President’s Message
A Message from the President of ACLAM

The Forum was excellent this year. My thanks to the Program Chairs, Donna Jarrell and Diana Scorpio, the Forum Committee members, and all of the speakers for planning and providing an outstanding program. Award recipients are noted elsewhere in this Newsletter. The attendees enjoyed a presentation by the Mentor Award recipient, Dr. Thomas Clarkson, on 20 years of ACLAM history.

Marty Morin is retiring after 13 years as Chair of the ACLAM Foundation. Greg Boivin has agreed to assume the Chair’s role and also continue his current role as Scientific Director. We all appreciate Marty’s work for the Foundation and the College over these many years. His efforts have been outstanding. The Foundation Committee is looking for a Development Officer and Diplomates are encouraged to review the details of that position, also in this Newsletter.

The Board of Directors approved two REOC Initiatives: The first is to develop a task force to explore options and create a blueprint for a distance education program for ACLAM. The second is to establish a limited-duration task force to assess present and future needs related to information technology, with the initial focus on the ACLAM website.

The new Committee for Evidence-Based Performance Standards, Chaired by Guy Mulder, has begun work on significant issue white papers.

The Publications Committee notes the availability of Planning and Designing Research Animal Facilities, edited by Hessler and Lehner. Also, Biology and Medicine of Rabbits and Rodents edited by Turner, VandeWoude, and Wheler, has made significant progress toward completion.

On June 28, 2009, 86 candidates will be taking the Certification Examination in Bethesda, Maryland, 47 of those for the first time. The Examination Committee will modify the exam for next year into one part instead of the current two. Examination review sessions will be held twice annually, at the Forum and at AALAS meetings while interest continues.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the AVMA meeting in Seattle.

Steve Leary
President, ACLAM
**ACLAM Announcements**

**2008 Foster Award Winners**

The Foster award for academic excellence is presented to the new Diplomate(s) scoring the highest on the practical and written portions of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine certifying examination in the preceding year. **Dr. Tracy L. Gluckman,** Northwestern University, Chicago, IL and **Dr. Thomas R. Meier,** Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN received awards for the highest scores on the practical and written exams respectively. The awards were presented at the 2009 ACLAM Forum. We congratulate both of these Diplomates on their academic achievement.

**Nominations Committee Report**

The Nominations Committee Chaired by Immediate Past President Jim Swearengen has nominated and the BOD has approved the following slate of names for ACLAM elected office. Ballots will be sent out in mid July.

- **Vice President (becomes President elect and President)**
  - Clifford Roberts
  - Lucy Senter

- **Board of Directors**
  - Michele Bailey
  - Lauretta Gerrity
  - David Kurtz
  - Robert Quinn

**ASLAP Task Force on Veterinary Accreditation**

**Meeting Re-Cap**

**April 3, 2009**

*Present: Drs. Todd Behre (USDA), Clement Dussault (USDA), Stacy Pritt, Bill White, Taylor Bennett, Chris O'Rourke, Suzanne Craig*

The final rule for the national veterinary accreditation program is expected to be published later this year. The USDA is hoping to implement the program later this year as well. The final rule will be the same as the last proposed rule, there will be no changes. Right now, the USDA is waiting for IT systems and financial support for the program before launching it.

State accreditation processes will remain unchanged. This will be a federal layer of accreditation (that will be necessary in order to sign health certificates) that will set expiration dates and continuing education requirements for accredited veterinarians.

- Veterinarians do not necessarily have to be licensed in the state in which they practice. They have to be “legally able to practice” to be eligible, as applicable in each state.
Category I accreditation is essentially for dogs and cats.

The USDA feels that veterinarians dealing with other species, including laboratory animal and zoo veterinarians, will need to be accredited at Category II.
- Category I accreditation requires the completion of 3 modules/three years.
- Category II accreditation requires the completion of 6 modules/three years.
- Anyone working with non-human primates will have to be accredited at Category II.

