to assist the AAPHV when appropriate.

d. Marketing and communications. The new ACVPM website will be available very soon, which includes a tab for the Epidemiology Specialty. There was also discussion about leveraging other tools, such as a listserv of Epidemiology Specialty members, newsletter, Facebook, etc. Rather than develop a separate committee for marketing and communications, Dr. Orr agreed to discuss potential implementation of the above initiatives with the Credentials Committee.

8. Dr. Starr adjourned the meeting.