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## Tufts Student American Veterinary Medicine Association Minutes

March 25, 2018

**Members in Attendance:** Kendra Nowak, Rachael Alionhart, Cameron Pryor, Rafaella Susara, Emily Koemeter-Cox, Lindsay Smith, Alena Naimark & Ashley Sanchez

**Faculty Members in Attendance:** Marieke Rosenbaum

### Presentation by Lauren Gawel

- Institution of a program “100% Zero-Waste Lunch Talk Compliance”
  - Grafton Green Team leader
- Streamlined way to make lunch talks zero waste
  - Idea to send flyer to clubs that mention they are having a lunch talk
  - Offer to give this talk @ the start of next year to club leaders
  - Office of Sustainability will offer recyclable plates
- Green Committee → part of One Health Committee
  - Have one person do clean up for hours
- Speak w/ Cornell- next campus to hold SAVMA Symposium 2020
  - Very green campus
  - Contact for more ideas, resources, etc.

### **Rafaella**

1. Email about starting a chapter of NAVAS @ Tufts (North American Veterinary Anesthesia Society)
  - a. Problem with the amount of clubs right now
  - b. Idea to combine clubs- combine w/ SVSS
  - c. Side note: # of clubs
    - i. Deletion and merge of clubs will be messy
    - ii. More of a club president leader discussion
    - iii. Would be discussed in the Fall
  - d. **TO DO**: Rafaella- email Darcy about financial means to start up a chapter
2. Travel grant email snafu
  - a. **TO DO**: Cameron- to contact

### **Emily**

1. Committee leaders
  - a. Update: only missing a few leaders for the following committees: Social, Professional Dev., Fundraising, Wellness, Web/ Photography

- b. NOT a requirement to be a leader to fulfill SAVMA requirements
  - c. Side note: look below for One Health Committee issue
  - d. **TO DO**: Emily- to send follow-up email + will approach people to get leaders
2. Idea to combine Social Committee + Wellness Committee?
- a. Wellness is more for mental health
    - i. Been working w/ Dr. Roy to get her ideas out there
  - b. Social is more for camaraderie and FUN
  - c. Keep committees separate for now

## Kendra

- 1. Faculty advisor
  - a. Requirement: only to be an AVMA member
  - b. Form
    - i. Question
      - 1. AVMA member?
      - 2. If interested/ available to come to meetings?
    - ii. Role of advisor
      - 1. Offer solutions to any problems that should arise
      - 2. Loosely oversee treasurer- any potential issues w/ taxes
      - 3. Attend President's Summit meeting- early September
      - 4. Attend e-board meetings, events, etc.
      - 5. Interface w/ administration
  - c. **TO DO**: Kendra- to email survey to find us a new faculty member by May meeting
- 2. MVMA reach out: April 10th
  - a. Idea came from Symposium when GVMA had a panel
    - i. Possibly build a taskforce to put on a panel
    - ii. Discuss more in April
  - b. Great way to network w/i the state
  - c. Meet w/ the President and the President-elect of the MVMA
    - i. MVMA attend 1st years' Orientation and White Coat Ceremony
  - d. PAC will come in the Fall
  - e. Welcomed us to come to meetings
    - i. Not specific to what's going on at our SAVMA chapter level though
    - ii. President-elect is happy to meet w/ us outside of the regular board meeting times to keep up relationship with us
    - iii. Normal meeting times are usually during class times
      - 1. Next couple meetings in June, September and December
- 3. SAVMA Store- add a day next year
  - a. Add the event to the calendar
  - b. Add an extra day to the store: Monday
- 4. Any questions on bylaws/ SOPs
  - a. Peruse by-laws to understand duties

- b. **TO DO**: Lindsay- to create her own VP SOP
  - c. **TO DO**: ALL- update SOPS
5. SAVMA registration
- a. To do in May- will revisit issue @ upcoming meetings
  - b. Housekeeping email- sign up for SAVMA now, get the committee you want before the first year signs up

### **Rachael**

- 1. E-board-specific symposium Info (potentially)
  - a. Symposium presentation
    - i. Reporting in April
    - ii. Disseminate info through a lunch talk (1st and 2nd years)
    - iii. Mandatory for e-board members
- 2. Penlights update
  - a. On Monday, will be given to the SAVMA store
  - b. Email was sent by Lindsay to see who else would want to do their SAVMA registration to receive a penlight
  - c. **TO DO**: Rachael- give penlight receipt to Cameron
- 3. **Marieke: Idea for SAVMA gift next year going off of green lunch talks would be bamboo utensils**

### **Cameron**

- 1. Email from SAVMA store to get a new item approval- APPROVED
  - a. Badge reels + card holder
  - b. Regular Tufts logo would be displayed on badge reel
  - c. Trial run order possibly- 150 items initially

### **Lindsay/Ashley**

- 1. Replacement of One Health Committee w/ Green Committee
  - a. Originally committee was supposed to be for One Health Day
  - b. One Health Club would then have to take over One Health Day
    - i. Have committee leaders from other SAVMA committees to co-host One Health Day/ Night
  - c. Rebranding of the One Health Committee possibility
    - i. Possibility of sub-chairs: Animal, Human, Env't
    - ii. Could also dismantle next year to have a Green Committee instead
    - iii. Work w/ Elm's Cafe, admin building, building 17, Wildlife Building to clean plates via dishwasher
  - d. Merge VGS/Disaster relief club?

**ALL**

1. Voting on club funding
  - a. Add into the form if club dues are collected
2. Travel grant discussion
  - a. Kendra will ask Linda Mayo for a list of names NOT attached to the travel grants themselves to cross check with our list of SAVMA students
    - i. To add SAVMA ID# to the copy with names, addresses, etc. next semester
  - b. Current categories
    - i. Kendra: proposed to change uniqueness to a 1-3 scale instead of a 1-5 scale (currently now)
  - c. Reassess + evaluate after this semester's funding

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 29th @ 5pm**

**Mandatory SAVMA Symposium Meeting:**

**Tuesday, April 30th @ 12pm**