



**Monthly Conference Call Minutes
October 18, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

Attending- Joe Montgomery, Bill Venne, Susan Xioufaridou, Julie Bycynski, L. Kay Allen, Kay Glaser, Karen Johnson and Penn's Mary Berger and Hyemi Sevensing.

1. Executive Committee Monthly Call-

Welcome from Bill. Weather discussion.

2. Update from Penn Vet about 2022 Conference-

Hyemi says they have secured holding the AVAP Conference on campus. The Sheraton on campus has also guaranteed at least 50 rooms at under 200.00 per night. Leslie from AAVMC is talking to the Sheraton as well. Catering will come from Penn too saving us even more. They are happy to have Davis' preparation timeline to follow for the conference too. They do plan to hold a New Bolton Center tour on Wednesday afternoon, with reception in Philly to follow. Looking at an upscale Mexican restaurant 3 blocks away. If 100 people and 2 drink tickets, it is about \$7000. After discussion the reception might be Thursday night instead. AVAP will provide breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday with the conference ending by 2pm. This will be a huge savings and is great news. Mary asked what the registration deadline will be, probably 2 weeks out.

3. Fall Webinars-

Wisconsin did their AAVMC Award presentation. It was well done and received. We have several more coming up. NC State put on an informative webinar about getting out there after/during covid, then everyone talked post events for a while, there were about 35 participants. Advancement resources ZOOM is later this week, about 35 have signed up and Bill sent a reminder today. Bill has not heard back about diversity-based zoom offerings yet. He plans to touch bases with Tuffs about planned giving again too.

4. AAVMC Update-

Bill had a ZOOM meeting with Jeff and Renee. Renee was hired to work with the board and to find more corporate sponsors for the events and costs for AAVMC meetings. She is going to come to our committee meeting in November to tell us about AAVMC happenings. There is an active search for Jeff's position. They seem to think AVAP is a program in their organization, we tend not to think of our relationship that way. If they are willing to help us grow our organization, that may be good. Our MOU needs to be renewed this year. We are currently not paying them to be included, they might want that to change. Leslie has been an asset helping us after the DC conference was such a financial mess for us. Jeff has been our biggest cheerleader in the AAVMC, we will see what happens going forward. They may be willing to offer more CE for AVAP.

Next meeting: November 15, 2021