

## General Membership Meeting - June 25, 2016

- Meeting called to order by Candice at 12:36pm
  - 31 members in attendance
- Treasurer Report
  - CD #1: \$5,947.22
  - CD #2: \$5,056.04
  - Checking Account: \$21,601.06 as of May 31, 2016.
- Candice asked for non-members in attendance to sign up if they wanted to have voting privileges and then a discussion of benefits of being a member was discussed. There were no sign-ups at this time.
- Candice discussed open positions
  - Director position
    - Read job description from proposed by-laws
    - Advised membership that nominations for this position are open until September 30th. Nominations will be sent to Candice.
  - CE Committee
    - Gave brief overview of what it takes and costs to run a CE event and asked for people to step up and help with this committee
    - There was a discussion about each member asking their clinic reps for support for our events when we hold them
  - Public Education Committee - discussed by Marcia
    - Jean Dixon is the chair; Kimber and Roxie are current members
    - Goal is to showcase the role of veterinary technician as a educated member of the team
    - Within the year, the hope is the committee will be large enough to have public presentations at county fairs, career fairs, pet expos across the state
  - Newsletter Committee - discussed by Leah
    - Numerous nods from those in attendance to having seen the newsletter both in clinic and personal addresses for members
    - Membership requested a digital version in hopes to aid with cost saving options
      - A Madison Dietz spoke up and offered help with getting a digital version going - possibly through a program called 'Constant Contact'
    - In regards to email communication, it seemed to be hit or miss if members received them
      - Billie reminded members if there are name changes or contact info changes it is imperative to let any of the Board members know to get the information updated
- Logo Update
  - Candice gave a brief description on why the Board felt an update was needed
  - Billie reminded the Board that if / when we get back to the jackets that it costs about \$300 to get our logo updated into their system
  - Voting occurred
    - After the meeting Leah, Annie, Marcia, and Eli were all present at the counting of the votes
    - LOGO PICTURES
    - The winner is the one circled above, along with votes indicating all letters in grey will be blue in color. This won with 15 votes
- By-laws Update
  - Each table had a copy of the by-laws for review to share
  - Candice gave an update on why the Board felt the Bylaws needed to be updated - confusing and lackluster on information provided as the main reasons

- The membership questioned the number of hours that can be obtained online - membership felt that at least half of the required hours should be able to come from online, not just 4
          - Marcia proposed a motion to vote on the by-laws with the change of 4 to 8 hours to RACE approved online CE hours allowed for certification, seconded by Eli. Motion moved forward and membership voted.
- Legislation Update - Mainly given by Marcia, supplemented by Eli
  - Question posed to membership - Anyone not familiar with legislation proposal? No one responded.
  - The 1st draft of the proposed bill has been reviewed by the MVMA Vet Tech Committee and they are currently reviewing the task list - they have a deadline of Tuesday's meeting to finalize comments. The proposed draft will then go back to the draft writer with the changes. Once that is done, we are ready to have the draft introduced in the 2017 legislative session
  - The Association has the personal support of every member of the State Board of Veterinarians - unable to officially give us their approval due to governor involvement. Not going to wait for the official approval when we know that they personally back us
    - There have been a few vets on the State Board that in the beginning were against the bill, and now they are fully supportive
  - A member requested that once everything is finalized from the draft writer that our proposed bill get posted on our website - only will do if approval from MVMA committee occurs
  - Numerous questions regarding grandfather clause - Marcia clarified that only when the legislation passes, then the grandfather clause will kick in; meaning that for 2 years anyone with 6 years of consecutive clinical experience may be eligible to sit for the VTNE and they must get a passing score to then be considered licensed (LVT).
- New Business
  - Eli gave update on PIMA school
    - This pas Friday there were 10 or 11 students who graduated from the first part of the program - Certified Vet Assistants. All of them plan on moving on to the CVT portion of the program (rare for PIMA programs to have all grads move on)
    - PIMA is holding an open house on June 29th
  - A brief survey of attendees regarding if a 2 day CE event would be warranted - one day lecture, one day wet lab. Numerous nods in the crowd. Excitement over the idea that they would be able to get all CE requirements in one weekend.
- Meeting adjourned by Candice at 1:18pm