

Board Meeting 2-15-09

Minutes

Updates necessary to make taking money easier (for dues, teleconferences, online store) -Paypal being set up by Nancy Scanlan on website as main credit card collection method. High cost of alternatives was discussed; paypal seen as most cost effective at this time.

-Motion Passed Unanimously -Move Quickbooks to Executive Director, Jasmine Lyon, to control up accounting.

-Investigate banks to move account to where Executive Director, Jasmine is located. Request for Jasmine Lyon to present several alternatives for new bank to board for approval.

Future teleconference(s) this year

-2 this year; Spring Steve Marsden-K'an Herbals has agreed to sponsor. Fall teleconference would be with Ihor Basko if he agrees.

-Next Year maybe up to 4; depending on getting accounting & details of notes smoother; -Has been a good source of new Members and sales of previous conference continue.

-Also will investigate recording July event in Georgia with Susan Wynn & Nancy Scanlan for possible audio sales.

Spring symposium in D.C. in 2010 –

-Jane has sent a number of ideas – tours; local speakers; teaching staff from Tai Sophia; Terry Grow was also mentioned as a local resource. Nancy to review email from Jane and bring to board.

President's message - quarterly? - where is the initial one introducing new slate, etc?

-Nancy agrees. Will post to listserve.

How to keep the listserv busy -VBMA membership value - has been questioned by a few new members -Nancy will establish a committee for Listserve topics and issues (Cynthia Lankeneau, member) to generate quarterly ideas. Nancy will report committee ideas to board. At least once a month a new idea to be posted. Have on herb lists on website; Nancy will be able to cut & paste posted content into wikipedia

Journal – Concern raised about the lack of contribution.

RACE requirements changing for credits.

-Discussed need to be aware of changes; looking for people to have Masters and be associated with a University; prove science. Changes on are Website.

-Establish a working group - Nancy Scanlan to draft a letter; Barbara Fourgere, Steve Marsden, Joyce Harmon;; submit to board for final approval (define deadline for submission) and publicize through president's letter and listserve.

What should we call a certified veterinary herbalist instead of CVH?

- Motion Passed Unanimously: Change CVH to CVBM (Certified in Veterinary Botanical Medicine) For Veterinarians who are certified in Veterinary Botanical Medicine who have passed exam and submitted case studies as designated in VBMA process.

Discussion of problem with communication of time and place of Annual Meeting.

Reminder that it will be at designated area of Lunch room on Second Day of AHVMA Conference.

Discussing/relating board meeting minutes with the membership & scheduling regular meetings so the members can submit topics for discussion.

-Set schedule of Board meeting – 2nd or 3rd Monday every 2 months -Agreement to send out agenda to membership -Agreement to send out meeting summary to membership

Strategic Plan-Where we are?

- Joyce to send around copy for review at next Board Meeting.

Financial Review and Budget-Jasmine to check with Mike to see where we are on filing of 990 form. Call to develop budget.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Attendees: Nancy Scanlan, Joyce Harmon, Barbara Fourgere, Cynthia Lankenau, Jasmine Lyon, Mike Kohn, Beth Lambert

Submitted by Beth Lambert