

VBMA Board Meeting March Agenda 2011

Attendees: Cynthia Lanckenau, Nancy Scanlan, Hue Karreman, Barbara Fourgere, Jasmine Lyon, Beth Lambert

- Update on the RACE situation:
 - RACE- Some individual States are cooperating; Oregon & Idaho working with AHVMA for course approval; Hue observed that PBMA is open to support. NY passed "weird" law, whereby one has to apply to them to be approved. Nancy Scanlan reported that any organization that is a member of the AVMA house of delegates gets recognized; AHVMA or Chi institute have to go thru RACE; Nancy has worked with CA; GA board & state Assn work closely together. CA board and State assn not close; KY (took forever, but approved credits for annual mtg.) Southern states more accepting. VBMA unless dealing with state that will recognize program, no credit; Nancy Scanlan is starting the a new org for all holistic vets to join; will be inexpensive to join; goal will be to gain AVMA recognition; Concept is that membership will be low cost (\$1 recommended). Nancy writing by-laws; 90% of the organization's members have to be AVMA members and need 900 members to get through; now need to concentrate on vets, but down the road, PHDs and others. Will run by-laws by lawyer to make sure ok. AHVMA does not have enough cross over members, just about 84%; need new org; Hue concerned that others have had problems in past as house of delegates candidates;
 - VBMA position:
 - Motion: VBMA supports education in all forms of botanical medicine; anyone who judges should have advanced training in that area; state boards should look to people who are qualified; (motion Nancy; second Hue) Motion carries by general consent.
 - No one person should judge all modes; must have training in area judging
 - Narda Robinson should not be only person to judge; should be whole committee;
 - Submit our teleseminars for credit
 - Encourage members to write their state associations; need list of bullet points and letters on AHVMA website
 - Encourage members to write to state boards, with info from AHVMA website
 - Nancy Scanlan sent the following notes on the discussion with links to letters:

Here are the high points on the RACE issue:

There is only one person on the RACE committee who judges CAVM. Nobody can be well trained in all aspects of CAVM, just as nobody can be an expert at everything in regular veterinary medicine. This person does not have training in most areas that she judges. In addition, she has expressed her views of those areas multiple times in print with words like "superstition" and "dangerous."

We recommend a group like RAIVE be consulted instead. RAIVE consists of a group of veterinarians with AVMA-recognized board certification and/or advanced degrees, who also have training in one or more modalities in CAVM.

"Evidence-Based Medicine" initially was presented as a hierarchy of evidence, with case studies considered a valid part of EBM. RACE has interpreted it to mean "double-blind studies" and has rejected some CAVM on that basis. This is too strict, and many articles in JAVMA would be rejected using the same criteria.

"Taught in veterinary schools" has been interpreted as "part of the core curriculum of veterinary schools" and has rejected other subjects which are taught in veterinary schools. This is too narrow a view and omits CAVM subjects taught as electives in many veterinary schools.

Complementary and Alternative Medicine is being increasingly embraced by the public, both for themselves and for their pets. If veterinarians can't get training in CAVM, then these owners will turn to lay practitioners instead.

(I know that there are lay practitioners who are excellent, but remember that these letters go to state boards, who are hyper about the last subject. Those are the people we are trying to convince right now.)

Links:

If you go to <http://ahvma.org>, and go down the front page just below the picture you will see "Letters to state boards protesting RACE denial of credit for CAVM CE Click on the links below for samples"

Clicking on each link will let you download each one.

The direct links are:

http://avma.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=134&Itemid=58"

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You need the whole link in your browser for this to work. If the entire link is not there, you will need to cut and paste.

- **Barbara Fourgere's Proposal**

Motion by Beth Lambert; Seconded by Hue Karreman to accept with Barbara Fourgere's proposal with changes. Instead of 10% to VBMA, that 5% go to VBMA, any funds to VBMA would be for general purposes; 5% discount VBMA members and for the Advanced course \$150 to VBMA and 5% discount for VBMA members ; motion passes by general consent.

