Government and Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom)

Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2017

Meeting: Conference Call — June 28, 2017, 7:30 p.m. EDT

Members: Deborah Bailey
Joan Clappier
Dr. Pat Long
Brion Smoker (absent)

Board Liaison: Bonnie Potter

Staff Representative: Dan Huntley

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. EDT.

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 AOA News of Importance (Huntley, Potter):

- Election: This was the first time voting was done electronically. Member feedback was positive. The election process went smoothly. The turnout wasn't what was hoped for — approximately 35% voted.
- The new AOA Board will be selecting a new board liaison since Bonnie will be completing her term on the Board. They will also be selecting a new member to fill GIRCom vacancy.
- The Fleece Conference is coming the third weekend in July, so the staff is busy getting ready. Final items are being ordered and they are checking things off the packing list. They are putting together registration information, etc. The registration numbers look good — comparable to last year. They were able to find a replacement keynote speaker at last minute. Approximately 500 fleece entries. Everything is coming together.

2.0 Health/Government Related

2.1 USAHA Alerts (Long, Potter):

- Some talk of EHV-1 in PA.
- There will be a symposium in Maine about antibiotic resistance.
- MD has followed CA's example and will soon require prescriptions for antibiotics.
- Bats are major carriers of corona viruses. Corona viruses have caused some problems in camelids.
- There are reports of WNV.

3.0 Unfinished Business

3.1 Estate Planning/Preparedness (Potter, Smoker):

- Bonnie has modified the document, adding information.
- Brion suggested to do a fill-in PDF. Bonnie decided to do a word doc because it is easy for anyone to modify.
- Brion suggested that every committee member fill out their own document. That may bring format or content ideas to mind.
- Bonnie went through the document and discussed each section and the reasoning behind the content.
- Dan — should include information about AOA planning suggestions in the document and/or in an email about the document.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Conferences Coming Up With Camelid CE for Veterinarians (Long, Potter):

- Bonnie mentioned the conferences she previously learned about from Pat. No one else had any additions.

- A motion was made to send the list to the full committee for review and approval. Joan motioned, Pat approved, and the motion carried. After committee review, it will be sent to the AOA board for approval and then sent to the membership.

5.0 Approval of Minutes (Clappier, Potter):

5.1 Minutes for approval: 5/17/17

Motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made by Pat and seconded by Deborah. Motion was passed.

6.0 Meeting Wrap:

6.1 Review Action Items (Potter):

- All committee members should spend time on the estate planning document and send comments, corrections and suggestions to Bonnie. Bonnie will merge new information and send it to the committee for final approval.
- Bonnie will send the list of veterinary CE conferences to the committee members to review and approve.
- Joan will send approved May minutes to Dan.

6.2 Next Meeting (Potter):

Third Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Deborah suggested we skip the July meeting because several people had conflicts with 3rd or 4th Wednesday in July. The committee members agreed.

6.3 Adjournment (Potter):

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat, seconded by Joan. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. EDT.