

## **ECAWBM BOARD MEETING Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Participants: David Morton, Goncalo da Graca Pereira, Lotta Berg, Nancy de Briyne, Pat Turner, Gary Landsberg, Sagi Denenberg and Jaume Fatjo (§ 1 and 4). Apologies: Sarah Heath.

### **Website Minutes**

1. **Minutes of the last meeting (March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017).** No additional comments.  
Follow-up:
  - a) Outstanding tasks paper for additions and amendment:  
Good progress being made on the P&Ps. Some documents can be handled as appendices. Furthermore, some standardization in terms of layout and structure may be beneficial. The drafts can soon be circulated to the Board for a first round of comments. The document is due to be completed by July CB meeting for first discussion.
  - b) The Board minutes have to be put on web according to the EBVS recommendations. The chairperson will suggest what to delete to safeguard privacy.
  
2. **EX GP ITEMS**
  - a) **BM Executive Group: Minutes and matters**
    - i. One new member accepted. Working on the procedures for accepting exceptional Diplomates without a previous Residency but will still need to be examined. Constructing a database of mentors. The chair has resigned from the Examination Committee and looking for a new chair asap. Discussion with AWSEL about coordinating the exams to save time and money. Recertification process is ongoing, and looking good. Recent ExGP meeting notes circulated to CB during the meeting.
    - ii. EBVS has a Standards and Quality Committee, which has provided some useful guidance material for the Committees.
  
  - b) **AW Executive Group: Minutes and matters**
    - i. Minutes from the last AW ExGP meeting circulated recently. New residents are coming in. The group is looking at forms and instructions for applications, exams and recertification. Recertification is ongoing. Nomination of Siobhan Mullen for the EU Animal Welfare Platform, no decision by the EC has been seen yet.

- ii. Question to the AW speciality to give a position or statement in a specific AW issue (religious slaughter). The AWSEL ExGP decided not to take any specific action, and feed-back will be given to the member in question.
- iii. It needs to be clarified how associates can promote themselves, but avoid implying being Diplomates. This is regulated in the Constitution, but reminders are useful. The College Board agrees, and will draft something on this.

### 3. **Financial matters**

- Bursaries strategy: need information from Treasurer on the budget before deciding on bursaries to Residents. Discussion on if these are just subsidies or if they are to be designed as awards to the Residents who give accepted oral and posters at the conference. The Board decided that we will do it for next year's conference (2018), and develop a strategy for this within a couple of months. A draft proposal will be circulated for comment
- The Board agreed to sign the sponsor contract for the Residency day.
- The College Executive Board members will get their travel, accommodation and registration fees covered, plus expenses up to the agreed limit

### 4. **Nominations Committee report:**

Vacancies: Treasurer, Secretary, BM MwP, News Editor) appointments from 2017 onwards.

Only one nomination for the VP position: a more proactive approach will now be necessary. First, another reminder will have to be sent to all Diplomates. **All** Board members are encouraged to send in suggestions.

### 5. **Conferences**

#### **Slovakia, Samorin 14-17 September 2017**

There was a lengthy discussion about reimbursements for invited speakers, plus the content of the AW/BM session on the Friday.

It was clarified and agreed that if the College invites speakers, the College should pay for them (travel, registration, accommodation). This covers one joint speaker, one for AWSEL and one for BM. Suggested theme for the joint session: "Welfare of research animals", which was accepted by the Board as a theme.

Any suggested speaker for the joint session should be discussed and agreed upon between BM and AW, AWSELVA and ESVCE representatives before the person in question is invited.

The Board meeting day in Samorin will be Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 16.00-19.00.

The AGM will be held on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>, at lunch time, 2 hours.

2018 Berlin September 27-29. Short update.

2019 Netherlands. CB received an offer and will now discuss the details.

2020 Belgium

**6. Newsletter**

The spring newsletter has been circulated, somewhat delayed but very interesting content.

**7. Website**

No comments this time.

**8. AOB**

Dealt with under various point above.

**9. Dates of next meeting (confirmed and tentative)**

June 26, 15.00 CET

July 27, 15.00 CET

The Board found GoToMeeting more useful than Skype, for this number of participants, decided to pay for a subscription for GoToMeeting, which also the subcommittees can use.

**10. The chairman closed the meeting**

ECAWBM Secretary