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Minutes from the 2015 ASVCP Business Meeting

ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting, Minneapolis
ASVCP Business Meeting October 18, 2015, 4:30 p.m. CDT Minutes

Executive Board Members in attendance: Secretary Mark Johnson, President Jeff McCartney, Past President Anne Provencher, President-Elect Shelley Burton, Treasurer Jennifer Johns, EB member Tracy Stokol, EB member Linda Vap, TRG member Susan Rees, Anne Barger ACVP Council representative, Incoming President-elect Lindsay Tomlinson, Incoming EB member Amy MacNeill

1) Call to Order: ASVCP President Jeff McCartney called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

2) Jeff McCartney called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from last year (2014). Jennifer Johns motioned for approval of the minutes. Steve Stockham seconded the motion, all voted aye.

3) Treasurer's Report: ASVCP Treasurer Jennifer Johns indicated that the assets of the ASVCP have not changed dramatically, as most of our portfolio is still heavily invested in stocks. We have closed the Vanguard Money Market Account due to poor performance. One CD matured at the end of May 2015 and is currently in the process of being liquidated. Of important note, our net income has changed to the positive for this year. The Executive Board (EB) voted to enlist the services of a financial advisor starting this fall (2015). The plan will be to develop new investment strategies and asset distributions to account for market variability and net losses that our accounts have experienced in recent years. The goal will be to provide a better long term cash reserve policy to be able to manage the current and unplanned needs of the society in the future. It will also allow decisions on supporting new initiatives that the society may sponsor, including trainee awards, lifetime achievement awards, early and mid-career awards, and online rounds.

4) Secretary's Report: ASVCP Secretary Mark Johnson indicated that newsletters have been sent out successfully again this year. He highlighted the In-Memoriam to Dr. William Jones article in March, the Getting to Know Your EB Member pieces in June and December, and the Educator and Lifetime Achievement Award segments for September. In addition, he expressed thanks to Drs. Collicott, Hilligas, and Royal for their image contributions for the Microscopic Art Corner. Mark indicated that an email-based newsletter might be tested in December in lieu of the current downloadable PDF system. No objections were made to this proposed change. Mark relayed that the EB reviewed and approved 45 new membership applications from January through September 2015 and the society now has 622 members. He also indicated that membership applications were now being performed on a monthly basis to expedite the approval process. He indicated that the EB had 9 teleconferences for the year and minutes were taken and approved for each of those meetings. Lastly, Mark thanked The Rees Group (TRG) for their invaluable help with the newsletter and society work, and Robin Allison for her mentorship for the Secretary position.

5) ACV/STP Coalition/Veterinary Pathology Fellows: Coalition Director Gary Cockrell indicated that for 10 years the ACVP/STP Coalition has funded new training positions. It has now funded the 30th position and 29 fellows have completed their training at 17 different North American academic institutions, with a total of $7 million dollars in financial commitments from industrial sponsors. These have included 17 anatomic residencies, 3 clinical pathology residencies and 10 post-residency PhD programs. The Coalition fellowship this year, the Linda Munson Fellowship in Wildlife Pathology, was funded to Colorado State University. Funding for these positions originated from various organizations, ranging from pharmaceutical to technology, to contract research, and pathology support companies. There are no payback obligations to these companies by the trainees. Fellows have gained employment across multiple sectors. Gary indicated that the main problem facing the Coalition is lack of funding, as this is the first position that the Coalition has funded in the last 5 years. When these training positions are available, he indicated they are highly sought after by training programs. He is optimistic that with the economic outlook improving, newly funded positions may become available in the future. Gary indicated that if fellowships were funded, institutions would be notified by June (2016) for the competitive application process. He encouraged ASVCP members from industry to take the Coalition sponsorship message back to their companies. Gary thanked TRG for their support, indicated that Steve Gaunt is the Chairman of the Board of Governors, and noted that the Coalition has a website for contact information.

6) European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ECVCP) Report: ECVCP President Cathy Trumel reported on the successful 5-day summer school course for European clinical pathology residents in Toulouse, France, in July. This is the same location that the certifying examination took place in September. She indicated that 22 residents took the course, which was a large number by their standards. A mock examination was given at the end of the course, which was a close replicate of the certifying examination. Cathy indicated that the September certifying examination went well and she wanted to thank Leslie Sharkey and Steve Stockham for their help as external reviewers. She indicated that having external reviewers is very important for the process, as it gives them an outside perspective of the examination process. She also indicated that if someone wanted to participate in the future as an external reviewer, they should contact her for more information. She briefly reported on the 17th Annual Congress meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, and she congratulated Drs. Joy Archer and Ted Valli, who received European Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP) Lifetime Awards this year. She indicated the next ECVCP Congress would be held October 2016, in Nantes, France.

7) Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal (VCP) Report: Editor-in-Chief Barbara von Beust provided her 3rd annual report. She acknowledged the section editors to (including 2 from Europe/UK and 6 from the United States) and the 22 members of the editorial board (including 5 from Europe/UK). The members represent various specialties and expertise in our field. She also acknowledged Managing Editor Laura Brashear and Wiley Blackwell Publisher, along with their Associated Editor, Meredith Duey and Production Manager, Jackie Beggins. She indicated the two-year impact factor for VCP in 2015 was 1.273, which was a slight increase over 1.208 for 2013. The journal is currently ranked 46/133 in veterinary science journals. She noted the fluctuation of the impact factor compared to other peer journals and indicated
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that is a normal trend. She indicated the top cited VCP article for 2014 was the ASVCP Reference Interval Guidelines, which was cited 26 times. She mentioned that starting March 2016, the journal would go to online format only. However, if requested by a member, a printed copy of the journal will be available for a small fee, but the fee has not been determined at this time. Barbara indicated that they wrote letters of appreciation to the editorial board members and reviewers for their work on the journal this past year. She indicated that the journal would begin requiring documentation of informed client consent and animal use protocols for publication, as this is a global requirement now for most journals. She indicated that plans for 2016 include a working group for wildlife study design improvements and an image bank from past VCP articles in collaboration with Wiley Blackwell and led by Rose Raskin. She thanked all of the authors who submitted to VCP this year and the EB.

8) Committee Reports:

Program Committee: Committee chair Laura Snyder indicated that the committee is small, composed of 4 members, but long time member Bruce LeRoy may be rotating off this year. The committee is recruiting a new at-large member and a new chair for 2018-2020. She indicated that the time commitment for the committee is not large and most occurs during the annual meeting and via email, with one breakfast meeting and one teleconference occurring during the past year. Laura stated the highlights for the year included making the annual meeting events successful and making sure that the education symposium was well attended. She indicated the pre-meeting workshop, the education symposium and the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals (VLP) sessions were well attended and appeared to be successful, as they tried to provide variety of topics and interests for all sessions. The committee has suggested endocrinology as possible topic for the 2016 educational symposium, but they are open to suggestions by members for other topics and will be further discussing this at their breakfast meeting. Lastly, she relayed that the Education Committee will be hosting the pre-meeting workshop for next year.

Online Rounds: Sharon Dial gave no official update on online rounds, but she wanted to encourage more members to participate and present at the monthly rounds. She stated that those interested should email her.

Web/Outreach Committee: Committee chair Jen Owens indicated that this committee currently has 25 members. She wanted to thank TRG for all their help and specifically, Ashley Alba for her help with this presentation. She promoted the closed Facebook page that is only available for ASVCP members. She indicated that of the 622 ASVCP members, only 194 are members of the closed Facebook group. Jen stated that she would approve new requests for members that want to join the closed Facebook page. She stated that it is a great learning environment for all and is a very helpful group, especially the images that are posted. She mentioned that one of their biggest accomplishments this year was making a new poster for the SCAVMA symposium. She specifically acknowledged Gwen Levine at Texas A&M University and Beth Spangler at Auburn University for their work on the poster. She indicated that the next symposium is in March 2016, at Iowa State University. They will continue to award a $150.00 stipend to veterinary student pathology clubs, as long as an ACVP board certified ASVCP member pathologist gives the presentation. Jen indicated they are still working on a Wikipedia page and they are going to help re-vamp the entire ASVCP webpage. They also want to promote the benefits of the ASVCP membership, to include access to online rounds and the listserv, and they would like to make a searchable listserv archive for discussions.

Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards (QALS) Committee: Committee chair Melinda Camus indicated it was a very productive year. She stated that the Guidelines for External Quality Assurance/Proficiency Testing should be in the next VCP edition in December and that these guidelines are already posted on the ASVCP website. The Glucometer Guidelines have passed both general membership and EB review and should be posted on the ASVCP website and published in VCP in the near future. She indicated they are currently the largest ASVCP committee with 26 members that represent various interests groups, including some trainees and laboratory professionals. Their entire committee goal is to develop recommendations and checklists regarding quality control and quality assurance issues. One of their ongoing projects is to develop recommendations for total allowable error for hematology and coagulation testing. They will also be working on updating the current General Quality Assurance Guidelines for the ASVCP, as it is now 10 years old and in need of revising. In addition, they will also be posting one page checklists for all guidelines on the ASVCP webpage, and plan to place these in one centrally located place for convenient accessibility. Melinda ended by thanking all committee members and the EB for their support.

Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC): Committee chair Lila Ramaiah indicated that it has been a busy year for their committee. They currently have 15 members, including their newest member, a resident trainee. Lila thanked Bill Reagan and Kirstin Barnhart for putting together the Renal and Hemostatic Biomarker pre-meeting workshop this year. She indicated that the pre-meeting workshop was well attended and well received with 80 registered attendees. The main goal of this committee is to be an advocate for clinical pathology in industry, as in reality there are very few clinical pathologists employed in industry. Lila referred to the previous discussion from Gary Cockerell and noted that none of the 4 trainees receiving fellowships through the Coalition went to industry or pharmaceutical companies following their training. She discussed the need to attract veterinary clinical pathologists to industry and the RAC is trying to attract clinical pathology trainees who are interested in industry by awarding scholarships that have been funded by ASVCP grants. They awarded two externship scholarships ($5000 total) two years ago and they awarded three scholarships ($5000 total) this past year. The first scholarship awardees published a small article in VCP detailing their experience with the scholarships. They will be accepting applications for scholarships for next year sometime between January and April of 2016, pending continuation of the grant, and will try to place announcements on the ASVCP closed Facebook page and in ASVCP newsletters. Lila also indicated that RAC is currently working on drafting a manuscript on “Microsampling in 3Rs programs”, and on an “Adversity” manuscript that is being drafted by an STP working group. They will be working on a separate “Adversity” manuscript specifically regarding clinical pathology. They also submitted comments on two FDA Dockets, “Target Animal Safety Data Presentation and Statistical Analysis” and “Toxicological Principles for the Safety Assessment of Food Ingredients” and are working on several best practice documents.
Veterinary Laboratory Professionals (VLP): Committee chair Lynne Shanahan indicated that they had three speakers for the VLP sessions this year and they also had a round table discussion as one of their sessions. She indicated that they provide RACE credits for all VLP sessions. Lynne stated that in March 2015, she sent out a survey on VLP listserv regarding topics such as job description, place of employment, pressings issue in the workplace, attendance of the ASVCP annual meeting and general questions about VLP topics provided at the annual meeting. She received 25 responses and the biggest concerns shared by the surveyors were staffing and budget. The reasons they do not attend the annual meeting are the inability to be absent from the workplace and the lack of departmental funding to send them to the annual meeting. They also indicated a lower annual meeting registration fee would increase the likelihood of attendance. Lynne encouraged everyone in attendance to go back to his or her institutions and try to get support to send at least one staff member to the annual conference. Lynne also announced that the EB voted to lower the annual meeting registration fee and annual dues for VLP members starting in 2016 to the same fees as student and trainees. Jen Owens asked Lynne about having online rounds for staff members and Lynne was supportive of this concept, especially if CE credits were available for VLP members.

Share the Future Committee (STF): ASVCP President Jeff McCartney provided an update on the STF on behalf of chair Chuck Wiedmeyer. The committee has two other members. He stated the committee is charged with identifying new sources for funding for the ASVCP and communicating with the membership to solicit funding and identify potential sources of additional funding. Jeff indicated the committee is also in charge of evaluating and awarding the applicants for the ASVCP Travel and Research Grants. Jeff indicated that the EB is discussing funding on a more global level, which will hopefully lead to a more firm strategy on funding opportunities that can be subsequently utilized by the STF. Jeff congratulated the recipients for the Travel Grants, which were Kristina Meichner (North Carolina State University), Katherine Schlicher (University of Illinois), Rachael Holicky (Kansas State University), Emma Holmes (Royal Veterinary College), Nicole Khar (The Ohio State University) and Nariman Deravi (University of Guelph). Jeff also congratulated the recipient of the Share the Future Research Grant, Daniela Hernandez Muguiro (Cornell University).

Education Committee: Committee chair Carolyn Grimes showed the list of committee members and indicated they have 4 new members and 2 members that are rotating off. The committee is looking to add new energetic members interested in contributing to educational projects for the ASVCP. Deanna Schaeffer is co-chair and will be taking over as chair in 2017. They have appointed Angela Royal as the Program Committee liaison. Carolyn indicated the committee is diverse and includes one resident and one veterinary laboratory professional. She indicated the committee worked on several projects in 2015, including: updating current committee descriptions, reviewing committee membership and leadership, planning and delivering the 2015 Education Forum, selection of the 2015 ASVCP Educator Award recipient, beginning planning the 2016 pre-meeting workshop, discussing funding options for online rounds, identifying a comprehensive list of educational materials made available by the ASVCP and gathering information on costs for the ASVCP case session scanning project. Projects for 2016 are the 2016 pre-meeting workshop, the 2016 Education Forum, the 2016 ASVCP Educator Award, and inventorying and managing the ASVCP educational material available to our membership. They have tentatively titled the 2016 pre-meeting workshop, “Evaluation in Various Aspects of Clinical Pathology” in both academic and non-academic settings and the Education Forum is “Clinical Pathology Competencies for AVMA Accredited Schools”.

9) 2015 ASVCP Education Award: Education Committee chair Carolyn Grimes announced that the 2015 ASVCP Education Award was awarded to Dr. Steve Stockham from Kansas State University. Carolyn highlighted many of Dr. Stockham's numerous accomplishments and invited him to come to the stage to receive the award. Dr. Stockham received a standing ovation and accepted the award graciously. During his acceptance speech, Dr. Stockham acknowledged the formation of the ASVCP on July 13th, 1965 by a motion from Dr. Harry Barrier to a group of individuals teaching veterinary clinical pathology. He acknowledged other ASVCP members that have been recipients of teaching awards by the ASVCP and other national organizations. He thanked many of his mentors, colleagues, residents and veterinary students and his family.

10) Membership: Jeff McCartney indicated the EB accepted many new ASVCP members this year and listed them for general review. He welcomed any new members that may be present.

11) ASVCP Officers: Jeff McCartney welcomed the new officers, Lindsay Tomlinson (President-elect) and Amy MacNeill (Executive Board Member). He then said farewell and thank you to departing Executive Board member Linda Vap (3 year service) and invited her to come to the podium for a plaque and departing gift of appreciation. Secondly, he said farewell and thank you to departing Past-President Anne Provencher (5 year service) and invited her to come to the podium for a plaque and departing gift of appreciation. Anne Provencher thanked the society for the last 5 years and reminded everyone to go to the 50th ASVCP Anniversary Party. Jeff welcomed the new incoming present Shelley Burton and invited her to the podium. Shelley thanked Jeff for his mentorship and presented Jeff with the society gavel for his service as President. She then called for the meeting to be adjourned.
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AGENDA
2015 ASVCP ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 18, 2015
Room 101 E
Convention Center

4:30 p.m. Call to Order
Approval of the 2014 Business Meeting Minutes

4:35 p.m. Treasurer’s Report

4:40 p.m. Secretary’s Report

4:45 p.m. Recognition of Travel and Research Awards

5:00 p.m. ACVP/STP Coalition/Veterinary Pathology Fellows

5:05 p.m. ECVCP Report

5:10 p.m. Journal Report

5:15 p.m. Committee Reports
  • Program
  • Online Rounds
  • Outreach/Web
  • Quality Assurance and Standards
  • Regulatory Affairs
  • Veterinary Laboratory Professionals
  • Share the Future
  • Education

5:45 p.m. VCP Education Award

5:50 p.m. Introduction of New Members

5:55 p.m. Induction of Officers

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2015-2016 Executive Board

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Awards and Awards Deadlines

ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award 2017

Deadline: Check June 1, 2017
Submit Information To: Past President

The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award is to recognize members of the ASVCP who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

Nomination should include:
- At least three letters of support from ASVCP members
- A rationale as to why this particular member is worthy of this award
- The CV of the individual being nominated.

The Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, chaired by the Past President, will review nominations and the committee’s recommendation will be presented to the ASVCP Executive Board. The ASVCP Executive Board will determine if the nominated ASVCP member is to receive the award by a majority vote. The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented at the annual meeting.

ASVCP Educator Award 2017

Deadline: Nominations Due May 1, 2017
Submit Information To: Education Committee Chair

Contributions to education vary greatly to include standard classroom and clinical teaching that primarily takes place in veterinary schools, continuing education of practitioners and technical staff, formal and informal mentoring of students by pathologists in the private sector, committee service to ASVCP and ACVP including board examination preparation, creation of teaching materials such as books and computer programs, and publishing articles relevant to any stage of veterinary medical education. Unfortunately, formal recognition of these contributions is given almost exclusively to pathologists working in academia.

In order to encourage and reward a wider range of ASVCP members contributing to the education of future veterinarians and pathologists, the ASVCP Education Committee and the Executive Board would like to invite our membership to submit nominations for the ASVCP Education Award.

Letters of nomination should:
- Describe the nominee’s contributions to the education of veterinary medical students, clinical pathology residents, veterinarians, and laboratory professionals.
- A brief description (one page or less) of the nominee’s accomplishments
- Contact information for the nominee
- A list of 2-3 individuals that can provide additional letters of support

Share the Future Travel Award 2017

Deadline: Check www.asvcp.org for deadline information.
Submit Information To: ASVCP Administrative Office

Share the Future Travel Awards are intended to help offset travel costs for clinical pathology residents or graduate students who will be giving talks or poster presentations at the Annual Meeting. Five awards of $500 each will be awarded.

Share the Future Research Grant

Deadline: Check www.asvcp.org for deadline information.
Submit Information To: ASVCP Administrative Office

Share the Future research grants are intended to help support research by clinical pathology residents and graduate students. Grants will range from $1,000 to $2,500. In 2017, one research grant will be awarded. A complete application form can be found on the ASVCP website under “ASVCP Awards.”

Research proposal should include:
- Abstract (300 words or less)
- Specific Aims
- Background and Significance/Importance
- Research Design and Methods
- Approval for the use of live animals by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (if applicable)

Young Investigator Award

Two awards will be given. One award will be given to the best oral presentation involving applied or translational research or case reviews that provide new knowledge in the field of veterinary clinical pathology. One award will be given to the best oral presentation involving basic research that provides new knowledge in the field of veterinary clinical pathology.
Life Membership

Life membership is available to members who retire from their professional activities and have been a member in good standing, of the society for a minimum of 20 consecutive years. Life members will receive all the benefits of a paying member. To apply for life membership, please submit a letter of request to the ASVCP President and Secretary.

