

CRWAD Business Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Monday, January 23, 2023
Chicago Downtown Marriott Magnificent Mile
540 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

President Charles Czuprynski called the CRWAD business meeting to order at 3:30 pm (central time).

President Czuprynski asked the members to observe a moment of silence for members who passed away in the previous year.

President Czuprynski thanked the sponsors of the 2023 Conference for their support.

President Czuprynski recognized the members of the 2023 CRWAD Council and thanked them for the contributions to the Conference and this year's meeting.

President Czuprynski recognized and thanked the 2023 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.

President Czuprynski asked the members to review the 2021 membership meeting minutes. There being no objection to the minutes as presented, the minutes were deemed approved.

President Czuprynski recognized and thanked the 2023 Fellows Selection Committee. The CRWAD Fellows 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. Nine CRWAD Fellows were selected for induction in 2023.

President Czuprynski recognized the Distinguished Career Recipients for the Conference. The awards were presented during the AAVI, AVEPM, and ACVM symposiums.

President Czuprynski introduced the 2023 nominations committee. Dr. Amelia Woolums nominated the 2023-2024 CRWAD officers as Dr. Annette O'Connor, President, Dr. Rebecca Wilkes, Vice President, Dr. Weipang Zhang, Council at Large, Dr. Glenn Zhang, (to replace Dr. Kerli), Dr. John Angelos, at-large, and Dr. Jun Lin, at-large. Seconded by Dr. Qijing Zhang. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion passed.

President Czuprynski reported on ongoing projects of the Conference. The Conference bylaws are under review for updates and revisions. Strategic planning is underway for future Conference meetings and membership policies. There will be no virtual component to the 2024 meeting to encourage in person attendance. Featured speaker presentations will be recorded and available online after the meeting. RACE credit is under consideration for the 2024 meeting.

Executive Director Morley gave the executive director's report. Morley reported on the registration numbers and presentation numbers for the 2023 meeting. Registrations totaled 572 and presentations totaled 421 with 1,561 unique authors.

Morely 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.

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 – 23, 2024; at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel and Conference Center. The keynote speakers for the 2024 Conference are being confirmed. Morley announced Dr. Christine Petersen will be the keynote speaker for the meeting. A special symposium on COVID's impact on agriculture will be part of the Conference. Dr. Christopher Chase is the AAVI Distinguished Immunologist, Dr. Linda Saif is the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist, and Dr. Jan Sargeant is the AVEPM Calvin Schwabe Symposium for the Conference. Other featured and symposium speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

Vice President Annette O'Connor thanked President Czuprynski 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 – 23, 2024.

President Czuprynski adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm (central time).