The USDA has contracted with Iowa State University to create the modules. Right now there are 20, but they are not for public consumption. Todd and Clement agreed to let us view a module for demonstration purposes and they will send us a list of the topics for the 20 modules.
- All of the required modules will be on-line.
- Other associations and groups may chose to provide CE material in other formats (e.g. seminars) that would satisfy the accreditation requirements.
- There are no modules at this time, or being planned, on non-human primates.
- All modules are reviewed by the CDC for public health concerns prior to launch.

There are no plans for the USDA to get involved with tuberculosis testing and non-human primates. They are strictly leaving that up to the CDC.

The USDA is working with their Canadian counter-part agency to try to harmonize as much as possible.

Once the new program is implemented, accreditation will expire every three years. However, when the program starts, the 68,000 accredited veterinarians in the US will be randomly assigned to have either 3, 4, or 5 years before their first expiration so that renewals come in at a steady stream (in other words, the first round of expiration dates will be staggered and then everyone will be on a three year cycle).

**Action Item:** Todd and Clement will send us a module to preview.

**Action Item:** Todd and Clement will send us the list of the 20 modules (their titles/topics).
- Current topics include “international health certificates,” “professional and ethical responsibilities,” and “global perspectives on animal movement.”

**Action Item:** Stacy will communicate to ASLAP the need for the laboratory animal community to work on modules appropriate to our profession. First obvious need is for a module on non-human primates. This will need to be an ASLAP board discussion item in July (unless the board wants to deliberate sooner). Discussions can also be held with ACLAM.
- ISU is paid fully to develop the actual online modules. Association participation (e.g. travel to the AVMA to coordinate the construction of a module) does need to be independently supported.

**Action Item:** Todd and Clement would like to meet with us at the AVMA. Stacy will arrange this.
Newsletter Policy

The Newsletter is published 4X per year:
March: Pre Forum
June: Pre AVMA
Sep: Pre AALAS
Dec: Post AALAS and Pre Pre Forum

The readers of the ACLAM Newsletter are veterinarians board certified in laboratory animal medicine. If the ad for a veterinary position requiring board certification in this specialty, the Newsletter is an appropriate place to advertise. Ad content should be submitted within the body of a plain text email or as a MS Word attachment and formatted into the following sections:
- Job Title (short position title)
- Applications (how applicants are to apply)
- Position (100-150 word description of the position)
- Requirements (qualifications, etc.)
- Employer Information (additional information about the employer (EEO etc.))

Please also include a contact name and address for billing purposes. You will be billed after the publication date of the Newsletter. The deadline for submission is two weeks prior to the publication date. The ad will be posted on the ACLAM website for approximately 90 days within a few days of submission.

The Position segment of each ad will appear in the ACLAM Newsletter referring the reader to the ACLAM website for the full text of the ad.

The cost to place an ad in the NL and post it on the ACLAM Website for 3 months will be $500 for For profit Companies and $250 for not -for profits such as Universities and the Government.

Position announcements will remain on the web for 3 months. If an organization wishes to extend the posting for an additional 3 months, it will be charged a second fee.

The rate for ACLAM mailing labels is:
- $1,000 for profits (a cost of $1.60 per targeted name)
- $500 for Not for Profits (the same as ASLAP’s new rate), a cost of $0.80 per targeted name.

ACLAMers On the Rise

Dr. Montip Gettayacamin
AAALAC International’s new Regional Director for Southeast Asia.

AAALAC International has appointed Montip Gettayacamin, D.V.M., DACLAM, as Regional Director for Southeast Asia. In this position, Dr. Gettayacamin will direct AAALAC’s programs and services throughout the region. Dr. Gettayacamin is based in AAALAC International’s new Southeast Asia office located in Samutprakarn, Thailand.

