



Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine

2009 Annual General Meeting

7:00pm, Tuesday, February 10, 2009

1. Call to Order

Dr. Carol Cameron, President of TAVM for the year 2008 called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with approximately 107 members in attendance.

Dr. Cameron announced that a quorum was present.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Proposed: Davod Kafai

Seconded: Jennifer Day

Motion carried

2. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2008 AGM

MOTION: That the 2008 AGM minutes be approved as circulated.

Proposed: Davod Kafai

Seconded: Edith Yearwood

Motion carried

3. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Bob Clement, Treasurer was away. Consequently, Dr. Jennifer Day gave a brief report on the financial status of TAVM

The goal of TAVM is to have enough money set aside for one years' operating expenses. Currently we have approximately 6 months of revenue in reserve. Our excess of revenue over expenses was down in 2008 compared to 2007. The excess of revenue in 2007 was \$15,000 as compared to \$5000 in 2008. We have altered the budget to reflect increasing expenses.

MOTION: To approve the audited financial statements, year ending November 30, 2006

Proposed: Jerome Katchin

Seconded: Davod Kafai

Motion carried

4. Secretary's Report

Dr. Jennifer Day, Secretary for 2008 gave the following brief report.

Dr. Day indicated that after a year of Gawenda and Company producing the Scalpel, the Board of Directors is happy with the issues to date. We have increased the readership from Subscription members only, to include clinics in the GTA area, totaling approximately 450. The Scalpel is now revenue neutral.

Dr. Day thanked those who contribute articles regularly to the Scalpel, particularly Senani

Ratnayake, Carol Cameron, Avery Gillick and Lea Fioriavanti. She also thanked the sponsors, as TAVM would not be able to produce such a successful newsletter without them.

The membership was asked for any comments, suggestions, and contributions for the Scalpel.

J. Day explained what the oxygen mask program is all about and asked for comments from anyone who may have already participated in the program. She indicated that it may be a great promotion for the Toronto area veterinarians.

MOTION: That the secretary's report be accepted as given.

Proposed: Edith Yearwood

Seconded: Marvell Mootoo

Motion carried

5. **President's Report**

Dr. Carol Cameron reported on the status of the TAVM.

First, I would like to recognize the members of the Board for making my year as president a pleasure:

Drs.' Cheryl Birss and Jennifer Day for organizing the speaker line up for the Hospital Personnel Series, Jenn Day and Sheri Fahrer for coordinating the publication of the Scalpel, Drs.' Davod Kafai and Bob Clement for organizing the speaker line up for the Subscription Series, Drs.' Lynn Broadhurst and Sherry Deemar for their time spent lining up sponsors for each of the lectures, Senani Ratnayake for interviewing clinics and writing what has become a regular column in the Scalpel. Dr. Avery Gillick for his regular contribution of Case Studies for the Scalpel, and to Dr. Rob Jones, our most recent Board member for his willingness to assist where needed.

As noted in the Treasurer's report, the budget has been increased for 2009. This is to offset the increasing cost of services that TAVM relies on. To enable TAVM to continue providing the level of CE programs that we have had in the past, we will be increasing the membership fees for 2010 program. This is the first time in five years that TAVM has had to implement an increase in these fees.

As always, we invite members who are interested in being involved, to contact one of the Board members, or to join us at one of our monthly Board meetings. It is important to the continued success of TAVM to periodically turn over these Board positions. Recruiting new members with fresh ideas and suggestions will assist in the continuing growth of TAVM

MOTION: That the president's report be accepted as given.

Proposed: Jenn Day

Seconded: Angela Smith

Motion carried

6. **Amendments to the By-Laws**

Dr. Carol Cameron advised that the By-Laws were updated by the Board of Directors in October 2008.

Dr. Jerome Katchin pointed out a discrepancy in Article I and Article VII. Article I states that "Member" or "Members" shall mean licensed Veterinarian having active membership in the Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine. However, Article VII states that an active member will be an individual with an interest in veterinary medicine and the courses offered by the Academy.

ACTION: The Board of Directors to discuss the discrepancy and re-word the by-laws to eliminate the discrepancy.

MOTION: To accept the changes to the by-laws with the exception of the discrepancy pointed out by Dr. Katchin.

Proposed: Davod Kafai

Seconded: Jenn Day

Motion carried

7. Election of Officers & Directors for 2009

Jenn Day nominated Edith Yearwood to sit on the Board as a Director. Edith Yearwood accepted.

MOTION: That the slate of Officers and Directors be accepted as per the following list.

OFFICERS:

Dr. Carol Cameron, President

Dr. Davod Kafai, President Elect

Dr. Bob Clement, Treasurer

Dr. Jennifer Day, Secretary

DIRECTORS:

Dr. Lynn Broadhurst

Dr. Cheryl Birss

Dr. Sherry Deemar

Dr. Avery Gillick

Dr. Rob Jones

Senani Ratnayake

Edith Yearwood

Proposed: Clayton MacKay

Seconded: Vern Chase

Motion carried

8. Other Business

Dr. Carol Cameron asked the membership if there were any other issues from the floor but none

were raised.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned

Proposed: Jerome Katchin

Seconded: Edith Yearwood

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.