



Monthly Conference Call Minutes
July 18, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Attending- Joe Montgomery, Bill Venne, Karen Johnson, Kay Glaser
and Penn's May Berger, Claire Wilson, Shannon Groves, Brittany.

1. Executive Committee Monthly Call-

This call is largely about the AVAP conference in Philadelphia next week. Thank you Team Pennsylvania!

2. Update from Penn Vet about 2022 Conference-

Shannon said they need a little help aligning Dr. McCabe and Ainsley from Purina sharing a talking session. Dean Hoffman will welcome both. They are looking at arranging their parking. They verified the AAVMC and Purina are our only sponsors. Claire said they have all they need for sessions to finalize the schedule. We have 108 registrations as of today. Tell team members that the bus ride is 1.5 hours to New Bolton center, so you cannot do the dog tour and the New Bolton tour. The restaurant where we are supposed to hold welcome reception is closing permanently, we are not sure when, so reception venue might change. They are holding our deposit, so we anticipate they are closing after that. COVID is bad again, Penn will advise all and recommend masking. They encourage people to bring their rapid tests with them too. Much of Penn still requires masks, so plan to mask up. ACVIM had a COVID breakout. Penn's buildings do run a little cold, bring sweater. Dress comfortably, no reason to dress up. All panel participants are excited about being there and hosting sessions. The committee can help with crowd control.

3. New Business-

Next year's conference is in Colorado. Bill reached out to see if they are ready to be hosts and all that it entails. Their leadership is not happy about them spending time on conference preparation. Aaron at Colorado asked for more details. They have a new facility in Denver, they can offer some space, a tour of the new space, reception advice, but not schedules, sessions and speaker help. Tim at Ohio State, Niki Theobald at NC State and Melissa Headrick from Florida want to help. We are going to need to go back to the Conference Committee way of doing it. Karen wants to help too. Joe may have folks who want to help too. Susan Xioufaridou at Purdue wants to stay on the committee, but she is doing two jobs and may help more in the fall. Bill has not heard from L. Kay, we will bring forward Tim as the Conference Liaison, then if one of them cannot continue Tim can take their place. When do we become a real part of AAVMC, would they take more conference duties over?

Next meeting: Annual Conference 2022