Dr. Gettayacamin brings outstanding experience to the position of Regional
Director, and AAALAC is pleased to have someone with her background and expertise who can provide service to Southeast Asian institutions that are interested in earning AAALAC International accreditation.

Dr. Gettayacamin received her veterinary degree from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand (1984) and is a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (2003). She is a former AAALAC International ad hoc Specialist and a former member of AAALAC International’s Council on Accreditation.

She has served as Assistant Chief, Research and Laboratory Animal Medicine, Department of Veterinary Medicine, United States Army Medical Component, Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (USAMC-AFRIMS), in Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Montip has 24 years of experience at AFRIMS in laboratory animal facility management and veterinary medicine. She has conducted biomedical research studies and developed various animal models for tropical diseases of military importance, including malaria, dengue hemorrhagic fever, Shigellosis, and zoonotic diseases. She has authored or coauthored 37 scientific publications.

Contact information for Dr. Gettayacamin and the Southeast Asia Regional Office is:

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**ACLAM Forum 2009**
**Tucson, Arizona**
**ACLAM President Steve Leary**

**Kathryn Bayne Receives Washington State University Award**

Kathryn Bayne, Global Director of AAALAC, has been selected to receive the Washington Statue University College of Veterinary Medicine Excellence in Teaching and Research Award for 2009. The College of Veterinary Medicine established this award as a testimonial to individuals who have made outstanding contributions on behalf of animals, their community, and the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine. The award was presented at the 2009 Celebration of Excellence banquet in Moscow, Idaho.
ACLAM Foundation

ACLAM Job Announcement

After 13 years, ACLAM Foundation Chairman, Marty Morin, has stepped down from that position. The ACLAM Board of Directors has selected Greg Boivin, Foundation Scientific Director, as the second Foundation Chairman. In addition, Greg will continue in his role as Scientific Director. See letter from Marty below.

ACLAM Foundation Development Officer Position Opening

The Development Officer (DO) is responsible for leading and coordinating all fund raising activities to support the Foundation’s mission of funding research grants and reporting results to the Foundation Chairman, BOD, and the ACLAM membership. The annual solicitation letter is sent to all ACLAM members and other donors. Many individuals have donated their time to lead special events to benefit the Foundation at the Forum (i.e., Auction, Raffle, Golf Tournament, etc.). While not running these events, the DO collects and accounts for funds raised during the Forum. The DO coordinates fund raising from corporations, associations, and foundations to support the ACLAM Foundation. For a more comprehensive list of duties, contact Greg Boivin or see the “job announcement” on the ACLAM web site www.aclam.org.

If you are interested in the stipend role as the Foundation Development Officer or can nominate a candidate, please contact Greg (937-775-2792 or gregory.boivin@wright.edu).

Grant News

This summer, ACLAM will make our 13th set of research awards. This Foundation grant review cycle attracted 54 applications. Of that group, 19 research teams were invited to send full research grant proposals.

Over the 12 grant making years, ACLAM has awarded 73 research grants for a total of $1,355,000. Thank you for your generosity!

2010 Grant Cycle – Your ACLAM Assignment!

Please walk through your animal facility and consider all the areas where you use your best professional judgment. Each one of those areas would lend itself to be a great topic for a Foundation research application. Pull together a research team (from around the world or across the street) or convince a colleague to apply for funding in 2010. The ACLAM Foundation is depending on all Diplomates to encourage applications for a grant award. Directors of laboratory animal medicine training programs are encouraged to have their trainees apply for funding.

What is involved? A simple two-page “letter of intent” is the first step in the process. Watch the ACLAM web site (www.aclam.org) for instructions on how to apply or contact the Foundation Chairman & Scientific Director, Greg Boivin, at gregory.boivin@wright.edu. Start now and strengthening your application with some pilot data.
**Foundation News**

**Fund Raising Results for 2008**
The Foundation raised $191,000 last year. The number was similar to 2007. Nine (9) new members joined the President's Circle for Sustained Giving (PC). Those nine members pledged $24,150. Total pledges outstanding was near $300,000.

