



**Monthly Conference Call Minutes
September 19, 2022
Zoom Meeting**

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

1. Executive Committee Monthly Call-

Karen could not make the meeting, so several questions about the Philadelphia conference bills being paid could not be discussed.

2. 2023 Denver Conference-

The Conference Committee has set a contract with the Embassy Suites, AV will be arranged closer to conference date. They are looking for AVAP reception ideas, like a Rockies Game again. They are looking to set up a group link to buy tickets if we choose this, so AVAP is not on the hook for tickets. Joe thought it did not really work well as a social activity. If we do a game again, we should have a pre-game function again especially since some may not go to a game.

Tim shared the sponsorship levels again with the group. Danielle at The Ohio State thinks we should approve the plan because she wants to reach out to Delta. The committee needs a template letter to reach out to possible sponsors. Tim at Western may have one. The committee approved the sponsor levels. Purina has historically been involved in sponsoring and doing a keynote address. Many companies just want access to our students, not development since they are not veterinarians.

They are working on laying out a preliminary schedule with topics that were mentioned on the surveys put in for placeholders. They have a lot of communications tract ideas from the surveys.

There has been no progress on a new monthly zoom meeting with breakouts. Tim will reach out to Karen on this.

3. New Business-

Bill wants to get feedback from the committee about the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) in Chicago in January. They are trying to grow the conference and are wondering if there is an appetite for colleges to host alumni receptions. They are offering free event space and more. Joe is familiar with the conference but has not attended. <https://crwad.org/> 600 people attend each year, some from AG and other schools attend too. Chicago in January is not real appealing.

Joe mentioned that Kansas has an award for students that stay in Kansas to work, they get 25,000 a year while working to pay back student loans. Does anyone else have a state sponsored program like this? No one does because we cannot contractually obligate students to practice in a certain place.

The Ohio State still needs to do an AAVMC Award presentation, we have not heard from them yet. We may ask them to present in Denver too if they want. We have added that component back in the conference schedule.

Next meeting: October 17, 2022