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APHA VPH SPIG
Monday, Oct 27, 2008, 6:30 pm
Business Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions and sign in:

Note: The APHA scheduled the Business meeting in conflict with alumni gatherings thus limiting attendance.

• **Members Present:**

- o **Bill Courtney** **williamcourtney@brooks.af.mil**
- o **Liz Wagstrom**
- o **Brad Winterton** **brad.winterton@us.af.mil**
- o **Jenny Beal** **jennifer.k.beal@gmail.com**
- o **Sumiko Mekar** **srmekura@bu.edu**
- o **Jim Dale** **jdale@jeffco.us**

2. Our Future: Attendees discussed our options. We decided to orient the group toward the One Health Initiative. Bill Courtney volunteered to redraft our VPH SPIG Statement of Intent based on this decision. (OPEN: Bill)

Background: The APHA Task Force on Association Improvement & Reorganization (TFAIR) had developed recommendations on SPIGs and Forums which the Governing Council had approved. The Governing Council sets the direction for our association. The Governing Council recently approved the right of members to belong to more than one Section or SPIG.

SPIGs expectations: to meet the following:

1. Have at least a 100 members
2. Have a council with at least chair & chair elect; other positions can include: secretary, program chair, & newsletter editor.
3. Provide the Council structure to APHA staff by NLT February of each year
4. Have a business meeting
5. Have scientific sessions
6. Produce at least two newsletters
7. Use/manage the blast email system through APHA

Observations in a “historical context”:

1. The VPH SPIG has not and probably can not meet these requirements.

2. The VPH group can pursue being a Forum and not have to meet the requirements of a SPIG.
3. An alternative is to have us go from a VPH group to a “One Health” Group.

One Health focus: Dr Bruce Kaplan (bkapdvm@verizon.net) has been a key player in the One Health Initiative. He noted in an email to me that “One Health physician colleagues, Drs. Laura Kahn, Tom Monath and I have worked closely with Lisa, Carina Blackmore, Mary Echols et. al. at the FL DOH One Health Newsletter plus we have established a new website www.onehealthinitiative.com where we are linked to OHNL and the DOH plus others. (We have created an)One Health distribution or supporter list when we first communicated several months ago. Our mutual friend Lisa Conti (is a supporter of our efforts)”.

3. Elections

- a. Current Officers:

Chair - Erin D. Kennedy

Chair elect- open

Past Chair/Representative to the Governing Council: John Herbold

Secretary /Membership/Program Chair – Jim Dale & Jeff Alexander (Assist)

Advocacy - John Sanders

Communication/Newsletter - John Sanders & Megan Davis (Assist)

Member at Large – Bill Courtney

- b. Bill Courtney moved and Liz Wagstrom seconded that we keep our slate of officers to get on schedule with all the APHA Groups & Sections. It was recommended that we get on the APHA schedule of having electronic elections in the spring/summer time frame.
- c. Volunteers are needed to run???? (HELP)

4. Program/Session ideas for 2009 Philadelphia & 2010 Denver :

These suggestions were made:

- a. MRSA in animals
- b. Occupational Safety
- c. One Health
- d. Emerging Infections
- e. Zoonotic Parasites – check with Helen @ OU
- f. International Food Safety
- g. Food Vulnerability/Security
- h. Animal Bond
- i. Bush Meat
- j. Input from the CVM @ Penn
- k. Input from VA Tech – Dr Ming?

5. Tasks and to dos identified by the group:

- a. Email the draft minutes to attendees
- b. Rewrite the Statement of intent (Open: Bill Courtney)
- c. Increase membership (ideas)
 - i. Liz Wagstrum will get a list of key PH Veterinarians & organizations to contact
 - ii. Hold elections next summer
 - iii. Bill Courtney will get an AF and Army key personnel list
 - iv. We'll request Hugh Mazer to get a list of PHS veterinarians
 - v. Jim will continue his work on getting the CVM with MPH & MVPM programs
 - vi. Get list of Infectious Disease folks from APHA?
 - vii. Get with the Epi & Envr Sections for folks with during organizational interest
 - viii. Contact the PH laboratories

The meeting was adjourned at ~ 8 pm.