**Ross University Veterinary Alumni Association Action Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 6, 2022**

**Zoom meeting**

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, Brian Husbands

Members absent: Nisha Sanathara, Dianne Rey, Kimberly Riker

**Guests preset:** Erik Peterson

1. **Approval of minutes:** WIVC November 7, 2022

-Brian 1st Alex 2nd

2. **President’s report**:

Welcomed Erik Peterson and discussed Mary Mauldin and Colleen Glenny resignations. Also discussed timeline for Colleen’s replacement which is still open and advertisement for her position is in the process.

Reviewed WIVC recap Zoom Meeting 19 Dec 2022 7-8 pm (in absence of Colleen) including detailed points listed in the agenda discussing better use of the AAC members in the future, especially at Graduation that is scheduled for 19 May 2023.

Need to design a shirt for AAC members to use at events that stand out.

3. **Committee Reports:**

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

Update of alumni events:

-**Funky Brewery** in Ft. Lauderdale April 23, 2023, at 2pm budgeted for 25-30 attendees with food and drink. Sponsorship by Heartland.

-**Everglades excursion** being pushed to early June sponsorship by Idexx Laboratories.

-**NYC Vet Show** in NYC at Jacob Javits Center November 2023, possibly add a local Alumni get together at same time.

-Also need a banner from the school for events as well as give aways (Swagstone)

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

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

-Program needs a push, not getting a lot of response.

-Looking for mentor specialists (GP, Corporate, Gov., Academic)

Erik to find out more how mentor/mentee matches were made.

Leadership committee to meet up separately and discuss plans for 2023 once Erik finds out more about the program.

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

-Moses still needs to receive his award, Erik has it and will look into how to get it to him.

5. **New Business:**

Reviewing bylaws in 2023 at a separate meeting preferably in person… possibly at graduation meeting.

Remaining scheduled for this spring in both the United States and Canada Ambassadors who will talk about their experiences as Rossies and their careers…e-mails to be sent out by the marketing team to fill the slots.

Wednesday March 15 Saskatoon, Canada 7-9 pm Taverna Italian Kitchen

Saturday April 15 San Juan, PR 1-3 pm Condado Plaza Hilton

5. **Old business:**

**Discussed Dean Callanan’s update at WIVC**:

-Adtelum COO, Steve Beard, now appointed CEO.

-Complete org. restructure (legal, HR, marketing, etc.)

-GRE has proven to be a good indicator for student success.

-New attrition program starting, students attending program class 1 hour/week during2nd semester.

-His primary goal remains to get a Rossie as AVMA President.

-Empower award goal of $2500 was achieved for 2 scholarships at the WIVC

-Ross Facebook admin to have continued contact by the AAC to be reinstated and no longer be banned from Rossie Vet Page.

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

Lori Arrison-mathews and Gary Rider

6. For Next Meeting:

Monday 13 March 2013 @8pm via Zoom

7. Adjournment: 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Quarti

Secretary