

FOUNDATION MINUTES

Teleconference Board Meeting 6/24/05

Meeting began 1:09pm Central Time

Roll Call: Kirk Gelatt, Roy Bellhorn, Mark Nasisse, Reuben Merideth, Carmen Colitz, and guest, Director, Stacey Daniel. Absent were: Ken Abrams, Mike Davidson, Joan Dziezyc and Jim Swanson.

Financials

Ms. Daniel reported that current assets total \$130,185.25. This same date last year, assets totaled \$123,155.47. Income and expense numbers for 2005 were not discussed. No motion made.

Grants/ Awards

Dr. Bellhorn discussed the possibility of offering new grants to residents for their research programs. These grants would be awarded to the institution annually but their residents would need to submit a formal application each time. The initial proposal was for \$2,000-\$3,000 to be awarded to each ACVO resident beginning during the 2006-2007 research year. Dr. Merideth asked that this be placed on the schedule for the ACVO business meeting for vote. All awards would be given out at the annual meeting at the award ceremony. No motion made.

Public Relations

Dr. Nasisse reported that the Foundation brochures were updated this past October but he was waiting for the ACVO Foundation logo to be sent to him. Dr. Merideth will email the corrected logo to the board and the Foundation office. Dr. Nasisse will plan on getting these printed to be distributed at the annual conference in October 2005.

Fund Raising

Ms. Daniel explained the pros and cons of providing animal donation letters to members' clients. Currently \$1,090.00 has been collected in return for sending these letters to clients. Brochures are mailed with the letter and from those brochures the Foundation has been gifted \$405.00 from the general public. The main problem that the office is dealing with to date are some very low donations. There are a couple doctors who send over 25 letter requests at a time and only donate \$2 each. With such low donations it costs more to produce and mail the letters than money that is collected. Ms. Daniel suggested a possible minimum donation in the future. No discussion. No motion made.

Annual Meeting

Winners of the grants will be awarded during the Friday night dinner again this year. Dr. Nasisse will work with Dr. Colitz on the auction and copy any correspondence to the Foundation office.

Rotation of Members

Dr. Merideth asked that members be thinking about individuals they would like to nominate to the board. It was also noted that if current members wish to continue to volunteer that they can be elected to another appointment.

Next meeting will take place at the ACVO conference. There will be a meeting on Wednesday afternoon (time and place still being booked) and a breakfast meeting early Thursday morning. The Foundation office will disseminate information closer to the meeting.

Meeting ended 1:35pm Central time.