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Share The Future Donations–October 2015-November 2016

- Jeanne George
- Robert Hall
- William Higgins
- Jennifer Johns
- Walter Loeb
- Elmer Mirro
- Renee Pearson
- M. Judith Radin
- Angela Royal
- Mary Anna Thrall
- Marlyn Whitney
Call for Officer Nominations: 2017 ASVCP Election

The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for: President-Elect/President/Immediate Past-President Track and Executive Board Member. Brief overviews of the major duties associated with each position are provided below. For additional information or to make a nomination, please contact Anne Provencher, 2015 Immediate Past President of the ASVCP.

PRESIDENT-ELECT/PRESIDENT/IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT TRACK:

- Serve a 3-year term:
  - 1st year – President-Elect
  - 2nd year – President
  - 3rd year – Immediate Past President

- Major Duties of the President-Elect:
  - Attend the Executive Board meetings held in conjunction with the annual meeting.
  - Participate in monthly telephone conferences
  - Participate in e-mail discussions of important issues
  - Serve as Chair of the sub-committee that establishes the curriculum for the Focused Scientific Sessions at the annual meeting

- Major Duties of the President
  - Serve as Chairman of the Executive Board
  - Preside at all meetings (includes teleconferences, electronic mail discussions, Executive Board meetings, the Annual Business Meeting, etc); in conjunction with The Rees Group set agendas for the meetings
  - Appoint all committee Chairs, and, in conjunction with the committee liaisons of the Executive Board, oversee all committee functions and communications
  - Interface with the ASVCP liaison of the ACVP
  - Review the ASVCP Newsletter and prepare a President’s Message for each issue
  - Serve as the primary interface with The Rees Management Group

- Major Duties of the Immediate Past President
  - Facilitate transition of office to the new President
  - Increase positive recognition of the society via writing letters of thanks and (in conjunction with The Rees Group) press releases
  - Serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee for open Executive Board positions
  - Coordinate the ASVCP Young Investigators Award competition
  - Attend the Executive Board meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting
  - Participate in monthly telephone conferences
  - Participate in email discussions of important issues
# 2015-2016 Diplomates

## Certified in Veterinary Clinical Pathology – 2015

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ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 Recipients: Drs. Rose E. Raskin & Harold Tvedten

The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award, established in 2004, recognizes members of the Society who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology. The award is presented at our Annual Meeting. A call for nominations for the award is put out to ASVCP members. This year awards are being presented to two Society members who have significantly contributed, in different fields, to the advancement of veterinary clinical pathology.

Dr. Rose E. Raskin

Dr. Rose E. Raskin received her DVM degree from Purdue University, and shortly after, completed a dual pathology residency and a PhD at Michigan State University. She taught at the University of Florida and served several roles in the ASVCP as President and Executive Board member for five years, and Section Editor for Veterinary Clinical Pathology. Although she retired from Purdue University in 2014, she continues to work tirelessly, teaching at multiple institutions as well as working in diagnostic laboratories around the world.

All of us essentially work with her daily, as the textbook “Canine and Feline Cytology: A Color Atlas and Interpretation Guide,” now in its 3rd edition, which she co-authored, is ubiquitously found in most laboratories and private practices. Her influence, however, is not limited to this book. During the past 32 years, she has taught countless DVM students, practicing DVMs, residents, and clinical pathologists. She has also published more than 60 articles in peer-reviewed journals as well as 36 book chapters and counting, with special interests in cytology, cytochemistry, immunocytochemistry, exotic species, and bone marrow cytology and histopathology.

Rose’s untiring effort to always excel and push herself to continually be better, gently nudging others to do the same, always reaching out to promote her colleagues and inspire her students, are among the qualities that make Rose an exceptional veterinary clinical pathologist and, in addition to her many more tangible accomplishments, deserving of the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award. We’re glad that Rose, Squirrel, didn’t really retire and that we all can continue to learn from her.

Dr. Harold Tvedten

Congratulations to Dr. Harold Tvedten as a recipient of the 2016 ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award. Following graduation as a DVM from Michigan State University in 1971, he briefly worked as a small-animal practitioner in Michigan until leaving practice to pursue graduate studies and completing a PhD in pathology at Michigan State University in 1975. Harold then joined the faculty at Michigan State University to begin an illustrious 26-year career, which culminated with retirement as Professor Emeritus in 2000. Courageously he moved to Sweden and began working part time as Lab Chief at Regiondjursjukhus Strömsholm (a private regional animal hospital). Dr. Tvedten concurrently worked at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala since 2000 at several units. When faced with a forced retirement, Harold traveled to work several months for Gribbles Veterinary Pathology in New Zealand until he was rehired by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and is currently employed with its University Animal Hospital. Dr. Tvedten is double-boarded by the ACVP in anatomic and clinical pathology, and is also a Diplomate and founding member of the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

Over 45 years, he has supervised the training of many accomplished clinical pathologists, such as Steve Stockham, Doug Weiss, Rose Raskin, Eric Schultze, Jenny Thomas, Pat Wakenell, Gail Walter, Mary Jo Burkhard, Anne Provencher, Mike Scott, Phillip Clark, Agatha Boisvert, Inger Lilliehook, Anna Hillström, and Josefine Öberg.
President’s Report 2016

Submitted by: Shelley Burton

The Executive Board (EB) had a busy and productive time since the October 2015 meeting in Minneapolis. Monthly teleconference or webinar meetings were held, numerous e-mail discussions occurred and other meetings and phone calls were scheduled as required. Activity highlights included:

1. **ASVCP committees**: Interaction between the EB and these hard working committees was a prominent feature in 2016. Early in the year, the EB sent chairs documents outlining expectations for committee work and updated membership guidelines. Updates from committees through the year were received by the EB liaisons. Mid-year, committee reports were received and webinars occurred with committee chairs, allowing them to inform the EB of activities and discuss any concerns.

2. **Website**: A major focus this year was the work toward re-designing our website. The EB had ongoing communications with Jen Owen (Chair, Web Outreach Committee) and a highly functional subcommittee ably chaired by Lotti Hollinger. We are looking forward to a new website soon!

3. **Surveys and documents**: The EB reviewed and approved 3 surveys: one of attendees at the Minneapolis 50th anniversary party and two of the general membership – one on Mystery Slides/Case Discussions and one from the Quality Assurance & Laboratory Standards (QALS) committee concerning QA & Standard guidelines. An SOP for writing guideline documents from the QALS committee was approved by the EB. The EB also approved 2 documents from the Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC) – one on principles for assessing adversity in clinical pathology endpoints and one on reducing blood volume requirements for clinical pathology testing in toxicologic studies.

4. **Trainees**: Inspired by a conversation with Eric Schultz, the EB explored ways to enhance fun social interaction with trainees at our meeting. A subcommittee of the Web Outreach Committee chaired by Gwen Levine supplied excellent creative ideas for the EB. At the time of submission of this report, planning is ongoing but some fun activities are anticipated in New Orleans.

5. **Newsletter**: Thanks to the hard work of ASVCP Secretary Mark Johnson and Erika O’Leary of The Rees Group, our quarterly newsletter changed from a downloadable PDF to a well received interactive e-mail format.

6. **Budget**: Our treasurer, Jennifer Johns, guided us in discussing budget concerns and ways to control costs and increase revenue going forward. I thank Jen for her hard work and look forward to welcoming Sarah Beatty as incoming treasurer.

7. **ACVP Interaction**: The EB had the pleasure of having Anne Barger as ACVP Council liaison and Laura Snyder and Bruce LeRoy as our representatives on the ACVP Meeting Task Force. We were pleased that the format for research abstracts was unified for ASVCP and ACVP submissions.

8. **Online rounds**: We discussed these popular rounds and accepted financial support from the European Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP), electing to re-name them ASVCP/ESVCP Online Rounds.

9. **Miscellaneous**: The EB engaged in numerous discussions and decisions; a few will be noted here. They included honoring Jeanne George as past historian and developing SOPs for award selections, organizing the Pre-Meeting Workshop and the Program Committee membership structure. We elected to start digital mystery slide submissions, we supported RAC Industry Externships for trainees and we clarified the roles of EB members. The EB adjudicated lifetime membership status applications and discussed the nomination of upcoming EB officers.

Other activities performed by the President included:

1. Writing 4 President’s Messages for the ASVCP newsletter.
2. E-mail and phone conversations with EB members, committee chairs, the journal Editor-in-Chief, the ACVP Council liaison and other individuals as required.
3. Working closely with The Rees Group on agenda preparation and other organizational aspects.
4. Representing the ASVCP at the annual congress of the ESVCP - bringing official greetings, discussing items of mutual interest and offering appreciation for the financial support of online rounds.
5. Development of an ongoing EB task list.

I would like to end with a thank you to the membership, the other EB members and The Rees Group staff, particularly Susan Rees and Ashley Alba. It has been a privilege to serve and I look forward to continuing my role on the EB for one more year as Immediate Past-President.
President-Elect’s Report 2016

Submitted by: Lindsay Tomlinson

The responsibilities of this position changed in 2014, so that the President-elect began a 3 year term on the Executive Board (EB) without prior EB experience, enabling a shorter total volunteer period but requiring a steeper learning curve. Activities over the past year included:

1. General Program Committee Involvement for the ACVP/ASVCP/STP Meeting 2016

Submitted abstracts were reviewed in conjunction with the Focused Clinical Pathology Session committee in order to build the programs for the ASVCP Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Sessions I & II. As an ad-hoc member of the General Program Committee, I conferred with Laura Snyder, Chair of the ASVCP Program Committee, as appropriate. The detailed program was provided to Jane Shepard of The Rees Group and the ACVP office. Although not the official EB liaison for the Program Committee, the President-elect was also welcomed to several teleconferences and e-mail discussions to assist with speakers and content for the Education Symposium.

