

VBMA Board Meeting Agenda – Sept 12, 2009

Attending: Nancy Scanlan, Joyce Harmon, Cynthia Lankenau, Beth Lambert

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting October 4 at 9pm**

- Aug Board Meeting Minutes were approved
- Annual Membership Meeting - update
  - VBMA Annual Member meeting - Saturday 1pm at the Lunch area.
  - VBMA Herb walk was deemed a success by those attending. We discussed making this an annual event
- Strategic Plan discussion was deferred until next meeting. Plan has been distributed electronically with changes made via edits. Be ready for discussion and vote.
- Financial – preparing for 2010
- Government & NGO Updates – Nancy updated us on the Race Situation
  - RACE Situation – The state boards, especially California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Georgia, have been much more open to approving educational programs that involve botanical medicine or acupuncture. However, IVAS, who was denied credit for many of their events initially, appealed to the national board (which costs money) and most of their programs were approved for credit.
  - Regional Issues – We discussed replicating this model in other states, especially the New England States.
- Educational Events for members
  - Georgia VMA –CDs will be ready for sale around Nov/Dec.
  - Fall educational event – Steve Marsden seminar. November 19, 2009;
    - Committee – Cynthia Lankenau(agreed), Contact: Elise Holt, Jane Morse
    - RACE Credits or California holistic Vet Assn.
  - Symposium – Rosemary Gladstar is interested in having VBMA have a track at the International Herb Conference
- “Politics” & Advisory Board were discussed briefly. Need to put on next month’s agenda.