

CRWAD Business Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Monday, December 6, 2021
Chicago Downtown Marriott Magnificent Mile
540 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

President MM Chengappa called the CRWAD business meeting to order at 3:35 pm (central time). President Chengappa asked CRWAD executive director Paul Morley to preside over the meeting.

Executive Director Morley asked the members to observe a moment of silence for members who passed away in the previous year.

Executive Director Morley thanked the sponsors of the 2021 Conference for their support.

Executive Director Morley recognized the members of the 2021 CRWAD Council and thanked them for the contributions to the Conference and this year's meeting.

Executive Director Morley asked the members to review the 2020 membership meeting minutes. There being no objection to the minutes as presented, the minutes were deemed approved.

Executive Director Morley recognized and thanked the 2021 Conference program committee. Appreciation was expressed for the members of the committee and members were reminded that the membership rotates off on staggered basis. Members wishing to serve on the program committee should notify the Council.

Dr. Amelia Woolums presented information to the membership on the CRWAD Fellows program. The program recognizes CRWAD members with distinguished achievements in original research related to animal health and disease, population health, and translational medicine and represent an eminent cadre of scientists from all types of research careers, including academia, industry, and government. The inaugural class of seventeen Fellows was recognized with a luncheon during the Conference. The 2021 Fellows of CRWAD were recognized by the membership.

Executive Director Morley gave the executive director's report. Morley reported that two Council members reviewed the financial documents of the organization and found the finances to be in order. The financial report was presented to the membership. There being no objection, the financial report as deemed approved.

Morley provided a report on the 2021 Conference. Registrations for the Conference are at 654, with 515 oral and poster presentations and 1,862 distinct authors contributing to the Conference content.

Executive Director Morley thanked the partner organizations participating in the Conference. American Association of Veterinary Immunologists; American College of Veterinary Microbiologists; Association for Veterinary and Preventative Medicine, and US Animal Vaccinology Research Coordination Network all contributed to the content of this year's Conference.

Executive Director Morley also thanked the partner organizations providing support for the student award competition for the Conference. Animal Health Institute/Joseph J. Garbino Foundation Biosafety & Biosecurity; American Association of Veterinary Immunologists; American College of

Veterinary Microbiologists; American College of Veterinary Parasitologists; Association for Veterinary and Preventative Medicine NC1202 Enteric Diseases of Food; and Society for Tropical Veterinary Medicine all conducted student award competitions for the Conference.

Executive Director Morley announced the future Conference dates of January 20 – 24, 2023; at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel and Conference Center. The keynote speakers for the 2023 Conference are being confirmed. Morley announced Dr. Tony Goldberg will be the keynote speaker for the meeting. A special symposium on COVID's impact on agriculture will be part of the Conference. Dr. Amelia Woolums is the AAVI Distinguished Immunologist and Dr. Tim Carpenter is the AVEPM Calvin Schwabe Symposium for the Conference. Other features speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

Vice President Charles Czuprynski addressed the membership about future conference formats. Czuprynski noted that there are significant benefits of continuing a format that includes an onsite program and a virtual content. With this hybrid meeting format, it is imperative that presenters acknowledge their ethical imperative to be present if accepted for an onsite presentation. If a presenter is uncertain of availability or resources to attend the conference, the abstract should be submitted as a virtual only presentation. Making sure presentations accepted for onsite presentation are presented onsite is imperative to ensure the continued quality of the conference.

Executive Director Morley informed the membership that Dr. Robert Ellis and Dr. David Benfield were extended lifetime membership in CRWAD in 2021.

Dr. Radhey Kaushik presented the slate of officers for nomination. The slate included:

Dr. Charles Czuprynski, President
Dr. Annette O'Connor, Vice President
Dr. Rebecca Wilkes
Dr. Weipang Zhang
Dr. Marcus Kehrli
Dr. John Angelos
Dr. M.M. Chengappa, Past President

Dr. Qijing Zhang seconded the motion to elect the slate of Council members as presented. Motion carried.

President Chengappa gave remarks as the outgoing president of CRWAD. He thanked the Council and the membership for their dedication to research and the cultivation of the next generation of scientists. He thanked the "A Team:" of staff and the program council supporting the organization. Chengappa shared that he had attended this Conference at the urging of his first employer and has only missed one meeting in all those years. He encouraged young scientists to take advantage of the relationships with senior scientists at the meeting and for senior scientists to continue to mentor the next generation of scientists.

Vice President Charles Czuprynski thanked President Chengappa for his dedication to the organization and presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his service.

Executive Director Morley thanked the members for their dedication to CRWAD and reminded the membership of the next Conference date of January 20 – 24, 2023.

President Chengappa adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm (central time).