



# SAVMA<sup>®</sup>

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at Tufts University

## Tufts Student American Veterinary Medicine Association Minutes

October 24, 2018

**Members in Attendance:** Rachael Alionhart, Terri Chang, Nick Iapocce, Ruby Ng, Cameron Pryor, Rafaella Susara & Derek Standlee

**Faculty Members in Attendance:** Dr. Marieke Rosenbaum

### Rafaella

- I. Facebook account
  - A. Promoting committee events
  - B. Problem of getting people to follow the page
  - C. Elm's Cafe \$20 GC for a raffle to follow the page
  - D. Posting about Vet Gazette winners
- II. SAVMA website
  - A. Document, bylaws, scholarship upgrade
    1. Remove anything past 2017
  - B. Removal of any mention of SCAVMA
    1. Website committee had trouble removing- changed in all possible locations to edit the description
    2. Delete all lines containing SCAVMA
  - C. Calendar **needs** to be embedded
  - D. Copy + paste link for all of the SAVMA scholarships under the Scholarship page
    1. Remove all other previous scholarships originally posted
  - E. Missing contacts for organizations listed under the page
  - F. Store website still says SCAVMA on the title and banner
    1. Speak to Store Committee about this issue to fix
- III. Suggestion: change in communication to Slack instead of FB messenger to utilize channels
  - A. Agreed to by e-board → implemented soon

### Rachael

- I. SAVMA gift ideas - \$2000 limit for about 300 students
  - A. Storage clipboard (\$10-20)
    1. May be already in the works by Jason (3rd year)
  - B. Stethoscope watch/lapel watch (\$10)
  - C. Penlight
- II. Placed order previously after the winter break → handed out in the beginning of spring semester

### Ruby

I. Symposium Committee (w/ Rachael)

A. General notes:

1. Utilize Symposium Committee more than last year
2. Currently Symposium Committee has 7 people → recommendation to keep only 2 committee heads (Caitlin + Rachael F.) + 2 extra people
  - a) Suggestion: Place the remainder of the people on that committee into the Faculty Student Engagement Committee
  - b) Caitlin has already agreed to go to the 2019 Symposium w/ secured travel grant
  - c) Usually want 2-second years to be committee heads + the 2 other people to be first years, who would go to the Symposium Committee so they would know what to do next year

B. Meet and greet tomorrow, October 25th with Ruby and Rachael A. at lunch to speak about room reservation, ordering food, previous presentation, etc.

1. Will be in conjunction with the SAVMA e-board election information
2. No budget was found by Nick in previous records => about \$150-200
3. Date of the lunch talk will be **Friday, November 2nd**
4. Food will be **pizza**
5. 2-first years will be booted from the committee to Faculty Student Engagement Committee

C. Ruby and Rachael will create a list of things to do for the committee

D. SAVMA Elections

1. In the same lunch talk, will go over positions and responsibilities of each position
2. Elections will be sent out the next day after the blurbs were sent in (given 2 weeks for submission)
  - a) Due date for blurbs will be **Friday, November 16th**
  - b) Election sent out **Monday, November 26th**
3. Elections were held open for 1 week after
  - a) Election closed on **Friday, November 30th**
4. Reasoning: junior delegate needs to in by **December 1st**

II. Ruby contacted Barbara Berman about the SCAVMA signs in Campus Center

A. Now that accreditation is over, the sign is back on track to be removed

**Kendra**

I. Faculty-student engagement committee

A. Coffee committee shrunk by half

1. Kept those who signed up first since no one volunteered

B. Creating a committee based on those who are no longer in their top choice committee

1. First meeting could be a dinner meeting to garner positive vibes

C. Send out an email to the faculty about the committee to see if and who would like to join

- D. Will need to be run by President and President-elect since this is the first year the committee will be running
  - 1. Meeting w/ this newly formed committee to brainstorm events and discuss the events e-board has already come up w/
  - 2. Pick one of the events already thought of, secure funding, etc. for first week of December
    - a) Push for 1 event this semester
    - b) Used to get feedback from faculty and students
  - 3. Poll sent out by Kendra to the members of the Student Faculty Committee to meet at lunch- week of October 29th
- II. VEG talk/happy hour opportunity
  - A. Veterinary emergency group (VEG): post grad training that is not the same as a typical internship
    - 1. Would be a 1 hr informational session at the end of an academic day, followed by a "happy hour" (illegal in MA)
    - 2. Food after the day would help increase attendance
  - B. Originally sent to the VBMA and CC'd to Kendra
  - C. Wants geared towards 3rd and 4th years but did not exclude 1st and 2nd years
  - D. Suggestion: possibly send to Professional Development Committee
    - 1. Forward the email to Barbara Berman so she can send it to the entire school
    - 2. Disclaimer: SAVMA is not endorsing this group over another, just an opportunity

### **Derek**

- 1. Event ideas (pushed to the next meeting)
  - a. LI
  - b. PI
- 2. ALL for Students
  - a. Applied for all but \$450 for this cycle
  - b. Awareness
    - i. Bolded the name, put up banners to make sure students know that travel grant money comes from ALL for Students
    - ii. Think about other ideas to raise awareness of this funding
- 3. How goes auction prep?
  - a. Parents and Family Day is on Saturday, November 17th (the weekend before Thanksgiving)
  - b. 2 school clubs have confirmed donations
  - c. 3 business have confirmed- Bayer, Hill's, Royal Canin, Zoetis, VCA
    - i. Soft confirmation from a 4th business
    - ii. VCA but not through the rep on campus
  - d. Faculty members
    - i. Reached out to Dr. Knoll to update faculty about the auction and event

- e. SAVMA store has already donated
- f. Derek or a combo of people has volunteered to MC
- 4. Decide food for November meeting
  - a. Will happen on Slack

**Terri**

- 1. Apologize for being a slacker, finally went through club rosters (23 clubs)
  - a. SAVE, TVDC information is missing
    - i. TVDC e-board is the only thing that is collected → will be sent to Terri from Rafaella
  - b. Cameron has a handwritten list about club heads
- 2. SAVMA MEMBERSHIP LIST OFFICIALLY UP TO DATE!!!
  - a. Can be accessed on the drive. Please don't touch anything though (:
  - b. Kendra will remind each person about signing up for SAVMA in order to keep their positions in clubs
    - i. End of this month to sign up
    - ii. To remove people who do not sign up for SAVMA, send an email to the club e-board
  - c. Derek will send an email to clubs that are not in good standing

**Nick and Cameron:**

- 1. Club funding discussed
  - a. For next meeting, Cummings Thrive, CVF, update on Cummings Gather
- 2. Coffee officially moved to McGrath