**Forum Fund Raising Results**
Total donations and pledges to the ACLAM Foundation during the Forum were over $63,000. Kathy Murray led the Raffle from Boston and still raised over $10,000. Thank you to all raffle donors and ticket salespersons! [It is not too early to start to think about auction items you can donate for the ACLAM Forum in 2010. Please contact Kathy Murray at kathleen.murray@crl.com.] Big thank you to Raffle prize donors Brian Ermeling for donating the timeshare week on St. Maarten and Hans Hedrich for donating the wine.

Many “first-time donors” took advantage of the $2 match for every dollar contributed during the meeting - totaled $10,000. Marc Hulin led another successful golf tournament, raising $5,500. Thank you to the sponsors and golfers for coming out on a warm day.

Foundation fund raisers attracted eight (8) new members to the President's Circle for Sustained Giving (PC) with combined pledges of over $33,000. Chris Hulin, Marc’s 8 year old son, “sold” three PC gold pins in 30 minutes at dinner one evening. Thank you, Chris! Chris accounted for new members Bishop Curry, Len Murray, & Mike Swindle. Other new PC members were Michael Ballinger, Thomas Meier, Shannon Stutler, Patricia Turner, & Rao Varada. Pat Turner is also a Foundation Grantee. Is 2009 the year you will join 142 of your colleagues as a member of the President’s Circle for Sustained Giving? Are you ready to accept our “Spring Special - NO MONEY DOWN” offer? Membership in the President's Circle requires just your pledge - $500/year over 10 years. Please call Marty Morin 410-758-1797. [Note: For many, that is only about $350 after taxes. 100% of your gift goes to fund research projects.]

The 2009 Foundation solicitation letter has resulted in $6,500 so far in May. Thanks to all our donors!

**Alumni Team Competition**
While Team Auburn is still leading the way, Ontario made a big jump up the list (see table), Team Texas A&M took the lead in PC members at 16 during the Forum. The next day, Team Ohio State found their 16th PC member and new Team Captain. Do you want to be a Team Captain or help your Team? Make a phone call today.

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**ACLM Forum 2009**
**Tucson, Arizona**
Thomas Clarkson receiving the ACLAM Mentor Award

**To ensure that your personal and contact information with ACLAM remains current, don’t forget to update your personal information via the Personal Info Update Form on the ACLAM website at http://www.aclam.org/form_personal_infoQuask.**

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#### 5/15/2009

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### Thank You Note from Marty Morin

Dear Colleagues,

During the ACLAM Forum, I was honored to receive an award which read “in recognition of your vision, energy & perseverance in making the Foundation what it is today.” Thank you very much for the honor but I only accepted that award as a member of a very large Foundation Team.

The Foundation success is because of ACLAM Officers and Directors who guided and funded Foundation priorities; committee members who accepted the...
challenge to serve (over 60 Diplomates); research grant applicants who risked putting their research ideas on paper; and donors who took pen to check book and mailed in those contributions or made a pledge (total now $2,300,000). Yes, that is million with an M.

While hundreds deserve thanks, allow me to remember a few names over the past 13 years. David Besselsen was one of the Foundation’s first three grantees. When he completed his project titled “Development and Evaluation of Diagnostic Assays for Newly Recognized Rodent Parvoviruses” and published his results, AALAS granted him the young investigator of the year award. In his acceptance speech, David recognized the ACLAM Foundation award that made his research possible. Your Foundation has been recognized by many other researchers over the years. Of the 52 completed grants, most have presented their research results and 47 have been published in peer reviewed journals. Several research teams have received NIH RO1 grants based in part on ACLAM funded research. The individuals who have conducted Foundation grant reviews are too numerous to mention but I will credit the grant review chairpersons: Dennis Stark, Rusty Brady, and now Scientific Director, Greg Boivin.