Two invited speakers accepted invitations for the ASVCP Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Sessions. Communications with them included requests for speaker credentials and requirements as well as proceedings.

A. GASTROINTESTINAL BIOMARKERS

Jörg Steiner, med.vet., Dr. med.vet., PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM-CA, AGAF (Small Animal Internal Medicine)
Professor of Small Animal Medicine and Director of the Gastrointestinal Laboratory at Texas A&M University

B. DYNAMICS OF PERIPHERAL AND MUCOSAL CD4+ T CELLS IN SIMIAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS INFECTION AND AIDS

Ronald Veazey, DVM, PhD
Professor and Chair of the Division of Comparative Pathology, Tulane National Primate Research Center

2. Call for ASVCP Abstracts for the ACVP/ASVCP/STP Meeting 2016:

A call for abstracts was prepared and sent to the ASVCP Secretary for inclusion in the ASVCP Newsletter. A second call for abstracts was prepared also included in the newsletter.

3. ASVCP Abstract Review, Editing & Submission to Veterinary Clinical Pathology:

The abstract review committee from 2015 was reinstated for 2016. This committee was composed of 5 ASVCP members in addition to the President-elect. The members were Erica Behling-Kelly, Sara Connolly, Niraj Tripathi, Catherine Wagg and Valerie Wong. Committee work occurred predominantly in July and August. Sixty (60) ASVCP abstracts were submitted for consideration for the two ASVCP Focused Scientific Sessions. Committee work resulted in 53 abstracts being accepted (17 platform presentations and 36 poster presentations). Two abstracts of inadequate quality or inappropriate content were rejected after thorough committee review. An additional 4 abstracts were moved to more appropriate categories of Experimental Disease (2), Natural Disease (1) and Diagnostic Pathology (1). One additional abstract was moved into Clinical Pathology but one student abstract was withdrawn as was one mystery session abstract.

Numerous communications with authors by the President-elect occurred for both clarification of abstract content and revision to meet formatting rules for publication in Veterinary Clinical Pathology. Final review and formatting of the abstracts was done by the President-elect prior to submission to the editor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, Barbara von Beust.

4. ASVCP Young Investigator Award (YIA) involvement:

A draft of the announcement for the ASVCP Young Investigator Award (YIA) and the ACVP Young Investigator Award were reviewed, amended and finalized. An announcement regarding these awards went out to the ASVCP membership. Twelve abstract submissions that applied for consideration of the ASVCP YIA and whose abstracts were accepted as platform presentations in 2016 were identified. They were designated as such in the program and were grouped appropriately for convenience of the YIA judges.

5. Liaison to the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee:

Committee Chair Lynne Shanahan reported to the Executive Board during the July 20, 2016 teleconference and provided both midyear and end of year reports. Occasional e-mail communications were received from this committee; there were no teleconferences involving the President-elect. Lynne has attempted but not yet identified a new chair for 2017 after her retirement. It is an ongoing effort.
President-Elect’s Report 2016 - continued

6. Liaison to the Regulatory Affairs Committee:

The RAC continued to be ably chaired by Lila Ramaiah with identification of an incoming chair for 2017, Adam Aulbach. It was a busy committee with monthly teleconference calls. Lila provided a midyear report and discussed RAC progress at the EB webinar on June 17, 2016. Many discussions occurred on numerous topics and it was a productive year with several manuscripts being brought forward for EB review and approval. Approved manuscripts included: Reducing blood volume requirements for clinical pathology testing in toxicological studies - Points to consider and Principles for assessing adversity in toxicologic clinical pathology – Points to Consider. Both were written by RAC subcommittees which also included additional ASVCP members in the case of the adversity paper.

7. Participation in meetings, teleconferences and e-mail discussions of the Executive Board:

The President-elect participated in all but one Executive Board teleconference or webinar between October 2015 and December 2016, and will be in attendance at the meeting in New Orleans.
Immediate Past President’s Report

Submitted by: Jeff McCartney

1. Nomination of Executive Board Members and Election

   A. A call for nominees was published in the newsletter and sent to the general membership via email communication
   B. Potential candidates were contacted via email and phone communication and the following individuals were candidates for the executive board positions:
      - President Elect- Dr. Kurt Zimmerman
      - Executive Board member- Dr. Sharon Dial and Dr. Elena Gorman
      - Treasurer- Dr. Sarah Beatty
   C. Candidate profiles were published in the newsletter and online voting took place in September 2016
   D. Our New Executive board members are Drs. Kurt Zimmerman, Sharon Dial and Sarah Beatty and they will start their terms at the annual meeting.

2. Coordination of the ASVCP Young Investigator Awards

   A. The notice for competition of the ASVCP Young Investigator Awards was placed in the newsletter along with the Call for Abstracts for the Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Sessions
   B. The group judging the presentations will attend the scientific sessions and use the established judging criteria and score sheets.

3. Lifetime Achievement Awards

   A. Call for nominations for the Lifetime Achievement awards was published in the newsletter
   B. Nominations were received and reviewed by committee and the Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Dr. Rose Raskin and Dr. Harold Tvedten at the Annual meeting in New Orleans
Secretary’s Report

Submitted by: Mark C. Johnson

Newsletter Statistics: The pdf version of the newsletter that was downloadable from the ASVCP website was used for the last time in the December 2015 newsletter. An email version of the newsletter, now titled “ASVCP News Blast” was utilized for the 2016 March, June and September newsletters and will be utilized for future ones. I hope that you have enjoyed viewing the News Blast format as much as I have, as it is much easier for members to access and view immediately and the graphics and color appropriately reflect our Society. Online publication of the December 2015 newsletter occurred on 12/11/15. E-mail delivery for the 2016 News Blasts occurred on March 8th, June 3rd, and September 16th respectively. The last 2016 News Blast of the year will go out in late December 2016 or early January 2017, due to the December ASVCP meeting date. Information for the newsletters/News Blasts was solicited from Executive Board (EB) members and Committee Chairs 1-2 months in advance of anticipated quarterly newsletter publication date. A great big thanks to Erika O’Leary and her team at The Rees Group (TRG) for skilfully developing this new platform, the transition was seamless!

Newsletter Content: Three “Microscopy Art Corners” and one “Macroscopic Art Corner” captions were used in the newsletter/News Blasts. These captions provide educational entertainment for the Society and the plan is to continue this piece for upcoming newsletters. Please continue to submit your wonderful images to the Secretary, so that we can continue to provide our members with educational humor. Two “Getting to Know your Executive Board Member” articles were posted in the December newsletter and the June News Blast for Drs. Shelley Burton and Mark Johnson respectively, and one more is planned for our incoming President, Dr. Lindsay Tomlinson, for the December News Blast. Congratulation announcements were placed in the December newsletter for the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, Dr. Robert Hall and Dr. Allan Rebar, and the Education Award recipient, Dr. Steven Stockham. A commemorative article was placed in the March News Blast congratulating Dr. Jeanne George for serving as the ASVCP Historian from 2004-2015. Announcements for ASVCP Online Rounds and now the combined ASVCP/ESVCP Online Rounds were included in all newsletters and News Blasts. General announcements for various ASVCP events to include, EB officer nominations, funding opportunities, financial reports, Lifetime Achievement and Education awards, Share the Future (STF) Travel awards, Young Investigator award, Pre-Meeting Workshop, Veterinary Clinical Pathology journal reports, Committee Chair reports, and Mystery Case and Slide submissions requests were included in newsletters and News Blasts.

E-mail Blasts: ASVCP e-mail blasts were sent out by TRG to members two-three weeks prior to the monthly Online Rounds sessions and before important ASVCP events such as EB elections, nominations for Lifetime Achievement award, STF travel awards, and Mystery Case/Slide submission requests. A special thanks to Ashley Alba and the TRG staff for coordinating and sending out the E-mail blasts.

Meeting Minutes: The draft minutes from the 2015 ASVCP Annual Business Meeting were made available online to membership through a link in the December 2015 newsletter and will be voted on during the annual 2016 meeting in New Orleans. Since October 2015, the EB has held 15 monthly teleconferences or webinars on the following dates: 11/20/15, 12/18/15, 1/15/16, 2/5/16, 3/1/16, 3/30/16, 4/29/16, 5/25/16, 6/17/16, 7/20/16, 7/27/16, 8/17/16, 9/27/16, 10/12/16 and 11/7/16. Minutes were recorded for all teleconferences or webinars, as well as the EB meeting that took place at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Draft versions of the meeting minutes were distributed to EB members for review and corrections; finalized versions were uploaded to Basecamp, the online central document depository provided and maintained by TRG.

Documents: Documents pertinent to ASVCP business are maintained by the Secretary in electronic format and are also uploaded to Basecamp. These documents are maintained in a file system on Basecamp for easy retrieval by EB members at any time. Documents available for review include EB teleconference/webinars and meeting minutes (2007-current), ASVCP newsletters (2007-current), the ASVCP Constitution and Bylaws, EB position descriptions and SOPs, ASVCP EB and Committee Chair contact information including committee membership lists, official position documents for EB review, and results of EB votes.

Membership: New ASVCP member applications are received by TRG and forwarded to the ASVCP Secretary. The Secretary distributes the applications to the EB for review before each monthly EB teleconference or webinar. The EB reviewed and approved 42 ASVCP membership applications from November 2015 through November 2016. Since memberships are for a calendar year and are not pro-rated, applications received after September 1 are held over for the following year; however, these applicants are granted member registration fees for attending the annual meeting and electronic access (only) to our journal, Veterinary Clinical Pathology. As of October 31, 2016, ASVCP membership stands at 655. Many thanks to Rob Winters and Ashley Alba at TRG for keeping membership matters superbly organized in 2016.

