

American Veterinary Medical History Society, Inc.
33st Annual Business Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia
Omni Hotel at CNN Center
Magnolia Room

1. Call to Order

President Howard Erickson called the AVMHS business meeting to order at 8:02 AM. The order of business followed the protocol specified in the Bylaws (Article 9, Section 2).

2. Roll Call

An attendance roster was routed. A total of 21 attendees were present (14 members and 7 guests).

3. President's Address

President Erickson welcomed members and guests to the 33nd Annual Meeting. He mentioned the following highlights of 2009-2010:

- Dr. Erickson instituted a course on the history of veterinary medicine at Kansas State University in fall 2009 as part of K-State's revised curriculum of core and elective courses.
- As part of President Erickson's ongoing physiology course in the spring semester, students were offered the choice of writing a course paper or a history essay. More than 40 students elected to write a history essay, many of whom submitted their papers to the Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.
- President Erickson has received a continuing education grant from Kansas State University to develop a distance learning course on veterinary history. It will be available to the VMA for continuing CE credit.
- A successful AVMHS regional program was held in conjunction with the Texas Veterinary Medical Association meeting at College Station, Texas on March 5, 2010.
- In March 2010, the Society's first historical Time-Bites were launched on the Veterinary Information Network (VIN) thanks to the work of Drs. Phyllis Larsen and Debbie Tacium. Additional ideas for Time-Bites are welcome and should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer.
- Work on celebrating Vet2011 the World Veterinary Year is progressing in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the establishment of the first veterinary college at Lyon, France, by Claude Bourgelat. Howard and Russell Currier have participated in several conference calls and Howard serves on the Subcommittee chaired by AVMA's Dr. Beth Sabin which accredits activities to approve the use of the Vet2011 logo.
- Two AVMHS members will speak at the next annual Student AVMA convention focusing on "One Health" to be held at UC Davis in March, 2011. Dr. Fred Born will be the keynote speaker on the history of the horse doctor and Dr. Russell Currier will be the concluding presenter.

- Four members (Howard Erickson, Lesley Gentry, Susan Jones and Phil Teigen) will be attending and giving papers at the WAHVM International Congress in Anatalya, Turkey in September 2010.
- An Oral History Program lead by Dr. Fred Born will document veterinary history with oral history interviews. It involves the AVMA and state VMAs in anticipation of the AVMA's sesquicentennial in 2013. The AVMA is interested in doing both oral and video interviews. Some preliminary guidelines have been drafted. Other current oral history efforts include TVMA's video interviews as well as those by Drs. Howard Erickson, Fred Born, and Donald Smith.
- On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, President Erickson will present a talk on the historical transitions of women in veterinary medicine as part of the Association for Women Veterinarians Foundation (AWVF) program at the 2010 AVMA convention in Atlanta.

4. Presentation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2009 AVMHS meeting held in Seattle were presented and approved as printed. Copies were available for review in the room.

Dr. Lemonds motioned for acceptance, seconded by Dr. Al Moore and the minutes were approved. Susanne Whitaker was complimented for all of her "behind-the-scenes" work for AVMHS.

5. Rules and Procedures

No changes to rules and procedures were suggested.

6. Nominations for Honorary Membership

No nominations were presented at this meeting.

7. Introduction of Guests.

President Erickson asked each of the attendees to introduce themselves. Among the guests were: JoAnn Sanford, Vicki Smith, Jessica Smith, Jo Dunlop, and Dr. J. Robert Duncan.

8. Officer's Reports

a) Secretary's Report

The current status of the Society's membership as of June 30, 2010 is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP - 2009 / 2010

Paid Members/Couples

United States	88	(continuing 74, new 14)
Canada	3	(continuing 3, new 0)
International	2	(continuing 2, new 0)
Total Paid Members/Couples	93	
Life Members	4	(continuing 4, new 0)
Honorary Members	3	
Student Members	3	
Total Life & Gratis Members	10	

TOTAL MEMBERS		103
New first time members (U.S. 14, Canada 0, Int 0)		14
2008/2009 members who did not renew for 2009-2010		15
Paid <i>Veterinary Heritage</i> Subscriptions		
United States	5	
International	5	
TOTAL PAID		10
Gratis Subscriptions -- Veterinary Libraries		
U.S.	27	
Canada	5	
West Indies	3	
International	0	
TOTAL VET LIBS		35
Gratis Subscriptions -- Other	2	
Total Gratis Subscriptions		37
TOTAL <i>Veterinary Heritage</i> SUBSCRIPTIONS		47

