

VBMA Annual Meeting 2013 Minutes (9/21/13)

- 1) With 25 members in attendance (see attached pdf), Cynthia Lankenau introduced the new board and turned the meeting over to Laurie Dohmen, the new President. Board members are:
 - a. Laurie Dohmen- President
 - b. Cynthia Lankenau – Past President
 - c. Robert Silver – President Elect
 - d. Barbara Fougere – International Liaison
 - e. Jasmine Lyon – Executive Director
 - f. Beth Lambert – Secretary
 - g. Ihor Basko- (Are you still going to be on Board?)
 - 2) Eco-tours Updates
 - a. Hawaii 2014 – Ihor Basko discussed the wonderful plans for the upcoming eco-tour.
 - b. North Carolina 2014 – Cynthia Lankenau is in discussions with David Winston to arrange a VBMA only traditional medicine tour around the time of Medicines from the Earth.
 - c. Member Suggestions for future tours included Nepal (Jeff Judkins had done a wonderful REI trip), Wales (Vicky Farthing has been researching as she has an interest in Celtic Herbal Medicine), Thailand and Bali
 - 3) Strategic Plan/Financial Budget
 - a. Membership numbers are flat from last year.
 - b. Financial – VBMA is performing in line with Budget and has some resources that is seeking to invest in research.
 - c. Research-Bernie Fischer and Rob Silver reported about potential partnership opportunities with other organizations such as the AHVMA.
 - 4) Journal Update – Appeal was made to members for more articles and case studies for VBMA journal and the IVC journal.
 - 5) Teleconferences
 - a. November – Updated members on Panel on Herbs for the Nervous (Valerian, Kava and Passionflower presented by Ihor Basko, Barbara Fougere and Laurie Dohmen.)
 - b. 2014 Topics / Who else do you want to hear? Appeal to members to submit ideas to Board.
 - 6) Other Educational Programs
 - a. Barbara Fougere updated members on CIVT courses. Many members have taken courses and really enjoyed content.
 - b. Report on International Herb Symposium – really good experience for all attendees and presenters. Plan on building on the Association.
 - c. Updated members on opportunity to study with Jeremy Ross rescheduled for September 2013
 - d. Discussed early plans for AHVMA in 2014
 - 7) Barbara Fougere reviewed IVAS opportunities.
 - 8) Beth Lambert reported that the NASC annual meeting had discussed issues with Botanical Identity and discussed the new AHPA resource, the updated Botanical Safety Handbook.
 - 9) CE - RACE update – issue being primarily handled by AHVMA. VBMA supporting their efforts.
 - 10) Website – Positive feedback.
 - 11) FACEBOOK Page - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/VBMA/145268985568718?v=wall>? Nice Spain slideshow.
 - 12) Call for Volunteers for editor/other committee jobs.
- Meeting Adjourned.