New member applications approved November 2015-October 2016

1. Bokyoung Bae
2. Jazian Bolus
3. Sarah Bosch
4. Alyssa Brooker
5. Suzanne Bussey
6. Megan Caudill
7. Candice Chu
8. William Cozart
9. Kaylee Craig
10. Iatoya Daniel
11. Allison DeLang
12. Nariman Deravi
13. Kristin Fisher
14. Kimberley Foote
15. Alice Fraser
16. Carol Haak
17. Ulrike Hagmeier
18. Courtnye Johnson
19. Jeremie Korchia
20. Ashley Leisering
21. Lori Lind
22. Robert Lukacs
23. Caitlyn Martinez
24. Samantha McDonnel
25. Ellen McMahon
26. Barbara Moore
27. Daniela Muguro
28. Alexandra Myers
29. Connie Peterson
30. Claire Pitchford
31. Amy Rankin
32. Sara Roode
33. Tatiana Rothacker
34. Washington Sangace
35. Matthew Schenzy
36. Natalia Strandberg
37. Eui Sung
38. Amy Thiessen
39. Taylor Towns
40. Liesel Van Rooyen
41. Mary White
42. Mariette Williams
Treasurer’s Report 2016

Submitted by: Jennifer Johns

Budget Period: 7/1/15-6/30/16
The distribution goal for ASVCP assets are currently being reassessed by our new financial advisor. At the close of the prior fiscal year, our assets were as follows:

Our Current Assets as of year-end closing:

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Conclusions and Recommendations:
1. At the close of this fiscal year, we had very recently moved all investments into a new managed account with Lincoln Financial. We are currently consulting the financial advisors as to the need for changes to our initial investment strategy, e.g. allocations, emphasis on SRI/ERI funds, and need for increased liquidity.

Primary Sources of Income

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* New combined category as of FY15
** Includes former category of Royalties
*** New category or significant income as of FY14
### Note that membership income includes the journal income

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Total $152,723  $141,952  $151,585  $190,973

Net income for FY 2015 was approximately -$63,952
### Treasurer’s Report - continued

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***Lincoln Fidelity account opened FY16; all assets transferred into investment management.
# Money Market account closed in FY15.
## 36-month CD was closed on 1/14; cashed out for $51,550 and invested into PAX World funds.
### 36-month CD liquidated; reinvested based on advice of financial advisor.

**Action Items:**
1. The EB is currently emphasizing the financial health of the society, given our increased ongoing expenses as well as recent prior and upcoming large single expenses (e.g. new website for the society). Initial action items included increased membership dues for full members, decreased monetary awards for pathologists (trainee awards and scholarships remain funded as before), and an increased emphasis on fundraising and corporate sponsorship.
3rd Year Executive Board Member’s Report

Submitted by: Tracy Stokol

Liaison to the Web/Outreach, Program and Share the Future Committees.
Organizer of Mystery Slide and Case Discussion sessions at the Annual meeting.

Web/Outreach Committee
This is an active committee that is chaired by Jennifer Owen. The two main tasks of the Committee were to:
• Evaluate vendors for a new and improved ASVCP webpage. A sub-committee chaired by Charlotte Hollinger with Elizabeth Spangler and Davis Seelig as sub-committee members, with the help of Ashley Alba and Erika O’Leary from the Rees group, took on this task and did a fantastic job narrowing the selection down to 1 of 2 vendors. The EB hopes to have the website up and running in 2017, costs permitting. The Web/Outreach Committee, with the support of the EB, surveyed the membership on website usage and desires/needs for a new website in 2016. The outcome of the survey was posted on the ASVCP website and helped guide the evaluation of vendors.
• Host an event at the annual meeting to engage trainees. Gwendolyn Levine and Jennifer Owen accomplished this task and are hosting a Hollywood Squares event on Sunday evening of the conference. The event will consist of teams of “seasoned” pathologists and trainees who compete for a $500 prize from the committee. The event is already garnering much interest with several trainees already volunteering to be on a team after Gwen put out a notice through the membership in October.

Program Committee
This Committee organizes the education program at the ASVCP meeting and is chaired by Laura Snyder. They also worked with the Education Committee to facilitate the premeeting workshop in December at the conference. The EB worked with Laura to update an SOP on the Program Committee and produced a document of guidelines and information about the premeeting workshop, which includes simplifying requirements for the workshop booklet. The education committee also devised a survey for the membership on the format of the education session of the meeting, however this has not yet been finalized.

Share the Future Committee
This committee, chaired by Charles (Chuck) Wiedmeyer, selects recipients for the travel award. The EB worked with Chuck to clarify who is eligible for the travel awards resulting in changes made to the travel award application.

Case sessions
Changes for the 2016 meeting were the acceptance of up to 3 digital slides and abandonment of the on-line submission system, with authors submitting cases directly to the EB member. This worked well. The digital slides will be made available to those who purchase slide sets for 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after the meeting via a Dropbox folder organized by the Rees group. Shelley Burton, Mark Johnson and Melinda Camus have all kindly volunteered to take notes of the discussions and comments at the Mystery Slide and Case Discussion sessions. These notes will be added to the summary document that will get posted on the ASVCP members-only website after the meeting.

Statistics on 2016 submissions
• Mystery slide cases: 23 submissions, including 5 digital slides. Sixteen were selected for presentation, including 3 digital slides, with 5 submitters agreeing to provide their slides as bonus cases.
• Case discussion: 7 Submissions. Four were selected for presentation.
Submitted by: Amy MacNeill

I have been present for teleconferences of the Education and QALS Committees. Both groups have been very productive and have needed minimal to moderate guidance by the ASVCP.

**Education Committee**
- Although the Education Committee had only a few teleconferences this year, they have been productive.
- The Education Committee is organizing the 2016 ASVCP Pro-Meeting Workshop. The workshop is entitled “Hematopathology in Diagnostic and Toxicologic Pathology: From the Tried and True to the Cutting Edge.” I am not certain if anything is known about expected attendance this year.
- The Education Forum will discuss Core Competencies for clinical pathology this year. This is a hot topic in education and I expect it will draw interest from most clinical pathologists working in academia.
- The committee awarded Holly Bender the ASVCP Educator Award.
- Website changes are actively being discussed. Most changes have been delayed until the new platform is in place.
- A proposal for a resident exchange program was discussed and may be submitted for funding in the next year.

**QALS Committee**
- The QALS committee has been very active and has had several teleconferences this year.
- They recently sent out a Survey which should indicate how the general membership is utilizing current ASVCP guidelines and allow them to modify presentation and accessibility of the guidelines if needed.
- QALS also has completed a guideline writing SOP to keep the style of their guidelines more consistent.
- TEa hematology guidelines are actively being developed.
- QUALS will organize the 2017 ASVCP Pro-Meeting Workshop. The group will be reaching out to the general membership to get a better idea of areas of interest.

**ACVIM Forum Clinical Pathology Special Interest Session**

The 2017 Forum will take place from Wednesday, June 7 through Saturday, June 10 at the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, MD.

Morning sessions will focus on optimizing diagnostic information obtained from fluid analyses.
- Dr. Andrea Bohn will discuss analysis and interpretation of body cavity effusions (2 h).
- Dr. Paula Krimer will examine sample processing and interpretation of joint fluid (1 h) and cerebral-spinal fluid (1 h).

Afternoon sessions will explore hematologic and biochemical alterations observed with different disease processes.
- Dr. Lauren Radakovich will describe how abnormalities in iron metabolism affect hematologic and biochemical profiles (1 h).
- Dr. Amy MacNeill will talk about the effects of paraneoplastic syndromes on complete blood counts and serum chemistry profiles (1 h).
- Dr. Rose Raskin will present challenging chemistry cases with cytologic/hematologic correlations (2 h).
ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows Report

Submitted by: Gary L. Cockerell, Director
Reporting Period: May 1, 2016-October 31, 2016

1. Introduction

The Coalition was formed in late 2004 to provide a unified mechanism for the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) and Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) to solicit (from industry) and allocate (to North American universities) funds to establish new training positions to increase the number of veterinary anatomic and clinical pathologists, and to develop additional methods to enhance training in veterinary pathology and research. Oversight is provided by the ACVP Council and STP Executive Committee. The Council and Executive Committee appoint five members each to a Board of Governors which provides strategic leadership. A Director (GL Cockerell) and Administrative Office (The Rees Group) implement and administer Coalition activities. Additional information is available online at http://www.vetpathcoalition.org/.

2. New Funding

No additional unrestricted contributions have been pledged from sponsors to support Coalition enabling activities since the last progress report (30 Apr 2016).

3. Current Funding and Trainees

One fellow is currently funded through the Coalition. The post-residency PhD graduate fellowship provides partial support for stipend and medical benefits:

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** Diplomate, Clin Path, ACVP

Fellows who have completed their Coalition training positions and their current positions are detailed in the attached appendix.

4. Funding Avenues/Requests

Securing funds for new training positions continues to be difficult due to national economic conditions, company reorganizations and mergers, and changes in employment opportunities for veterinary pathologists. The Director maintains regular contact with more than 60 potential sponsoring companies/organizations. Usual contact is by email, telephone and face-to-face interactions. As a further incentive to encourage companies to participate, in both 2015 and 2016, the Coalition offered financial support for half of a new training position (~$125K) using accrued funds, if a partnering company agreed to provide the other half of the necessary funds. Several companies expressed interest, but a firm commitment could not be secured. The Board further considered offering a similar cost-share partnership for new position(s) with North American training programs, but a final decision was not made.