Issues of *Interim News & Comment* were distributed electronically by e-mail in September 2009 and February 2010. Copies were sent by U.S. Mail to those without e-mail or whose e-mail was not active.

b) Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Whitaker presented the 2009-2010 Treasurer's report composed of an income and expense sheet, account balance summary, and projected activity for 2010/2011. As of June 30, 2010, the Society had total assets of \$19,741.57. If the original Shomer estate gift of \$15,400.81 is removed and "protected", the working balance is \$4,340.76. Funds continue to be optimized in certificates of deposit to gain interest income. The Society submitted an IRS eFile as required by 501(c) 3 non-profit organizations with annual income less than \$25,000. Bob Brommer was renewed as our registered agent in the State of Nebraska for 2009 and 2010 calendar years.

The Society's overall financial status continues to be viable but guarded. The total number of members remained steady this year while there was a decrease in earned interest from certificates of deposit. Expenses for only one issue (November 2009) were paid in this fiscal year resulting in May 2010 at \$1,203.61 falling in the next 2010/2011 fiscal year. Expenses related to the annual meeting and booth decreased slightly this year. Continued efforts at expanding the membership base, minimizing expenses, and seeking additional sources of revenue will be advantageous in the long term.

c) Past President's Report

Encouraged by the success of Dr. Erickson's regional history meeting at Kansas State, Past-president Dr. Al Moore described the full-day regional history meeting of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association in March 2010. Twenty to 30 individuals attended. It featured presentations on Dr. Mark Francis by Joe Jaros, the major effort to eradicate Texas fever by Dr. Tom Murnane, and history of the Texas A & M University veterinary school. He felt it was a good meeting and that the TVMA might do it again.

d) Incoming President's Report.

Dr. Currier visited the National Veterinary Museum in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Not being open to the public, a visit is not recommended as the museum is "collecting dust." He later spoke with both Dr. George Beran and Dr. Bill Ryan. It needs attention and improvement possibly through a membership campaign.

9. Committee Reports

President Erickson called for committee reports.

a) Finance Committee

The Finance Committee had no formal report.

b) Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest Committee

Dr. Russell Currier reported that double the typical numbers of essays, or 23 papers, were received this year. Emphasis was again on Kansas State entries, but all were judged blindly by Drs. Wolfgang Jöchle, Debbie Ladry, and Raffaele Roncalli. Sponsored by Merck & Company, the 2010 winning essays were:

First Place-- "The Forgotten Giants Behind Louis Pasteur: Contributions by the Veterinarians Toussaint and Galtier" by Elizabeth Williams '12, Kansas State University

Second Place-- "Mad Cows & vCJD: A Tale of Two Epidemics" by Gail Goble '13, Kansas State University

Third Place— "West Nile Virus: A Progression from Unknown to Endemic" by Jaime Stevenson '13, Kansas State University.

Several themes have come out:

1. Students are overwhelmed by their DVM curriculum studies
2. The announcements need to go out much earlier, such as May of the year before
3. More or another source of funding might increase submissions, such as doubling the prize money
4. Judges need to come up with first through third place winners to avoid disparity among choices
5. A volunteer is needed to chair the contest committee

Dr. Erickson thanked Dr. Currier for his work with the student essay contest.

Dr. Roncalli mentioned that Merck will continue supporting the contest. Gary Zelko is certain that funding will be available despite the corporate merger. If not Merck, then Merial will support it, but the money is assured. He commended Dr. Currier for the number of essays this year.

Dr. Littlefield suggested utilizing the *Intervet* newsletter which reaches all students in SAVMA and posting the contest announcement on their Web site. Dr. Currier indicated difficulties with SAVMA, but will try to do more.

