**Ross University Veterinary Alumni Association Action Committee**

**Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

**November 7, 2022**

**WIVC in person meeting**

A quorum being present, the AAC Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Mark Salemi, Nejla Azima, JP Carew, Mickey Axelband, Alexandra Quarti, Brian Husbands, Nisha Sanathara

Members absent:, Dianne Rey, Kimberly Riker,

Guests preset: Colleen Glenney, Mary Mauldin, Dean Callanan, Susan Rasmus

1. **Approval of minutes:**

2. **President’s report**:

-Discuss ideas for 2023 activities and sponsors/budget

- Discuss lack of focus from attendees during Ross Faculty/Alumni announcements and presentations during events.

- Potential use of whistles/cowbells, Setting the stage for expectations, Ice breakers

3. **Committee Reports:**

***Events and Chapters Committee:*** Mickey, JP, Dianne (not present) Mickey is chair.

Funky Buda Brewery (adult) in October and Everglades excursion (family) in December. Sponsors not attained yet, will revisit in early 2023 when sponsors budgets are available.

* Meetings need to be pushed due to lack of sponsorship.

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

* 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 (not present) Alex is chair.

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

* Program needs a push, not getting a lot of response.
* Looking for mentor specialists (GP, Corporate, Gov., Academic)
* Ross Alumni site not up to date, including minutes.
* Goal of identifying active VMA members at state level and above
  + List from Dean as to high level leaders
  + Speak with Jenna Dunn from AVMA
* Identify high level corporate leaders.

***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.

4. **Dean Callanan update:**

* 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 during 2nd semester.

**New Business:**

* Committee will be reviewing bylaws in 2023
* Graduation will be 5/19/23
* Alumni job board has a great deal of traffic
* Empower award goal of $2500 per award, can provide private awards (contact Susan Ramos)
* Ross now has externship board online placement.
  + For approval of private hospitals email Mary ? TBD

-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.
* 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 to be reinstated and no longer be banned.

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

Lori Arrison-mathews and Gary Rider

6. For Next Meeting:

Date TBD after the new year

* Discuss departure of Mary and Colleen

7. Adjournment: 4 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Quarti

Secretary