

Hello All,

The first annual ACVBM scientific meeting was a great success largely due to the efforts of Dr. Cindy Lankenau and Dr. Nancy Scanlon. Despite having many responsibilities for the AHVMA meeting, Nancy also helped organize the lectures for the ACVBM. Special thanks to both of them for their outstanding efforts and dedication! Here are the minutes from our first board meeting.

**Board Members:**

[Signe Beebe](#), *DVM*, current President of the ACVBM

[Connie DiNatale](#), *DVM*, current President-Elect of the ACVBM

[Ihor Basko](#), *DVM*, Vice-President of the ACVBM

[Cynthia Lankenau](#), *DVM*, Secretary/Treasurer of the ACVBM

[Barbara Fougere](#), *DVM*, Current Chair of the ACVBM

Joyce [Harman](#), *DVM*, *MRCVS*, Board member of the ACVBM

[Steve Marsden](#), *DVM*, Board member of the ACVBM-absent

[Huisheng Xie](#), *DVM*, Board member of the ACVBM-absent

**Organizing Committee Members present:**

Nancy Scanlan

Susan Wynn

Rob Silver

Susan Wynn

**New members were added to the organizing committee:**

Rick Palmquist

Rona Sherebrin

Bernie Fischer

Chris Bessent

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by the Secretary, Cindy Lankenau

The meeting focused on a review of the task list required by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), to complete the petition for inclusion of ACVBM as a recognized veterinary specialty organization by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

As was noted in previous emails, the ABVS has asked us to provide some preliminary botanical medicine references/ bibliography to show that botanical medicine currently exists as a potentially valid veterinary medical modality. Nancy Scanlon has agreed to organize the requested information and forward it to Cindy Lankenau to send to the ABCS before November 1, 2016. Barbara Fougere plans to hire support for web research to help provide the requested information.

Timeframe for completion of tasks rough draft deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>, final draft due May 2016. Barbara and Signe will write the petition for review at the next annual ACVBM board meeting in September 2016. This will give a 2 month window for review and revision before the deadline submission November 1, 2016.

The updated ABVS task list is attached for your review. I need Chris Bessent's email address, whomever has his email could you be so kind as to forward this email to him, thank you.

**As of Oct 16, 2015 the board members of the ACVBM have changed as follows:**

Chair: Signe Beebe

President: Connie DiNatale

President elect: Ihor Basko

Vice-President: Barbara Fougere

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Minutes submitted by President Dr Signe Beebe

Sincerely,

Dr Signe Beebe

President ACVBM