**Ross University Veterinary Alumni Association Action Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2022 8 pm**

**Teleconference**

**A quorum being present, the AAC Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.**

**Members Present: Mark Salemi, Nejla Azima, JP Carew, Mickey Axelband, Alexandra Quarti, Kimberly Riker, Brian Husbands**

**Members absent: Nisha Sanathara, Dianne Rey, Mary Mauldin**

**Guests preset: Colleen Glenney,**

1. **Approval of minutes:** by all

2. **President’s report**:

 -We are just under 4 weeks away to the WIVC!

3. **Committee Reports:**

***Events and Chapters Committee:*** Mickey, Dianne, JP Mickey is chair.

 Funky Buda Brewery TBD in December 2022 and Everglades excursion (family) after VMX in January 2023.

* Some trouble getting sponsor support. Alex to check with contacts as well.
* Aiming to have Funky Buda event in December.

 Alumni reception at WIVC planned for Monday night, 214 RSVP’d so far.

 -Raffle to go towards rewards/scholarships. Each ticket $10 or 3 for $25

 -Susan Rasmus to prepare a donation form.

* Deciding on whether to do cash or code for payments.

 -Prize includes WIVC registration, gift certificate to a restaurant, and hotel room?

 -Due to time constraints, this time we will keep the WIVC alumni council reception fundraiser raffle to just the WIVC attendees as a pilot/trial raffle and try another larger raffle, at a later date open to the entire Alumni Association as a whole potentially with:

 -Two prizes will be drawn:

 2 WIVC registrations (2 separate winners) for conference attendees.

 Trip to the island, flight and hotel covered?

 Susan to set up the donation page.

* Giving 2020 awards Sunday night at WIVC

 Susan Rasmus to report on progress and planning through Colleen.

***Leadership Committee:*** Mark, Alex, Kim Alex is chair.

 Ross mentor program started, and some mentor/mentee pairs have been matched and assessed after 6 months.

***Engagement and Awards Committee:*** Nejla, Brian, Nisha Nisha is chair

 -Award scholarship Winners picked and were invited to attend WIVC:

 -Ryan Fries (Distinguished) and Stephanye Quinn (Rising Star) are the award winners.

**Letter sent out:**

Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of our Dean, Dr. Callanan, our Assistant Dean, Dr. Mauldin, and our Alumni Action Council members, it is my distinct pleasure to let you know that you have been awarded the 2022 RUSVM Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award based upon multiple nominations and selection by the Alumni Action Council.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award recognizes the success of an alumnus/a who has made significant contributions to his/her profession and industry while embodying the university's purpose, vision, and values.

The award will be given during the West Indies Veterinary Conference Opening Reception on St. Kitts, which this year will take place on Sunday, November 6th. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing and able to attend. Travel and accommodation will be provided. If the timeline is too tight for you to attend this year, we will extend the invitation to the next WIVC conference, taking place in the fall of 2024.

Best wishes and once again congratulations!

**Dr. Friess response when notified:**

Colleen,

 Thank you so much for this email and recognition. I am truly honored to even be nominated. I gladly and humbly accept this award. I unfortunately cannot make it to this year's WIVC but can definitely make arrangements for 2024! Thank you again and I look forward to celebrating in person next year.

Kind regards,

 Ryan

**Did Dr. Quinn Responded and will attend.**

 There will be a press release for both award winners.

4. **New Business:**

 -WIVC update:

 -As of 8/29/22 WIVC full, numbers were 372 for CE, **576** for total conference (that includes 72 sponsor reps – some of whom are getting CE). 35 sponsors.

 - **100** people waitlisted.

 - All events/CE full?

 -E-mail announcement went out to entire alumni WIVC for future conferences being every other year with the next conference being in 2024.

 -New app for conference prepared through CVENT in App store.

* Yes new downloadable app for 2022. CVENT.

 -Open discussion to be reported by Colleen and further discussion with the entire board

* -WIVC update:
* -As of 10/26/22 WIVC full, numbers were 391 for CE, 576 for total conference (that     includes 72 sponsor reps – some of whom are getting CE). 35 sponsors.
* 114 people waitlisted. Little movement if any will happen moving forward.
* - All events/CE full except orthobiologics lab – 4 spots open, 1 advanced echo spot open, alumni reception at 219. Allowing about 10 students to attend who are conducting WIVC tours for us.
* -E-mail announcement went out to entire alumni WIVC for future conferences being  every other year with the next conference being  in 2024.

5. **Old business:**

 - Distinguished Alumni Award has been ordered and received. To be presented to Moses in one way or another by Dianne and another AAC member

 -Ross Facebook admin to have continued contact by the AAC, once Mary is back from maternity leave to be reinstated and no longer be banned.

 Admin group: Harvey Atherton, Christine Bunner-thomas, Scott Gaydos,

 Lori Arrison-mathews and Gary Rider

 -Update on Empower virtual 5k run update. 24th and 25th of September

 -Donations to go to Alumni scholarships/Empower any numbers of how much was raised?

 -Did Nisha get pics from events.

 -How did Ross sponsoring a table at the Lanse Fox Foundation fundraiser on September 17th with Susan Rasmus in attendance in Cotulla, TX go?

* Event went well with a large turnout.

 Proceeds were to go to Empower Fund scholarship and a few other causes.

**Do we have enough ambassadors for the….**

Alex was to check with fellow alumni to attend in PR.

* Dr. Ed Ortiz to attend

**RUSVM Fall Admissions/Alumni Ambassador Events coming up:**

Saturday Sept 24 Chicago, IL 2 pm Location TBD 1 signed up

Saturday Oct 1 New York, NY 11 am Location TBD 2 signed up

Saturday Oct 1 Calgary, AB 2 pm Location TBD 1 signed up

Saturday Oct 8 Miami/Ft Lauderdale, FL 11 am Location TBD 2 signed up

Saturday Oct 15 San Antonio, TX 2 pm Location TBD 1, maybe 2 signed up

Saturday Oct 22 San Francisco, CA 11 am Location TBD 2 signed up

Saturday Oct 22 Toronto, ON 2 pm Location TBD filled

Saturday Nov 5 San Juan, PR 11 am Location TBD filled

6. For Next Meeting:

 - At the WIVC Dean Callanan to attend.

* Meeting at WIVC with Dean Callanan Monday 11/7 1:30-4:30 Place TBD.

7. Adjournment: 8:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Quarti

Secretary