

# GAVMA

## Greater Atlanta Veterinary Managers Association

MINUTES: October 12, 2006

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM at the Advance Micro System building in Lawrenceville, Georgia.
  1. Twenty-two people attended. All attendees were members of the Association
  2. The minutes were handed out and the treasurer's report was read by Sue Black.
  
- II. Old Business (Judi Bailey)
  1. Judi reminded those present about the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association fall convention November 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest. (website [www.gvma.net](http://www.gvma.net))
  2. Members are still needed to man the booth that is graciously being provided to the GAVMA at no cost.
  3. Jenai Mathews, the director of Membership and Marketing for the GVMA was introduced, and spoke briefly about the upcoming conference and the GVMA's future goals with hospital managers.
    - a. Saturday courses will include Leadership and Communication Courses presented by Mary Ann Vande Linde.
    - b. Sunday courses will include financial courses and Human Resource courses presented by Lisa Yackel, a certified veterinary manager from Savannah, Georgia.
    - c. A Sunday morning breakfast will address becoming a Registered Veterinary Technician. Breakfast is \$15.00. The cost of the conference is \$85.00 per day. Go to the GVMA web page to register or for more information.
    - d. Rabies Titer Testing will also be offered for \$35.00.
    - e. The Georgia Veterinary Medical Association wants to open a dialog with managers, and have more involvement with hospital managers.
    - f. A goal of the GVMA is to eventually allow managers to become members of the association.
    - g. GVMA has a new tool for collecting old debts without going through a collection agency. Go to the GVMA web page to see the demo and get more information.
  
- III. New Business (Judi Bailey)
  1. GAVMA brochures are being designed by Anna Rowland. There is money in the account to cover printing and other costs.
  2. Julie Lowden with Advanstar Publications is putting GAVMA on the calendar (DVM Magazine, Vet Economics, and other publications.)
  3. Judi Bailey, Claudia Bradbury and Judi Jackson had lunch with representatives of RBC Centura Bank, and they will assist the association by sponsoring a meeting. We will notify them when we are in need of a sponsor.

4. Membership payments will be due January 2007.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

1. Thursday, December 14, 2006 the Christmas Party will be from 12-4 PM at the Olde Towne Grill in Lawrenceville. (Intersection of GA120 and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd.) It will be a "Forms & Ornament" Exchange. Please bring forms from your practice that you are willing to share with other hospitals.
2. The February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Bayer Animal Health will sponsor and Mary Ann Vande Linde will be the speaker. Bayer will send out invitations to all the metro Atlanta hospitals in hopes that there will be an excellent turnout. The location and exact time is to be announced.
3. Please e-mail Judi Bailey with topics you would like to discuss in 2007. The agenda will be based on member requests.

VI. Formal Meeting was adjourned.

VII. Roundtable discussions and brainstorming.

1. The group broke into smaller groups and brainstormed on the most requested issues:
  - a. Solving gossip and negative atmosphere in the workplace
  - b. Staff Scheduling
  - c. VHMA Survey of Compensation and Benefits (handout)

Respectfully Submitted,

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