Government & Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom) MINUTES March 10, 2025

Committee Members: Bonnie Potter, Chair
Dr. Signe Balch
Derrick Letsinger
Chris Sturgeon (absent)

Board Liaison: Mike Livingston

Staff Representative: Dan Huntley (absent)

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm EST.

1.0 Meeting Opening

- 1.1 AOA News of Importance: AOA has a problem with the color lab that is going to quit testing and they are looking at other options. Membership renewals are up! National show is next weekend!!

2.0 Health / Government Related

- 2.1 USAHA Alerts
  - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza is still a concern, with an increase being seen as expected. USDA staffing may become an issue.
  - Tarting to see the emergence of EHV-1 as expected.

3.0 Unfinished Business

- 3.1 **Biosecurity** eBlast: It was sent our on 2/12 and office had not gotten any feedback. Derrick brought it up to his Affiliate board for discussion prior to their show and Mike indicated that biosecurity would be discussed at Nationals.
- 3.2 BVD information on website: no new information.
- **3.3** Show Veterinarian Guidelines: Signe is doing additional review before submitting

4.0 New Business

- 4.1: None.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Minutes of 2/10/2025: Signe made a motion to approve the minutes as written; second by Derrick. Motion carried.

6.0 Meeting Wrap

- 6.1 Bonnie reviewed the action items.
- 6.2 The next meeting date will be held on 4/14/2025.
- **6.3** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Potter