5. New Strategies

Based on unsuccessful efforts to secure funding for new positions, the Board of Governors submitted a recommendation to ACVP Council and STP Executive Committee on 23 May 2016, that the Coalition invest the accrued funds (~$360K) and suspend all further activities (except for continuing to administer the currently active fellowship) for a period of 3 years, after which the economic climate could be re-evaluated to determine the Coalition's future.

In response to the Board’s recommendation, Council and EC urged the Coalition to expend the accrued funds immediately by partnering with training programs to create new positions, thus maintaining the Coalition’s visibility and taking advantage of the Director’s current contract which was scheduled to terminate on 16 Sept 2016. After in-depth discussions, the Board concurred with this strategy. A Request for Applications (RFA) was issued 1 Sept 2016, offering $95K each for up to as many as three new 3 year training positions. These positions could be either residencies in anatomic or clinical pathology or post-residency PhD graduate programs, providing the applicant institution agreed to provide the remainder of funds needed to make the position whole (see www.vetpathcoalition.org, click on Request for Applications).
ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows - continued

A total of seven applications were received by the 14 Oct 2016 deadline, including five applications for anatomic pathology residencies (Purdue Univ, Michigan State Univ, Univ Guelph, Colorado State Univ and Univ Minnesota) and two applications for clinical pathology residencies (Auburn Univ and Ohio St Univ). No applications were received for post-residency PhD graduate positions. The Board is currently reviewing all applications and funding decisions will be made by 18 Nov 2016.

In preparation for these new 3 year fellowships, the Director agreed to a new contract which extends through 30 Sept 2020. The Director will not pursue any new funding requests under this contract, but will seek annual industry externships for each of the new fellowships. A new contract will also be developed for The Rees Group to assist in administering these positions through the same period.

To further provide the necessary infrastructure for these fellowships the Board of Governors will need to remain active. ACVP Council and STP Executive Committee each need to appoint two new Board members to replace David Hutto and Robert Johnson (ACVP reps), and Daher Aibo and Torrie Crabbs (STP reps) whose terms expire 31 Dec 2016. Newly appointed members will serve 3 years terms (1 Jan 2017 – 31 Dec 2019). The Coalition is grateful for the service of these Board members and especially Torrie Crabbs who served as the 2016 Chair.
ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows  - continued

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<td>Danielle Lewis Brown* (Anat Path Resident)</td>
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<td>Aaron Sargeant* (PhD Grad Program)</td>
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<td>Mai Mok* (Anat Path Resident)</td>
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Education Committee Report

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Dates of conference calls/meetings:
• February 4 (conference call)
• May 26 (conference call)
• December 3 (meeting)
• Subcommittees (Education Forum for Discussion, Pre-Meeting Workshop, Website Educational Materials) met independently

Committee objectives and accomplishments:
• Plan the 2016 ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop. The workshop is titled Hematopathology in Diagnostic and Toxicologic Pathology: From the Tried and True to the Cutting Edge and will take place Saturday December 3 at 2016, 8:00 – 5:00 during the 2016 ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
• Plan the ASVCP Education Forum for Discussion. The Forum topic this year is AVMA COE Core Competencies for Clinical Pathology. It will take place Saturday December 3, 2016 at 6:00 – 8:00 during the 2016 ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
• Choose the recipient of the 2016 ASVCP Educator Award. This year, we modified the nomination and evaluation processes and updated the SOP. The recipient of this year’s Educator Award is Dr. Holly Bender. The award will be presented to her at the Business Meeting on Sunday December 4, 2016, 4:00 – 6:00 during the 2016 ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
• Website educational materials. We formed a subcommittee for developing educational materials for the website (to be integrated into the “new” website). In addition to getting together a more comprehensive list of resources than what is currently available, we plan to add more practice cases for residents. Work on this is well underway.

Objectives for 2017:
• Choose the recipient of the 2017 ASVCP Educator Award
• Plan the 2017 Education Forum for Discussion
• Continue development of website educational materials
• Establish a resident exchange program between training institutions
Online Rounds

Submitted by: Sharon Dial and Ashley Alba

No official committee present at this time. The organization of the rounds has been a cooperative effort between The Rees Group, presenters and Sharon Dial

Twelve rounds were scheduled for 2016, 11 have been presented to date:

- January 29 – Austin Viall, Iowa State University
- February 17 – Niki Skeldon, Kate Sherry, & Helena Ferreira, Axiom Veterinary Laboratories
- March 18 – Tracy Stokol, Cornell University
- April 6 – Kate Schlicher, University of Illinois
- May 18 – Sharon Dial, University of Arizona
- June 15 – Tracy Stokol, Cornell University
- July 19 – Sharon Dial, University of Arizona
- August 18 – A. Russell Moore, Colorado State University
- September 14 – Mark Johnson, Texas A&M University
- October 19 – Jennifer Brazzell & Laura Snyder, Marshfield Labs
- November 16 – Natalie Courtman, University of Melbourne, Australia
- December – Date and Presenter TBD

Committee objectives

The online rounds were developed to bring our colleagues together throughout the year to share interesting cases in an informal setting. The rounds allow our residents to see cases through the eyes of clinical pathologists at institutions other than their own in hopes of broadening their experience. For the presenters and others established in their career, it allows the exchange of ideas, provides a platform to present puzzling cases for insight, showcase excellent examples of disease process or just show off beautiful microscopic specimens. Discussion is encouraged through questions and commented moderated by a panel of clinical pathologists and the presenter. The rounds are presented using Go-To-Webinar and employ real time viewing using video-microscopy.

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- In March 2016, Online Rounds became a financial partnership between ASVCP and ESVCP.

Objectives for 2017

- Identify new presenters and encourage those who presented this year to continue in supporting the program.
Program Committee Report

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Dates of conference calls/meetings:
• Breakfast meeting at the 2015 annual meeting in Minneapolis
• February teleconference
• All other business conducted via email
• Spring ACVP Education Committee Planning Meeting May 2nd, Tampa (Snyder- via phone)

Committee Objectives for 2016:
• Organize the Education Symposium for the 2016 meeting, including the overall theme and invited speakers.
• Assist the ASVCP president elect in selection of keynote speakers for the Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Sessions for the 2016 meeting.
• Assist the VLP chair with speaker selection and organizational components of the 2016 VLP program.
• Assist the ASVCP Education Committee Chair with organization of the 2016 pre-meeting workshop.

Committee Accomplishments 2016:
• All components of the 2016 meeting are finalized. This includes the Education Symposium, the VLP session, the Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Sessions, the Mystery Slide Session, the Case Review Session and pre-meeting workshop organized by the ASCVP Education Committee.
• The theme for the ASVCP Education Symposium is endocrinology. The invited speakers include Dr. Michelle Barton (UGA) who will be speaking on the pathogenesis of adrenocortical insufficiency in sepsis, Dr. Luca Giori (UTN) who will be speaking on atypical hyper/hypoadrenocorticism, Dr. Charles Wood (EPA) who will be speaking on toxicology and endocrine disruption and Dr. Dianne McFarlane (OK State) will be speaking on diagnostic testing and the immunopathophysiology of equine PPID/metabolic syndrome.
• The SOP for the Program Committee has been updated to reflect membership clarifications, as follows:
  i. The president-elect will serve a 1 year, temporary membership with voting rights. This will serve to both familiarize the incoming president with the committee functions and facilitate communication regarding the Scientific Session speakers.
  ii. Though not an official committee member, the president will be included in the majority of committee communications and invited to teleconferences for the sake of clarity and transparency.
  iii. A liaison from the Executive Board will be appointed to the Program Committee. Since the EB members serve 3-year terms with split liaison responsibilities, they will either serve as a liaison for 2 years or 1 year, as determined by the rotation.
• The Program Committee has created a survey to poll members of the ASVCP regarding their satisfaction with the content and structure of the Education Symposium. Our goal is to collect and evaluate responses in early 2017. The feedback garnered through this survey will become important in shaping this session for future meetings, especially in anticipation of changes recommended by the Meeting Task Force.
• Having an understanding of the struggles faced by previous PMW Chairs, we assisted Tracy Stokol in developing a document to help guide them through the workshop planning process.
• Bruce LeRoy and Laura Snyder served as members of the ACVP Annual Meeting Task Force, the of which is to assess the content, structure and budgetary aspects of the meeting.

Committee Objectives for 2017:
• Organize the Education Symposium for the 2017 meeting including the overall theme and invited speakers.
• Analyze the results of the Education Symposium survey and discuss potential changes/modifications with the Executive Board.
• Assist the ASVCP President-Elect in selection of keynote speakers for the clinical pathology focused sessions for the 2017 meeting.
• Assist the VLP chair with speaker selection and organizational components of the 2017 VLP program.
• Assist the chair of the ASVCP QALS Committee with organization of the 2017 pre-meeting workshop.
• The newly selected 2018-2020 ASVCP Education Committee Chair (Dr. Tina Miechner) will begin the process of shadowing in 2016/2017. We will also continue to actively recruit new members to replace out-going members and welcome your referrals and suggestions!
Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards (QALS) Report

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Dates of conference calls/meetings:
• January 27 (teleconference)
• April 21 (teleconference)
• August 2 (teleconference)
• December 5 (breakfast meeting in New Orleans)
• December 20 (teleconference)

Committee objectives and accomplishments:
• The QALS portion of the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org) was reorganized and updated with the most current version of guidelines.
• Quality assurance guidelines for glucometer use in veterinary medicine were developed and accepted by the Executive Board. These guidelines were published both online at www.asvcp.org and in Veterinary Clinical Pathology (March 2016).
• Quality assurance guidelines for external quality assurance/proficiency testing (EQA/PT) were developed and accepted by the Executive Board. These guidelines were published both online at www.asvcp.org and in Veterinary Clinical Pathology (December 2015).
• A project to develop TEa recommendations for hematology was continued. This project involves analytical performance evaluation of selected instruments and consultation with clinicians, in order to guide recommendations and ensure that they are attainable.
• A survey of the ASVCP membership was developed in order to assess the usefulness of current guidelines and determine how they are being utilized. This survey allows participants to provide topics on which QALS should focus in the future. The survey can be found on the ‘members only’ section of the ASVCP website at www.asvcp.org and is open until December 31, 2016. Your participation is greatly appreciated!
• QALS consulted with both Dr. Barbara von Beust (editor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology) to streamline recommendations for creation/evaluation of reference intervals in exotic species and with representatives of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) regarding quality management in veterinary practices.
• Per Rees Group, the “QALS” area of the ASVCP Publications webpage, at which QALS-authored QA/QC guidelines are published, received 2,275 page views (2.09% of total www.asvcp.org page views) between July 23, 2015 and September 29, 2016. Of these, 1,392 (1.78% of total) were unique page views. Views came from Google, VIN, and “direct” visits (e.g., user bookmarks).

