

## **VBMA Board Meeting Minutes – Oct 18, 2009**

### ***Next Scheduled Board Meeting November 1 at 9pm***

- Approve September Board Meeting and Annual Meeting Minutes
  - Cyndi motion, approved by acclamation
- Annual Membership Meeting – review timing for next year
  - Lunch meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> day (Sunday) Table and sign set
  - Jasmine to send Liz \$50 check or offer her discount on membership
- Government & NGO Updates – Nancy updated us on the Race Situation
  - RACE Situation
    - American Vet Homeopathic Board went state by state for the conference credits.
    - California Holistic Vet Med Assn put on Tongue & pulse diagnosis seminar; got credits from CA State Board
  - Regional Issues – We briefly recalled our earlier discussion about replicating the California model in other states, especially the New England States. Will want to keep up on this situation for VBMA track at AMVMA and the International Herb Conference.
- Educational Events
  - Paypal collection for website –Jasmine and Nancy finalizing details so that website sign-up works.
  - Fall educational event – Steve Marsden seminar. December 2, 2009;
    - Committee – Cynthia Lanckenau, Beth Lambert, Jasmine
    - RACE Credits or California holistic Vet Assn. – Agreed not to offer for this event as only one participant requested last time.
  - Georgia VMA –CDs will be ready for sale around Nov/Dec.
  - Future Seminars – CE subjects and speakers need to be developed
    - Ihor Basko was discussed for the spring event. Bill Bookout had agreed to sponsor.
    - Need to develop list of others
- Tax forms –
  - Are we incorporated? If so, it would have been in Montana. We might want to re-incorporate in another state.
  - Tax filings Status –Jasmine and Nancy are reviewing documents to complete our filings.
- Strategic Plan - Adopted by acclamation. Highlighted areas will still need review during budget preparation for timing.
- Financial – Preparing Budget for 2010 in light of Strategic Plan and economy
- "Politics" & Advisory Board were discussed briefly. Need to put on next month's agenda.
  - Need to make org more attractive.
  - Get opinions of "old-timers" on issues. This might be a better way of involving people as an advisory board.
- List Serve – how to make more user friendly
- Tee Shirt Design Contest – Cynthia raised the issue to increase the awareness for the organization.
- Website updates & shopping cart – Nancy agreed to work on immediate situation, but we might still want to consider a back up if she gets busy with her practice. We will need a shopping cart to offer other items
- Money for Research – We discussed rather than an outright donation to the AHVMA fund, we develop a research reserve where we would be prepared to fund research projects that would involve botanicals. And we would let those on the listserv know so that if they were aware of projects, we could consider contributing to funding. Might be appropriate to discuss reserve amount for 2009.