Dr. Erickson suggested that having a faculty member at each university to “mentor” and encourage students in history would be a worthy goal. Dr. Currier indicated he might speak with professors teaching public health at veterinary schools.

c) *Veterinary Heritage* Committee

Two issues of *Veterinary Heritage* were produced in November 2009 and May 2010. Professor David Williams continues in dual roles as Editor and Managing Editor.

d) AVMHS Web Site

Dr. Bob McClure has been teaching anatomy in Antigua. As a result, he has been reachable only by email and is sorry his absence has caused delays in updating the site. Dr. Erickson re-iterated the importance of having a Web site.

e) Liaison to the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine (AMVM)

No report was given.

f) Liaison to World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine

In Lesley Gentry’s absence, President Erickson repeated that four AVMHS members would be attending and presenting papers at the 39th WAHVM Congress program to be held in Anatolia, Turkey on 20-23 September 2010. The main themes are 1. “Bridging ages in veterinary education” (with special focus on “the history of developments of scientific disciplines in veterinary education”), 2. “East meets West: the history of intercontinental veterinary medicine and animal disease”, and 3. “Free communications”.

g) Student Connections Panel

The Student Connections Panel remains inactive and thus there was no report.

h) Time-Bites Project Report for 2009-2010

Dr. Phyllis Larsen reported in absentia. At last our Time-Bites have begun appearing on the Veterinary Information Network (VIN) in March 2010. If you are a member of VIN, please take a look at them and let us know what you think.

VIN kicked them off in March of this year with Dr. Tom Murnane’s history of lip-tattooing horses, which featured a spectacular illustration of a modern lip tattoo. It followed with the Time-Bite on bicycle pumps and milk fever by Dr. Debbie Tacium. At present VIN has used about 15 of the short, illustrated pieces of veterinary history submitted by AVMHS. Words for five more have been sent to Dr. Tacium for editing, and about eight more are in various stages of completion. Susanne Whitaker is coordinating production details, and she has prepared a work list with three stages: the text, based on material sent in or suggested by contributors; edited texts, completed by Dr. Tacium; and illustrations, some of which were provided by contributors, some by diligent searching -- mostly by Susanne – while some still await a decision or permission to use.

If you are a member of VIN, you should keep in mind that the formatting that appears there is the property of VIN, so they should not be copied and used elsewhere. However, the basic Time-Bite remains the property of our Society, and the AVMHS is free to use them in other ways in the future.

VIN wants more finished Time-Bites. If you know details for a promising historical nugget, or even ideas for some, please contact Dr. Phyllis Larsen (phl9@cornell.edu), 607-539-6181 or Susanne Whitaker (skw2@cornell.edu), 607-253-3499). They are happy to work with you creating informative mini-stories for AVMHS to send to VIN as Time-Bites.

i) *International Dictionary of Veterinary Biography Project*

Susanne Whitaker reported that Phil Teigen prepared five excellent biographical sketches on James Law, Frank Seaver Billings, Charles Lyman Parker, Walter Long Williams, and Leonard Pearson. These were published with an introduction in the May 2010 issue of *Veterinary Heritage*.

We continue to seek additional biographies. Even though the long-term status of the *IDVB* as a consolidated international publication is uncertain, these valuable sketches will be published as available in both *Veterinary Heritage* and *Historia Medicinae Veterinariae*.

j) *Veterinary Heritage Q&A Series*

There was no report.

k) *Registry of Heritage Veterinary Practices*

In Lesley Gentry's absence, Susanne Whitaker reported that Lesley has contacted each of the state veterinary medical associations. As a result, a few more applications have been submitted. The AVMHS Web site lists the heritage practices in Registry as received.

l) *2012 Meeting in Guelph*

Dr. Helen Wojcinski mentioned that she and her husband, Dr. Zbig Wojcinski, along with Dr. Brian Derbyshire who is spearheading the effort, are working on a slate of speakers for the regional veterinary history meeting to be held in Guelph, Ontario, Canada in June 2012. It will be a full-day program with two breaks and small registration fee for luncheon. The focus is on cross-border communications in U.S. and Canadian relations in veterinary medicine.

m) *Vet 2011 Celebration Planning Committee*

Drs. Currier and Erickson both serve on the Vet2011 U.S. national planning committee. The kick-off celebration will be held at Versailles, France on January 24, 2011. Dr. Erickson also serves with Dr. Beth Sabin, who chairs the committee, on accrediting events and the use of the logo to protect its use and provide exclusive oversight. A single form is required to submit a proposal for its use. Three to four teleconferences calls have been held led by Dr. Ron DeHaven.

Several U.S. projects have already been approved including Dr. Fred Born's PowerPoint on the History of the Horse Doctor has been offered both to the AVMA and French Committee. Also approved are the SAVMA program in March 2011 and the regional meeting in Iowa in September 2011. More American Vet2011 projects are needed.

n) *2013 AVMA Sesquicentennial Committee*

It is not known if a planning committee has been convened. Dr. Currier will maintain contact with the AVMA.

o) AWWF 2010 Program to celebrate a century of women in veterinary medicine

Dr. Howard Erickson will speak at the Association for Women Veterinarians Foundation program at Atlanta on early women in veterinary medicine.

10. Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws

No Bylaws changes were submitted for consideration.

11. Election of Officers and Directors

This year's Nominating Committee was chaired by Dr. Al Moore with Dr. Bob McClure. Due to difficulties encountered by the nominee for President-Elect, Dr. Currier has agreed to serve President for two years. Others have agreed to assist Dr. Currier in the coming year.

The following slate of officers and board members for 2010-2011 were presented:

Officers

President--- Dr. Russell W. Currier (Des Moines, IA)
 President-Elect/Program Chair---Dr. Russell W. Currier (Des Moines, IA)
 Past-President--- Dr. Howard H. Erickson (Manhattan, KS)
 Secretary/Treasurer---Susanne Whitaker (Ithaca, NY) [New 2-year term]

Board Members at Large

Dr. Marianne Ash (Lafayette, IN) [New 2-year term]
 Dr. Fred Born (Fond du Lac, WI) [Continuing 2nd-year]
 Dr. C.B. Chastain (Columbia, MO) [New 2-year term]
 Dr. Linda K. Schlater (Ames, IA) [Continuing 2nd-year]

WAHVM Liaison

Lesley Ann Gentry (Beloit, KS) [4-year term thru 2014]

There were no nominations from the floor. Dr. Moore motioned that nominations be closed, seconded by Dr. Littlefield. Dr. McClure proclaimed the slate be accepted by acclamation.

12. Unfinished Business

a) Oral History Interviews

Initiated by Dr. Fred Born, aspects of the proposed Oral History Project were presented in his absence. Drs. Born and Erickson have been in communication with Dr. Rene Carlson, AVMA President-Elect, and the AVMA Communications Division about possible collaboration. Dr. Moore said he read the proposal prepared by Dr. Fred Born and felt it was a well done publication, but that it will be hard for volunteers to be exacting. They have done 25-30 videotapes interviews with TVMA Past Presidents. Dr. Littlefield reported that she has "bags" of oral history audiotapes done by Dr. Everett Besch, former Dean at Louisiana State University. The goal of the project to be ready for the AVMA Sesquicentennial in 2013 is about 100 interviews per state VMA. Dr. Currier proclaimed that the state associations will be the driving force.

13. New Business

a) Reproduction of Bierer Book

Dr. Currier proposed that AVMHS transcribe and re-publish Burt W. Bierer's 1940 book on veterinary history which had been updated and reprinted by Dr. Carl Olson in 1982. Dr. Currier displayed an original copy which is mimeographed. It might be necessary to do some fund raising to hire a professional typist at about \$1,800 to retype the entire book thereby creating an electronic Word file that could be printed or put on a CD in double-column format. However, there are copyright difficulties about who owns the rights---Dr. Carl Olson's son and/or the six Bierer children.

Dr. Currier found 8 original copies at the Fort Dodge Museum, but there was no correspondence in any files about transfer of copyright.

Discussion followed. It was suggested that this might be a Vet2011 project, but certainly one for the 150th AVMA Anniversary in 2013. 100-200 copies might be printed and sold for \$50 per copy. Dr. Moore was unsure how difficult it might be to sell the copies while Dr. Erickson wondered about making leather bound volumes available to sponsors at \$500. Dr. Lemonds commented on his experience with publishing and cost estimates. Dr. Roncalli asked about the rights to the Google Books version.

This is a work in progress. Dr. Currier will continue to explore copyright and other issues related to reprinting Bierer's book in the coming year.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Whitaker, Secretary/Treasurer, AVMHS
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Members present: (14)

Trenton Boyd
Dr. Russell Currier
Dr. Robert Dunlop
Dr. Howard Erickson
Dr. Leo Lemonds
Dr. Martha Littlefield
Dr. Robert McClure
Dr. Al Moore
Dr. Noreen Pazderski
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Raffaele Roncalli
Dr. Gary Roop
Susanne Whitaker

Dr. Helen Wojcinski

Guests: (7)

Dr. J. Robert Duncan
Jo Dunlop
JoAnn Sanford
Jessica Smith
Vicki Smith
Unnamed individuals (2)