

Minutes of the NSJVMA Executive Board Meeting
May 9, 2022
In-person meeting - Modesto, CA (Sessa home)

6:48 pm - called to order by President Melody. 8 members present: Drs. B. Melody, H. Bessoff, P. Sessa, K. Reeder, F. Ferriz, T. Hart, J. Trice Brinson, and Ms. A. Fitzpatrick

Minutes from NSJVMA Executive Board Meeting of 3/30/22 approved (Melody/Sessa)

Order of business:

Officers' Reports:

President / LA CE (Dr. Melody):

- Website improvements on-going. Every Monday at 3:30 pm is meeting with i-Tul.
- Large Animal CE coming up: BI CE TBA
- Possible UC Davis CE - still in process getting organized
- CDFA - CA animal health certification

Vice President / CVMA Delegate (Dr. Bessoff):

- 100s of bills - CVMA flagged 25 as potentially impactful
- 4 bills rose to top -
 - Declawing procedures - outlawing and making vets reportable. Bill passed. CVMA opposes and sent letter. Going to assembly and continuing to fight against it.
 - Dog and cat bill of rights - CVMA opposed and then amended. AKC and the animal health institute got involved. Going to assembly and committee with amendments
 - Cannabis - bill about recommended products. Dr Colra. CVMA supports and moving forward
 - Animal feedlots - prevents development of feedlots, aquatic farms, etc. Amended. CVMA opposed unless amendments proposed approved.
- May 27th is the last day for bills to pass out of the house of origin and then to committee for hearings. August - bills pass. Sept 30th - last day for Gov to sign bills or veto.

- CVMA approves DCA board expunging convictions.
- Next CVMA meeting board of delegates - June 2nd in San Francisco. Drs Bessoff and Trice-Brinson planning on attending.
- Proposal for delegates staying the night before and having NSJVMA pay for hotel approved.

Treasurer (Dr. Sessa):

- No changes since last meeting.
- PO Box - may want to set up for forwarding for convenience
- Dues payments are more convenient if done via credit card vs checks. Keep in mind that credit card has fees
- Currently NSJVMA has 85 paid members
- Drs Sessa and Reeder both will have checks to make payments as needed.

Alternate Treasurer (Dr. Reeder):

- On track with Stripe
- Meeting with Tim from i-Tul on 5/10/22 to discuss implementation.

Secretary (Dr. Ferriz):

- Reviewed minutes from last meeting.
- Will connect with Dr Bessoff re: member emails, want to make sure have the most current list of e-mails.

Stanislaus County Rep./SA CE (Dr. Hart):

- Small CE: May 12 - Skewers BI - Chronic Renal insufficiency, May 25 - Merck at Skewers - parasites
- Possible Hill's lecture coming up.
- Taking ideas for good speaker for the annual meeting - Ms Fitzpatrick may have ideas.
- Looking at current and alternate restaurant locations for future CE lectures and annual meeting. About 50 people at annual meetings on average.
 - Redwood cafe in Oakdale?
 - Del Rio and Camp 4 in Modesto?

- Turlock?
- Aaron Ballou - Economist. Kevin Brown - “The Hero Effect”
- DEA CE with Jan Woods in June, not sure if in-person or if on-line - will look into sponsors.
- Will get MailChimp updated with emails

Alternate CVMA Delegate (Dr. Trice Brinson):

- CVMA wants local VMA members to also become CVMA members. CVMA is currently dealing with member loss.

New Business:

- May need to clean up on emails from MailChimp (suggested by Dr Reeder) to make sure no bogus emails and emails are current.
- Dr Bessoff suggests update Excel/Google email spreadsheet
- Corporate email vs individual emails
- May need to raise dues to help cover CC fees.

Ongoing Activities:

- Cancel Zoom acct - was auto renewed. Can use Dr Bessoff’s Zoom so ok to cancel. Dr Sessa will cancel via Liz.
- i-Tul website project on-going.

Unfinished Business:

- VIN foundation - discussed if NSJVMA wanted to do charity donation. Tabled for later time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm (Sessa/Bessoff)

Next meeting date: June 6, 2022 at Bessoff’s home in Modesto

Respectfully submitted – Fabiola Ferriz Ashby, DVM