

**Minutes ECAWBM AWSEL Subcttee Chairs
Friday 08 March 2019**

Attendees: Andy Butterworth (AB) (Chair, Education), Aurelie Thomas (Chair, Examination), Paul Rogers (Vice Chair, Examination), Peter Thornton (Chair, Credential and Recertification), Pat Turner (PVT) (Chair, AWSEL Executive Group)

Regrets: Anne Fawcett (Vice Chair, C&R), Emanuela Dalla Costa (Vice Chair, Education),

1. Subcommittee Updates

i) Education Subcommittee

-the subcommittee is providing feedback on the case reports submitted

Post-meeting note: A complaint was received from one of the supervisors indicating that they had not been copied on this request. There is a feeling that the Subcttee is minimizing the work and role of the supervisors by not including supervisors on direct correspondence to the residents. There was also a query regarding what the qualifications and experience of the Education Subcttee were in reviewing the case reports in isolation without including the other supervisors. I indicated that this concern would be brought back to the Subcttee for discussion.

CB Meeting note – March 14, 2019: Per EBVS requirements, both a supervisor and a mentor should ideally be involved with each resident’s formal training program. The mentors should NOT be members of the Education Subcommittee (most of whom are also supervisors of other residents). This will become a formalized policy in the new Policy and Procedure Manual.

Action: PVT to send the current EBVS list of residents to the Education Subcttee for updating. The Education Subcttee should ensure that the spreadsheet contains the formal start and completion date for each resident, whether the resident received a letter of acceptance from the College at the start of the residency and the names of the specific supervisors and mentors.

ii) Examination Subcommittee

-the Subcttee has found a potential exam location and they will continue to create questions. The Subcttee would like the CB to re-examine the issue of credit for question writing as part of the Diplomat recertification process.

CB Meeting note – March 14, 2019: PVT and TDK to review the recertification credit listing and to discuss harmonized requirements for the subspecialties. These will be brought back to the C&R Subcttee for review. Any revised form would apply for 2020 recertifications. In addition, a vote will be held at the 2019 AGM to remove the requirement for submitting 2 letters of reference with each recertification packet.

iii) Credential and Recertification Subcommittee

Peter Thornton was thanked for taking on the Chair role. An application has been received for an individual to sit the certification exam as an international expert in Animal Welfare. Per EBVS requirements, each College must have a means for individuals to apply as experts. Concerns were raised as to how to judge the quality of the exam if this person should fail the exam and no resident had yet sat the exam. The Subcttee will review the nomination package and then defer to the CB for how to proceed (see CB Meeting note under item 2).

ACTION: PVT to discuss issue with College Board

2. AWSEL international expert application

An application has been received for recognition as an international expert in AW. This individual has been asked to complete the de facto Diplomate form and submit 2 letters of reference, in addition to paying a fee. The Subcttee is seeking guidance for how to proceed in the event that this application proves to be suitable.

CB Meeting note – March 14, 2019: This issue was discussed at the March 2019 CB meeting. In 2020, ECAWBM will be scrutinized to see if it has met the requirements for becoming a full college. One of the requirements for this is that a certification exam has been held. Unfortunately, given that no residents are sitting the exam in 2019, ECAWBM will fail this review. It is necessary for AWSEL residents to complete their programs and sit the certifying exam as soon as possible (i.e., some should write in 2020). Re: the international expert application – if this individual's credentials are accepted by the C&R Subcttee then they will receive a deferred exam acceptance letter. It will not be possible for this person to sit an exam until the first resident has sat the exam. PVT will draft the letter and this will be approved by the CB before sending.

3. AWSEL Study Day 2019

- the AVMA Workshop has been confirmed as requiring 2h in the morning
- the Education Subcttee is requested to submit their plan for the remainder of the day no later than March 29 for posting on the website
- some consideration should be given to curriculum elements of importance for the residents and other attendees – for example, inviting a speaker or associate member to provide a talk on AW issues associated with a particular species or production issue (per the examination brochure)

Action: AB to provide the final outline for Study Day 2019 to PVT by March 29.

4. Summer Camp 2020

Discussion occurred regarding whether this had to be a formal period in the summer or what format might be used, for example, could a series of webinars be used? A suggestion was made to contact the residents to see what their preferences might be in this regard. It might be possible to hold a Study Day near the 2020 meeting location in Belgium but AWSEL would have to make all the arrangements for this themselves.

5. College Board Update

At the meeting on March 14 it was determined that the meeting with the Subcttee Chairs would start at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 25. To more rapidly develop a PPM of its own, the CB will likely look at adopting the PPM from another college and revising sections, as needed, to suit ECAWBM. PVT and TDK will send subcttees subsections to review that pertain to their specific activities. Using this approach, it is hoped that the PPM will be completed before the end of August 2019. A contest will be held to develop a new logo for the college.

8. Next meeting – mid April 2019

ACTION: Pat to send a Doodle poll