Objectives for 2017:
• Organize and conduct the ASVCP’s pre-meeting workshop at the combined annual ACVP/ASVCP meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on November 4, 2017. Your input into topics of interest is greatly appreciated!
• Continue to work on TEa recommendations for hematology
• Collate survey results to help direct the development of future guidelines
• Provide continued support, as needed, to the AAHA and other requesting organizations with regard to QA/QC in veterinary medicine
Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC)

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  - (new member in 2016)

Dates of Meetings/Conference Calls in 2016:

Meetings held: January 28th, March 3rd, April 28th, and May 26th, July 21st, September 15th, November 4th, and December 4th

Purpose:

The Regulatory Affair Committee (RAC) of the ASVCP strives to advance toxicologic clinical pathology in industry by educating, promoting communication and publishing contemporary best practices for clinical pathology in industry. Primary RAC activities include sponsorship of resident externships in industry, development and publication of guidelines for veterinary clinical pathology aspects in industry, and fostering of collaboration with ACVP and STP to improve harmonization efforts. The RAC also surveys government regulatory agencies, national and international committees, the pharmaceutical industry, professional organizations, and oral and written communication for current and impending legislation/regulations or publications that may affect the daily business of our membership. The RAC forms consensus opinions and responds appropriately to these agencies on behalf of the ASVCP. Many of our members are employed in the industry (contract research organizations, biotech, pharmaceutical, agrochemical and food industries, and private diagnostic laboratories).

Current Year Objectives:

1. Develop guidelines and useful publications for veterinary clinical pathology aspects in industry.
2. Secure funding for externships in industry for clinical pathology residents. Collect applications and adjudicate the selection of one or more residents as funds permit.
3. Promote publication of toxicology oriented clinical pathology articles in Veterinary Clinical Pathology.
4. Foster ties with organizations such as the ACVP and the Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) to improve communications and harmonization efforts. (4 publication efforts are collaborations with STP: recovery paper, DART paper, adversity paper and biomarker validation; RAC members are actively involved in CPIG activities; chairmanship of interest group and Continuing Education courses)
5. Develop advocacy plans that promote the role of veterinary clinical pathology in regulatory environments.
6. Continue to survey government regulatory agencies, the pharmaceutical industry, national and international committees, meetings, and oral and written communication for issues affecting our membership.

Major Accomplishments in 2016:

Publications

1. Published in Toxicologic Pathology in 2016:


2. Published in Toxicologic Pathology in 2016:

   • Collaborative project between RAC, CPIG, and SRPC

3. Accepted for publication in Veterinary Clinical Pathology (anticipated for Dec 2016 issue)

   • ASVCP RAC Special Report
   • This manuscript hopes to put into perspective some commonly encountered misconceptions about the feasibility of microsampling for clinical pathology in industry.
### Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC) - continued

4. Accepted for publication in the Special Clinical Pathology Issue of Toxicologic Pathology (early 2017)
   
   
   - Collaboration with STP CPIG

5. Under EB review for Submission to Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics
   
   © Siska, W., Gupta, A., Tomlinson, T., Tripathi, N., von Beust, B., Recommendations for clinical pathology data generation, interpretation, and reporting in animal safety studies for veterinary drug development.

### Objectives for the remainder of the year:

- Continue to foster ties with and cooperation with organizations such as ACVP, STP as well as international groups to improve communication and harmonization efforts.
- Keep the membership informed of regulatory issues facing our membership.
- Continue to survey government regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical industry, national and international committees, meetings, and oral and written communication for issues affecting our membership.
- Update the EB on draft guidances in progress (pertaining to best practices in clinical pathology and/or others) and submit these for publication.
- Continue to develop guidelines for clinical pathology in industry.
- Continue to develop advocacy plans that promote the role of veterinary clinical pathology in regulatory environments.
- Keep membership informed of committee activities and regulatory issues via article(s) in ASVCP newsletter and Facebook posts, as appropriate.

### Scholarship for Industry Externship in Clinical Pathology

- Successfully secured funds for industry externship scholarship ($2500 in addition to budgeted $2500 for a total of $5000)
- Received and reviewed 3 applications from clinical pathology residents who had been accepted into industry externships. All 3 applicants were awarded funds totaling $5000 to support their externships.
- Successful completion of 3 Clinical Pathology Resident Externships in Toxicologic Clinical Pathology. All awardees completed their externships, and submitted a summary letter, expense report and survey. Awardee letters and survey results indicated that participants had positive experiences in industry and were extremely grateful for the funding they received. Industry externship programs met expectations outlined by the RAC.
- Thank you to our industry hosts: MPI Research (hosted Brian Meyer and Sally Henderson) and Pfizer (hosted Cheryl Moller).

### Projects in various stages of inception:

- Creation of a biomarker strategy working group in collaboration with STP CPIG, led by Madhu Sirivelu, with goal of drafting a biomarker validation paper (Discussed at 2016 Annual STP meeting).
- Manuscript on utility and potential pitfalls in statistical analysis and graphical representation of Clinical Pathology toxicity test results.
- Collaboration with ESTP Clinical Pathology and Biomarkers subcommittee. This subcommittee has interest in working with our biomarker strategy working group. This project is on hold because this organization has been inactive this year, due to membership changes.
Share the Future Committee

Submitted by: Charles E. Wiedmeyer, Chair

Committee Members:
• Chuck Wiedmeyer, Chair
• Laura Cregar
• Natalie Hoepp

Committee Objectives:
• Review the STF Travel and Research Grants and select recipients.
• Act as the conduit for increasing funding levels.

Summary of 2016 Activities:
Upon recommendations from the EB, changes were made to the Travel Grant application in order to encourage more applications. Twelve Travel Grant applications were received and two Research Grant applications. The committee reviewed each and arrived at a consensus of the award recipients:

• Travel Grants:
  - Tracy Lindquist – Iowa State University
  - Caitlyn Martinez – Colorado State University
  - Corry Yeuroukis – University of Georgia
  - Tara Piech – University of Missouri
  - Charalampos Attipa – Royal Veterinary College
  - Karlee Craig – University of Guelph

• Research Grant:
  - Angela Gwynn – University of Minnesota

The committee used a weighted scoring system to assist with travel award selection. Research grants were reviewed and the merits of each discussed among the committee.

Objectives for 2017:
• New Chair identified as Laura Cregar
• Review and select recipients for Travel and Research Grants
• Identify new sources of funding.
• Continue to communicate with membership to solicit funding and identify potential sources of additional funding.
• Keep the committee membership intact because it is felt the composition is workable.
Veterinary Clinical Pathology Report

Submitted by: Barbara von Beust, Editor-in-Chief

1. Editorial Staff: The Editor-in-Chief is assisted by Managing Editor Laura Brashear, and 8 Section Editors (2/25% from Europe/UK).
   The current Section Editors are:
   - Mehrdad Ameri, Glaxo Smith Cline, Section Editor for Hematopathology and Toxicologic Clinical Pathology
   - Kristen Friedrichs, University of Wisconsin, Section Editor for Clinical Chemistry
   - Elspeth Milne, University of Edinburgh, Section Editor for Large Animal Clinical Chemistry
   - Christine Olver, Colorado State University, Section Editor for Hematology
   - Judith Radin, Colorado University, Section Editor for Reviews
   - Rose Raskin, Purdue University, Section Editor for What Is Your Diagnosis? articles
   - Saverio Patriniieri, University of Milan, Section Editor for Chemistry and Wildlife Studies
   - Maxey Wellman, The Ohio State University, Section Editor for Cytology and Surgical Pathology.

The importance of the recommendations by this highly accomplished team of editors cannot be overstated – many thanks for working so hard for maintaining a high scientific standard of Vet Clin Pathol!

2. Editorial Board: There are 25 members (6/24% from Europe/UK) on the editorial board. Included are clinical pathologists, internists, and scientists from academic institutions and institutes, diagnostic laboratories, private consulting companies, and healthcare/pharmaceutical companies, and 2 biostatisticians. The traditional Editorial Board luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, 4 December 2016 during the annual ASVCP/ACVP conference in New Orleans. In order to express our appreciation for their outstanding services to the journal all Editorial Board members will again be sent a personal letter of acknowledgment in Spring 2017.

3. Affiliations: VCP continues to be the affiliate journal for the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology (ISACP) and Australian Society for Veterinary Pathology (ASVP).

4. Wiley Blackwell: We continue to have a strong and thriving relationship with our publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, represented by Meredith Krebs - Smith, Associate Editor. We appreciate the strong commitment of Wiley to keep up a very high production standard of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.