VBMA will co-brand our CITV's Getting Started with Western Veterinary Herbal Medicine course identifying it as **VBMA- Getting Started with WVHM** on the VBMA website. The course costs \$495.00 and CIVT will offer VBMA members a 5% discount and donate 5% of the course fee to VBMA for general purposes. The course is offered April 4th and CIVT will consider hosting it 3 times a year, especially around the VBMA tele-seminars so that there is more to continue on with. As a collaboration and a way to build membership of VBMA, CIVT will offer Non-VBMA members who come onto the course, VBMA membership for the balance of a year, which will hopefully lead to re-subscription and ongoing growth of membership.

CITV will co-brand our Graduate Program in Western Veterinary Herbal Medicine with VBMA. This is a two year course. CIVT will contribute \$150.00 per student to VBMA and VBMA will offers a year membership to students. This will help build membership and help us to achieve some goals in research too. CIVT will also offer a 5% discount on course fee to VBMA members.

Barbara is working on how we can use the online classroom facility for VBMA teleseminars, without incurring additional costs for CIVT. She should have an answer in the new few weeks.

Draft Notice for Web - APRIL 4, 2011

WVHM1001 Getting Started with Western Veterinary Herbal Medicine. This is short course in Veterinary Herbal Medicine designed as an introductory, clinically based course in Western herbal medicine. It is a 6 week on line course starting April 4th. At the end of this 6 week course participants will be able to: Describe the basic history of herbal medicine and in particular the use of herbs for the treatment of animals

- Understand where Western Herbal Medicine fits into the global herbal medicine systems
- Define phytomedicine
- Make three basic herbal preparations in veterinary practice Know the basic classification of herbal phytochemicals and their action
- Know basic terminology used in herbal medicine, from 'alteratives' to 'vulneraries'
- Begin to apply principles in the selection of an appropriate dose for a herbal medicine and for a patient
- Look up and look out for potential herb drug interactions
- Use 10 herbs for the treatment of animals in everyday cases; Answer clients' basic questions on herbal medicine.

The course provides an introduction to use, safety, efficacy, choosing herbal products, making some herbal products and applying herbs to some simple cases. It is not designed to make you a herbalist but you will be able to answer most questions from clients or at least know where to find the answers. Find out more by going to

<http://www.civtedu.org/wvhm1001-getting-started-western-herbal-medicine/> .

For more information or contact Barbara Fougere bfougere@civtedu.org.

- Ideas to ease Jasmine's work load, and ideas to help during early child time in August.
 - Biggest issue is "extra" inquiries.
 - Need to get website more functional to take load off Jasmine
 - If she needs to leave, will find a local replacement
- Educational Events
 - Seminars
 - Barbara Fougere – April 5, 2011 Cancer Keys: Herbs for Cancer Prevention and Treatment - Update
 - Hue Karreman – Late Fall 2011
 - Next event Jan 2012, but will need web or management support because it comes during dues renewal time.
 - Future Speakers
 - Steve Marsden
 - Susan Wynn
 - Nancy Scanlan
 - Joyce Harmon
 - Cynthia Lankenau
 - Ihor Basko
 - Mona
 - Others?
 - AAVA conference is March 11-13
 - International Symposium 2011 – Promote via Constant contact and ask for help in circulating to networks.
 - Jeremy Ross – Co-Sponsored event in 2011 with Jade Institute - On track.
- Website
 - Update – going ok, but Jasmine will need additional help setting up downloads she needs.
 - Barbara Fougere – program needs page and conduit.
 - How to put information is the wikipedia
 - Links – Policy currently to develop links as Member or Educational Resources
- Journal Update –Barbara Fougere getting status report from Karen
- AHVMA Review – San Diego
 - Friday afternoon - Herb Walk- Ihor to lead herb walk
 - Friday evening review of **White Papers**;
 - Sat Lunch - VBMA Annual Meeting
 - Schedule – Saturday Lunch in the lunchroom.
 - Agenda

- New Member Results/Sign-ups
 - Exam-need proctor and time
- Financial – Will assess performance at next meeting
- Outreach? How to get new members-Facebook-not at this time until we get person or group who has the energy to maintain.
 - See eco-tour
 - Other? Link on web?
- Tee Shirt Contest – Cindy has designer
- Eco-Tour Committee –Hawaii, Spain, Caribbean: involve local herbal vet group if in another country

Next meeting Sunday, June 12, 2011

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Scanlan, seconded by Barbara Fourgere; passed by unanimous consent.