

Discussion Agenda

***Conference Call for AVAP Executive & Conference Planning Committee***

**Monday, April 17, 2017**

**11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time**

**Dial: 866-740-1260**

**Passcode: 7540398#**

**Members Present:** Cheryl Cobbs, Joe Montgomery, Susan Xiofaridou, Danielle Johnson, Karen Johnson, and Jo Ann Winn

Excused: Lynne Haley and Gretchen Morgan

The meeting commenced at 2:30 PM EST.

**Old Business:**

1. **Minutes- Jo Ann Winn –** The minutes from the March meeting were approved as presented.
2. **Budget- Lynne Haley –** reported by Cheryl Cobbs
	1. No changes or expenses over past month
	2. Pay Pal is now in Lynne’s name
	3. Conference registration fees are coming in $4,269
3. **2017 Conference- Susan Xiofaridou, Cassandra, Tania and Allison**
	1. Purina support report – Purina has agreed to support AVAP at the $5000 level.
	2. Registration is at 17 attendees.
	3. Purdue Dean Willie Reed invited all the vet school deans to attend the conference.
	4. Discussion held regarding hotel room block for speakers – yes they can use.
	5. Early bird pricing at $400 until late May. Price increase starting June 2 to $450. On-site registration at $500.
	6. Committee will need help processing day-of registration.
4. **AAVMC Fundraising Award- Cheryl Cobbs**
	1. Cheryl reported that the committee composed of herself, Kelley Marchbanks, and Bill Venne met and drafted a proposed plan for the AAVMC fundraising award.
	2. Discussion was held regarding would this be an individual award/recognition or an institutional campaign award.
	3. Need to develop a specific period for submission deadline. Ex: campaign ends by certain time, may be eligible for application.
	4. Cheryl will update the draft award and forward to Jeff Douglas at AAVMC for comments and edits.

**New Business -- Cheryl Cobbs**

1. Cheryl was approached by ClearGage to be a sponsor of our conference.
2. ClearGage is a healthcare payment accelerator company. <http://cleargage.com/>
3. Cheryl will follow up with contact to see if they would like to sponsor a meal or a break.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 15, via phone conference.

With no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 PM.

**Future meetings:**

* + **May 15, 2017**
	+ **June 19, 2017**
	+ **July 19-21, 2017- AVAP conference “Racing Toward Success”**

After meeting discussion: Joe Montgomery advised the committee about the SCAVMA program VetMed United for suicide prevention. See more at this website:

Below is a link with information about SAVMA’s annual campaign on April 4 to raise awareness of suicide, mental health and personal wellness issues with in the profession.

<http://thevetgazette.com/main/2017/3/27/vetmedunited.html>