Figure 1: Journal and Peer Journal Impact Factor History (from the Wiley JCR Bibliometrics Report)
Veterinary Clinical Pathology Report - continued

6. **Journal Articles and Features:** In volume 45 a total of 106 articles will be published, the final page and article count for Volume 45/2016 will only be available at the time of publication of the December issue 45.4. So far, the publications include 36 Original Research Articles, 9 Brief Communications, 3 Technical Reports, 23 Case Reports, 3 Invited Reviews, and 20 What is your diagnosis? submissions. In addition to peer reviewed articles, 2 Editorials, 4 Letter to the Editor, and 4 Laboratory Medicine: Yesterday·Today·Tomorrow (YTT) features will have been published in 2016 (as per 7 October 2016).

7. **Submission and Rejections:** Since 2012 the number of submissions slightly increased and then declined again, currently around 300 articles are being submitted per year. The rejection rate oscillates between 40 and 50%. Rejection reasons are articles that are out of scope (e.g., macropathologic and histopathologic data only, virology and molecular biology topics without specific relation to clinical pathology) which are rejected without peer review. Other reasons include lack of required method validation data, lack of novelty of the information provided, insufficient interest for global readership, and poor study design, among others (based on peer review).

![Figure 2: A) Number of submitted Article Types 2012-2016; B) Number of accepted article types 2013 – 2015.](image)

8. **Conference Abstract** Publication: No abstracts were received for publication in Vet Clin Pathol from the ESVCP annual conferences in Lisbon 2015 and Nantes 2016. ISACP Abstracts were published for the 2016 Biannual conference in Cape Town 5-9 April 2016. The ASVCP Abstracts for the Annual conference in New Orleans 2016 were not yet received at the time this annual report was compiled. Once formatted and edited they will be published online.

9. **A Free Virtual Issue** on Wildlife Studies was published with examples of articles on reference intervals in a range of nondomestic species (link: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1939-165X/homepage/custom_copy.htm)

10. **Publication Ethics:** As a Wiley-Blackwell journal, Veterinary Clinical Pathology is a member of COPE, the Committee on Publication Ethics (http://publicationethics.org/). COPE promotes the highest standards of publication ethics, provides a code of conduct for journal editors, and is a forum for editors and publishers of peer-reviewed journals to discuss publication ethics. Authors are notified that all manuscripts considered for publication in VCP are screened for plagiarism against previously published works by iThenticate, a plagiarism detection system. Also, only studies that have been approved by an institutional animal welfare committee (identified by a date and protocol number) and have received informed client consent are accepted for publication in Vet Clin Pathol.

11. **Author Guidelines:** The strict adherence to the Author Guidelines will be increasingly required for acceptance of submitted manuscripts, and non-compliance will result in additional revisions or even rejection. Author Guidelines are constantly being updated and include defined reporting guidelines. Investigators are encouraged to consult CONSORT, REFLECT, STARD and ARRIVE guidelines already when designing or planning studies in order to be in compliance with new VCP requirements. Author Guidelines for VCP can be found here: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291939-165X/homepage/ForAuthors.html.

12. **Online Publication only:** With the March issue 2016 Veterinary Clinical Pathology is available electronically only (except for subscribers paying an extra fee for a printed copy). So far there have not been any comments to the Editor-in-Chief from the readership concerning this change.
Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee Report

Submitted by: Lynne Shanahan, lshanaha@colostate.edu

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Committee Members:
- Lynne Shanahan – Chair, Program, RACE credits
- Nicole Rosen – Past Chair, Education
- Faye Hartman – Listserve
- Karl Snyder – Journal
- Helen Kocmar – QUALS, member at large
- Roberta Moorhead – Outreach
- Connie Peterson - Newsletter
- Marion Bushey – QUALS, member at large
- Jill Arnold –QUALS, member at large
- Brittany Szczech – member at large
- Trelor Fraites – member at large

Committee Objectives and Accomplishments:
- The committee, with the permission of the EB, consolidated the VLP sessions into a day and a half in order to provide more opportunities for lab professionals to attend who cannot be away from their workplace for numerous days.
- The EB approved a significant reduction in the registration fee for laboratory professionals to encourage participation in the ASVCP, as well as attendance to the annual conference.
- The VLP committee planned speakers/topics for the VLP sessions of the annual conference.
- Planned program topics were chosen from suggestions received from participants in the VLP survey sent out in early 2015. Some of the topics the VLP members requested: Exotic hematology, new coagulation testing, staffing issues, roles and responsibilities of the lab in research testing, new tests and their clinical applications, etc.
- The program and the budget for these sessions were submitted and approved by the EB.
- The VLP contributes to the quarterly newsletter posted on the ASVCP website. Topics have included past annual conference attendance information, current membership information, upcoming program information, and ideas for round table discussions.
- RACE continuing education credits are given for all VLP lectures to encourage participation by newer laboratory professionals.
- The committee has been approached by the VLA executive director in regard to coordinating and supporting each other. The EB will add this to their agenda for 2017, and hopefully there can be some shared costs or sponsorships between the two laboratory organizations.

Objectives for 2017:
1. Update the current committee description and review the committee membership to ensure optimal numbers and rotation of members for efficient committee functioning.
2. Identify new co-chair.
3. Increase the attendance by laboratory professionals.
4. Work with Program committee to plan for the VLP sessions for 2016 in New Orleans.
5. Continue to take the lead on offering RACE credits (goal of at least 7), providing the EB with the guidelines for credit.
6. Produce materials on VLP topics
   a. Contributions for the newsletter
   b. Provide relevant materials to the Web/Outreach committees for the Facebook page and website
   c. Contribute to the Laboratory Medicine: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow section of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.
7. Work with representatives from the clinical pathology specialty in NAVTA to provide support and communicate progress and/or questions to the Executive Board.
8. Explore the promotion of electronic CE programs for veterinary laboratory professionals.
Web and Social Outreach Committee Report

Submitted by: Jennifer L. Owen (chairperson since Fall of 2014)

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Dates of conference calls/meetings:
Right now most of our teleconferences are just with the Web Redesign Committee, all other correspondence with the general Web Outreach Committee has been via email, like with our ASVCP Website Redesign Membership Survey that was eventually sent out to the ASVCP members.

Objectives for 2016-2017:
• Redesign the ASVCP website
• Continue to maintain and improve Facebook pages
• Continue and improve Student Seminar Stipend
• Promote ASVCP to other professional societies
• Utilize the poster quiz for awards raffle at 2017 SAVMA Symposium at Texas A&M

Summary of Activities/Accomplishments/Objectives for 2016 and 2017:
The main project of the committee this last year has been the ASVCP website redesign. The Web Redesign Subcommittee (chaired by Lotti Hollinger and Davis Seelig with the assistance of Laura Black and Beth Spangler), along with the Rees Group, reviewed the current ASVCP website, solicited proposals for the website redesign, and recommended a vendor to the Executive Board. As part of the review, we surveyed the ASVCP membership in March 2016 for feedback on the current and future website. Top features selected as high priority for the website redesign included online membership renewal, online submission of forms (e.g., awards, cases), and searchable archives of mystery slide documents, chemistry cases, digital images, scanned slides, and online rounds.

With the support of The Rees Group, the revised and finalized Request for Proposal was sent to vendors in May 2016. The Rees Group compiled vendor responses and provided a comparison matrix of six candidates, from which the subcommittee selected three finalists for further demonstration and assessment. After multiple demonstrations, the vendor that we have recommended will be able to provide a website that provides active social linking tools to engage members, reduce traditional website barriers, and help make the society part of members’ daily professional lives. These tools include a mobile app and a personalized “feed” which populates with announcements such as society news, journal bulletins, social media posts, and even forum (such as Listserv) or committee-specific (limited distribution) updates. We feel like these tools would really tie together the website and our Facebook page, as well as other small Facebook groupings of Clinical Pathology residents or newly boarded members who consult each other when evaluating challenging or unique cases. We are awaiting the decision of the Executive Board and some pricing questions to move forward with this project.

We are still posting to our closed Facebook page, but hope that this will be enhanced with the new social link features of the potential new website. Our Facebook members on the closed page have reached a total of 259 members (we had 190 members last year).

The ASVCP Student Seminar Stipends are continuing. This was year 1 of the new 3 year rotation; 2/10 schools applied. Colorado State University and the University of Georgia applied and received their student seminar stipends.

This year we will also be hosting a resident/established Clinical Pathologist meet and greet on Sunday night of the annual conference in New Orleans. This endeavor is chaired by Gwen Levine and will involve a Hollywood Squares themed game show with prizes awarded to the winning resident team. This was the idea of the Executive Board to encourage interaction between the residents and prominent members of our College.
Yes, I would be interested in finding out more about the volunteer opportunities with the following committees:
(Check as many committees as you are interested in.)

___ Education  ___ Program  ___ Share the Future
___ Outreach  ___ Quality Assurance and Standards  ___ Veterinary Laboratory Professionals
___ Regulatory Affairs  ___ Web and Social Outreach

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Have you had a chance to join in the ASVCP/ESVCP Online Rounds?

Starting in April 2014, ASVCP/ESVCP has provided monthly real time online cytology/hematology rounds featuring cases presented by an esteemed member. Come join us for great cases from puzzlers to beautiful examples of unique and common diseases. The setting is informal and fun. Take a page from our European colleagues and throw a pizza party while you sit back and enjoy the discussion. All you need is a computer link with audio. And, if you have a video link from your microscope to an Internet connected computer you can join the ranks of the brave presenters! We have had a great time so far and there is one more session to go this year. More information is available at: https://www.asvcp.org/membersonly/rounds.cfm

Thank You to our 2016 Presenters:

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Helena Ferreira
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