



Monthly Conference Call Minutes
April 22, 2024
Zoom Meeting

Attending- Niki Theobald, Kay Glaser, Heidi Kramer, Julie Bogan, Monika Blackwell, Carly Zeiger, Karen Johnson and Tim King

1. 2024 Conference committee report-

a. Check in with committee members - Alumni Panel is set. Walt now wants to move his presentation to Wednesday so Monika and Karen will work on that. Almost everything is fleshed out for the conference. Purina sent their check to Washington State who forwarded it to Karen. Karen is up against deadlines to pay vendors in Austin. She will reach out to Susan. We have dine-arounds at Champions, we will have some suggested social spots too.

2. 2025-Contract for Embassy Suites is about done. Laura Zimbrick, Tennessee will be conference co-chair going forward.

3. Budget Update- Karen- We have roughly 47k in registration dollars in, but she has not received a budget update from AAVMC.

4. Other Business-

a. Engagement and Outreach Committee Update – Carly reported that the stewardship meeting went well. Carly reached out to Alyssa Fisher, NC State to be a co-chair. People like the differing topics.

I. Monthly Webinars They are thinking July call should be about the conference that would have just happened, i.e. how did it go, any fresh ideas. May will be annual giving; then a networking session in Aug or Sept. to help people connect to others in their similar job areas.

b. Volunteer Role Descriptions- Niki created a google doc for all committee members to add their roles on the committee. This will help recruit future members. Tim is looking for people to ask to become VP next year, he wants a “job description” for what the roles are and how many hours each role takes. Not everyone has updated yet, so it could be in the program as an insert or passed out at business meeting. We need to list vacancies for this year.

c. VetCan & AVAP Update- Tim is looking at other partners in vet colleges, like career services in colleges, they had a small track at AVAP once. Tim met with current president, Jennifer, who wants to expand offerings to group like zoom meetings, lunch and learns, etc. Tim said he thought they might like to join us too. They have a MOU with AAVMC also, but it is very limited. They are very interested in getting more involved with AVAP. Tim, Monika and Karen will join their May meeting. They may want a track in the AVAP conferences going forward.

d. 2024-25 Executive Committee transfer

5. Adjourn.

Next meeting: April 15, 2024