

VBMA Annual Meeting Minutes – 2010

Nancy Scanlan, President, welcomed the attendees and introduced the current board. She discussed the current working projects and issues the board has been working on.

- 1) Introduction of Officers/Board Members
 - a. Nancy Scanlan –President
 - b. Cynthia Lankenau - President Elect
 - c. Joyce Harmon – Past President
 - d. Barbara Fourgere – International Representative
 - e. Beth Lambert - Secretary and Treasurer
 - f. President Elect Nominee is Hue Karreman who was not able to attend due to a family emergency.
 - g. Jasmine Lyon – Executive Director, also not attending.
- 2) Communication - Major methods of communication through the web & listserv were reviewed.
 - a. Board Minutes are posted on Website
 - b. Journals on site
 - c. Historical Listserv access from site
 - d. Practitioner Handouts
 - e. Website status and plans
- 3) Strategic Plan Summary was given and members were told that the full document is on the member section of the Website.
 - a. Focus on Education
 - i. Teleseminar Events (#1 way to attract new members)
 1. Ihor Basko - November 30
 2. Barbara Fourgere – Spring 2011
 - ii. Partner with other groups for in-person events
 1. AHMVA
 - a. Herb Walk-Joyce & Cynthia 22nd Friday 3pm
 - b. VBMA Annual Meeting
 - i. White Papers & Code of Practice need to be reviewed. Barbara has sent copies for Board review.
 - c. Lloyd Library visit
 - d. VBMA Exam for Vets - Barbara Fourgere
 2. International Herb Symposium – New Veterinary Track - Summer 2011 VBMA Members must remember to check off the Veterinarian section when they sign up so that we get financial credit and can support out Speakers' expenses.
 3. IVAS
 4. Jeremy Ross Seminars - Sept & Oct 2011 Seattle– Co-Sponsored event in 2011 with Jade Institute who is taking care of all administrative details.
 - iii. Continue to Publish Journal (1-2x Annually)
 1. Next Issue due in May 2011
 - iv. Eco-Tourism – Susan Wynn is planning the next event.
- 4) Update on RACE – Nancy Scanlan discussed the continuing difficulties with obtaining RACE credits for seminar content. She discussed that some organizations have had success through state organizations.

- 5) Financial – 2010 Budget performance-on track to make profit. Conservative management of the organization’s funds has resulted in a positive surplus which will be re-invested in Educational programs currently. In the future, we may consider AHVMA research projects that focus on botanicals.
- 6) Other Items – Cynthia Lankeau continues to encourage us to develop a VBMA Tee Shirt