



Monthly Conference Call Minutes
August 15, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Attending- Joe Montgomery, Bill Venne, Karen Johnson, Kay Glaser, L. Kay Allen, Niki Theobald and Tim King.

1. Executive Committee Monthly Call-

Thank you Team Pennsylvania!

AVAP Philadelphia Conference debrief- Discussion about the post 2022 conference survey results: some want longer days, more tracks and better food. Many comments were about having specific track session again, lots of Communication track requests. The panel on receptions was good, most learned a lot from colleagues. We had some discussion about alumni conference receptions, the costs and fees, and attendance in hotel spaces. AAVMC has been slow in paying bills and showing registration fees as paid. Karen cannot balance the budget without them. Karen is sending one more email to colleges about the deposits from 2020 conference, if they do not answer the money will go in the treasury.

2. 2023 Denver Conference-

The Conference Committee is planning a two and a half day conference with an option for a Denver spur tour if it works out, and possibly others. The hotel has been booked, Embassy Suites at \$229, but you can book now for \$195 govt. rate if you are sure you are going. They are working towards 5 track sessions for each time slot, dev/fundraising, communications, engagement/stewardship, business process and Alumni/student experience. They are also planning a meet and great at the beginning and coordinated name tags for type (com, fundr, alumni etc.) to find your like people. They plan a keynote each day, with the Dr. Dani McVety, Lap of love founder, willing to keynote free one day. More breakout sessions, dedicated meal discussion tables, more popcorn sessions (sharing ideas in the room) and networking session in the end are being considered. Possibly we will send surveys early to see what kind of alumni we want for an alumni panel. Ginger Gunther wants to present and wants a strong communications session. Do we need help in other tracks? Looking for another keynote. Looking inward to pick someone at AVMA from our colleges or maybe from CSU. Maybe we should look into Temple Grandin? Not too sure how relevant she might be. The conference committee is meeting right before the executive committee meeting monthly, they will report out in real time. L. Kay is joining the conference committee to take notes.

3. New Business-

Monthly gatherings of AVAP groups in 2022-2023-

Karen Johnson and Sara Smith will talk more about a monthly AVAP zoom. Tim was waiting to hear if we want ONE monthly AVAP networking zoom meeting and add breakout for chats. We may try it a couple months. Do we want to add a virtual component to our annual conference? The cost is prohibitive. Karen suggested if there is a standout presentation, we can ask for it to be represented on zoom after.

Joe reminded us that The Ohio State still needs to do a presentation, possibly in September. We may ask them to present in Denver too if they want. We need to get that component back in the conference annually.

Next meeting: September 19, 2022