

**Northern San Joaquin Veterinary Medical Association**  
**Minutes of Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 4, 2011**

Meeting called to order by President Bonifacio at 6:41 PM

Board Members present: Drs. Bonifacio, Sessa, Gottschalk, Lenihan, Fox, and Tracy Reed. And guest Dr. M. O'Brien.

Minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2011 were amended to reflect Dr. Bonifacio's discussion regarding the sponsored meeting on feral cats and shelter medicine. Approved as amended.

Officer Reports –

- President – Dr. Bonifacio
  - Addressed later under old/new business
- Vice President – Dr. Lenihan
  - CE update
    - Small Animal
      - October 17 – Modesto – Web pharmacy, Galetto - Elanco; Repeated on October 18 in Stockton – Dave Wong's
      - Annual meeting will be November 17 (Thursday) – Dr. David Wilson, Director, VMTH
    - Large Animal
      - Ultrasound – October 11
      - Boehringer – December
      - November 16 – Schering/Intervet at Hilmar Cheese
- Treasurer – Dr. Sessa
  - Review financial statement – current value about \$167,000 – increased this year
  - First meeting at Vintage Garden had 20 attendees
  - Shelter Medicine Seminar – Budgeting \$1,500 - MSP
- Secretary – Dr. Fox
  - New members to be accepted as 2011-2012 members – MSP
  - Including Dr. Vicuna
- Associate Member Representative – Tracy Reed, MWI representative
  - Dr. Tony Woodward Dental Seminar not set at this time. Pfizer declined sponsorship. Format to be one day seminar for veterinarians on two days accepting only 8 per day at expected tuition of \$550
  - Annual meeting with Dr. David Wilson, UC-Davis discussing general interest topics. Added participation with a talk regarding Stem Cells to be postponed to a later date. Dr. Bonifacio to discuss with speaker.
- Area Representative – Dr. Gottschalk
  - Animal Advisory Board Report
    - Setting fees for feral cats
    - To analyze geographic distribution of surrendered cats to focus on education and control for those areas
- Old Business
  - Finance Committee update – received a proposal from Troy Gravatt at Pitman High School. Discussed and declined to proposal as being too narrow in scope (only one school) and exceeding association financial guidelines. Seeking a broader proposal to provide county-wide influence in studies of veterinary medicine. High school counselors to be informed of association criteria.

- Pet park monies – MSP to authorize NSJVMA to formally assign funds to the ‘Friends of Modesto Dog Park’. Representative to meet with the dog park board to investigate a position as co-sponsors. (Frankie – I think this was the substance of the agreement)
- October continuing education luncheon to be on October 19<sup>th</sup> with Brent Dickerson – Employee law
- Website is slowly progressing
- New Business
  - Dr. O’Brien discussed past problems with accounting practices. Will move forward to not repeat.
  - Letter from Dr. Shaner to Supervisor Withrow regarding observations of conditions at the new animal shelter. No Board action taken.

Next meeting to be December 6, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. Fox, DVM