



**Monthly Conference Call Minutes  
February 21, 2022  
Zoom Meeting**

Attending- Joe Montgomery, Bill Venne, Julie Byczynski, Kay Glaser, L.Kay Allen, Karen Johnson and Penn's Hyemi Sevening, Mary Berger, Yvonne Sousa and Shannon Groves.

1. Executive Committee Monthly Call-

Welcome from Bill. Bill is hoping to see people WVC in Las Vegas, AVAP breakfast Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

2. Update from Penn Vet about 2022 Conference-

Hyemi introduced Shannon and Yvonne who have been working behind the scenes on the meeting. They will join us on the calls from now on. Hyemi and Mary will step to the background. Shannon says venues are booking up quickly, so they are booking things now. Tours of the New Bolton Center (NBC) and Working Dog Center (WDC) we will be done by 4:30 for those who want to participate in Wednesday's reception. Wednesday evening is the AVAP reception at Distrito, a Mexican restaurant. They have chosen a theme for the conference. Joe suggested a new conference logo including AVAP's logo.

When do we want to open registration? Bill says asap for the call for presenters, open registration for all the first of April. How much do we want to charge for the conference this year? The pre-pays were \$450-500. We might have a sponsor for the reception. Bill will be reaching out to Purina for AVAP sponsorship. Purina has been our main sponsor for several years. We are estimating 100-150 participants, but we do not know what kind of budget and travel restriction are out there. There are 40 pre-registrants left over from 2020.

Conference meeting Schedule-

All meetings will be in the Penn State Hill Pavilion, with Thursday's reception at a roof top bar nearby and or a bus tour of Philly. There will be an all group session during breakfast Friday. 2 more sessions, lunch, annual business meeting, followed by the AVMA receptions Friday evening. Bill asked where is AAVMC speaking? They need an hour. We also need room for the AAVMC awards. We also need 30 minutes for Purina to talk. Purina might fit in during networking lunch. Possibly Penn's Dean could introduce Dr. McCabe and welcome all to Penn. The tracks are being arranged by years in development, 1 to 5 years (the Basics), more than 5 years (Advanced). Basing topics on teams working together not based on type of position. Looking for informative, without too much information, sessions. Joe asked if these will be set up to allow lots of interaction, versus just presentations. Mary agreed, vetting the speakers can help with this. They will try to make it more of a discussion-based schedule. Some sessions will be repeated at different times. Julie suggested changing the names of two tracks to something that is not basic or advanced. They imply too much.

Overall, we are moving along nicely, price set at \$500.00, which includes all events. A survey will go out as soon as we get an updated list serve list.

3. AAVMC Corporate Work-

Susan Leigh--new AAVMC communications director met several AVAP members on a Zoom call February 9th.

Next meeting: March 21, 2022