

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases 100th meeting

Business Meeting 4 November 2019 Ballroom E

Downtown Chicago Marriott on the Magnificent Mile

1. Meeting called to order by President Qijing Zhang at 3:30 PM
2. Call on CRWAD Council member Annette O'Connor to present financial overview. Annette indicated that two Council members had reviewed the finances and did not find any concerns.
3. Call on member of nominations committee member Rodney Moxley to present nomination slate for 2020.
 - a. As new member of the CRWAD Council, the nomination committee nominates Weiping Zhang, University of Illinois.
 - b. Are there any nominations from the floor? No nominations from floor.
 - c. If no nominations from floor, then request that nominations be closed and unanimous ballot cast for Dr. Zhang. Call for approval, all voted aye.
 - d. Mention the other officers for 2020
Amelia Woolems as President
MM Chengappa as Vice President
Chuck Czuprynski as Council Member
Annett O'Connor as Council Member
Phil Griebel, as Council Member
Qijing Zhang as Past President
New Executive Director to be announced shortly
4. Business items to bring before the membership:
 - a. Announce that we had 490 Abstracts submitted this year, and with NAPRRS there were 540. There are 270 oral and 220 poster presentations. This is the highest number of posters at CRWAD ever. Attendance continues to increase. There were 300 paid attendees for banquet.
 - b. Paul Morley gave overview of program. Indicated that our partnership with NAPRRS has helped increase attendance at CRWAD. Gave thanks to Drs. Bob Rowland and Ying Fang for their efforts in working with CRWAD. Paul also mentioned our partnerships with the Brucellosis group, NC1202, AAVI and ACVM.
 - c. Number of Abstracts accepted this year like last year. Had record number of posters for CRWAD.
 - d. Paul indicated that this is his third year as the Program Chair, and he will be transitioning off the program committee. The new Program Chair is Lorraine Sortillo and the Assistant Program Chair will be Brandy Burgess. There are 3 members on the program committee that have completed their 3-year terms: Radhey Kaushik (immunology); Bob Rowland (Microbiology and Disease Pathogenesis) and Beatriz Martinex-Lopez (Population Health). Paul indicated that there will be a call to the membership for nominations or self-nominations to

serve on the programming committee. Once names are received then the programming committee will make selections for replacements.

- e. Paul Morley addressed the issues with last-minute cancellations. It is difficult to replace last minute cancellations when they occur after the program is published and at the last minute prior to the meeting. While it is understood that sometimes this cannot be avoided, CRWAD Council wants everyone to accept the responsibility that once you commit to an Abstract that you find a substitute and not cancel. Council will determine a fee for when an Abstract is submitted, and this is not refundable if you cancel.
 - f. President Zhang announced that the meeting venue for next year is our current location. Date of the 2020 CRWAD meeting is December 5-8.
5. President Zhang then asked Dave Benfield and Loren Harper to the podium. Dave recognized Loren for her 5 years of service as the Assistant to the Executive Director of CRWAD and presented her a small plaque.
 6. President Zhang then asked Dave Benfield to the podium and presented him a plaque for his 5-year of service as the Executive Director CRWAD, President Zhang presented Dave Benfield with a recognition plaque.
 7. President Zhang then announced that Paul Morley has been selected as the new Executive Director of CRWAD.
 8. President asked membership if there were any issues for discussion. One member mentioned the difficulty of foreign attendees having to wait on Abstract approval. Often, they need to know early to apply for travel assistance from their institution of government. Paul Morley addressed the question indicating that Council and programming committee are aware of the issue and will be working to find a solution.
 9. President Zhang then adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.