And the 641 donors! Let me remember donor #1. Sam Adams was President of ACLAM the year the Foundation was “born”. Sam made a strong request for ACLAM members to support the new Foundation in a President’s letter. I immediately called to thank him for the comments and to see what he was willing to do personally. The result was our first donation and a pledge of $10,000 over 10 years. Neither of us knew it then but the Foundation President’s Circle for Sustained Giving (PC) was started that day. The PC now has 142 members (16% of the College membership). Thinking along those lines reminds me of an ACLAM Forum meal with another PC member, DeWayne Walker. Being from South Dakota and a fan of the Black Hills Gold Company, DeWayne suggested the now famous gold ACLAM pin in recognition of President’s Circle membership.

And some donors who have passed away. Andy Wilkinson was a Foundation Committee member and our top President’s Circle recruiter. Hank Foster gave ACLAM countless dollars but was also the Foundation’s #1 individual donor topping $250,000 and starting the Foundation Endowment. Frank Loew served on the original Foundation Committee. As a college dean, Frank understood fund raising and even served as auctioneer at one of our 1st auctions. Which brings me to special events. Kathy Murray and many volunteers run our successful auctions and raffles. Lyndon Goodly and John Donovan started the golf tournament, now for many years masterfully led by Marc Hulin. I could go on with fishing, wine tasting – even sporting clay events.

So rather than fill up the entire Newsletter, let me stop with just two more names – Chuck McPherson and Mel Balk. These ACLAM Executive Directors have done as much as anyone to guide the Foundation to this successful place.

I accept ACLAM’s award humbled by your trust and encouraged by your “vision, energy & perseverance”.

Marty Morin
Past Chairman, ACLAM Foundation

For a complete description of the following positions and application information, please go to the Open Positions page of the ACLAM website at http://www.aclam.org/gen_openings.html. NOTE: Ads are listed chronologically by posting date, most recent first, and will appear for approximately 90 days.

Contact Nanette Kleinman at 216-368-2573 or nkh@po.cwru.edu for additional information.
Open Positions
Assistant Director, Veterinary Resources
Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, TX

The Southwest National Primate Research Center (SNPRC), located at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research (SFBR) in San Antonio, Texas, invites applications for an Assistant Director of Veterinary Resources. Individual will be responsible for the daily supervision of the veterinary professional and technical staff of Veterinary Resources, and will assist the Associate Director in management of all of Veterinary Resources. Will serve as back up Attending Veterinarian in the absence of the AV, and will serve on numerous SFBR/SNPRC committees. Domestic and foreign travel may be required. The candidate will also be a key person in daily scheduling of research support and will interact in intramural and extramural investigators. Individual will report directly to the Associate Director, Veterinary Resources, Southwest National Primate Research Center. Will interact very closely with the Director and other Associate/Assistant Directors of the SNPRC. Federal security clearance may be required for some work.

Director and Attending Veterinarian
Department of Teaching & Research Resources
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Tufts University, Grafton, MA

The Director is responsible for organizing and managing the school’s program of animal care and use for the delivery of high quality laboratory animal services to the Cummings School community, and maintaining AAALAC accreditation and compliances with all federal and state regulations. The Director is responsible for:

- The continuous improvement of our program of animal care and use, and for the regulatory responsibilities of an Attending Veterinarian;
- Providing veterinary care to the school’s teaching and research animals, and manage the personnel, facilities and resources of the Division;
- Participating in relevant courses in our DVM and DVM/MS-LAM programs;
- Conducting research in collaboration with the Center for Animals and Public Policy in the area of the 3R's (Reduce, Refine and Replace) and alternatives to animal use;
- Leading a service oriented program of quality animal care and use in support of the school’s academic mission through effective, positive working relationships, with faculty, collaborators and staff.

Assistant Clinical Specialist, Research Animal Resources
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

The University of Minnesota is seeking a veterinarian with an interest in laboratory animal medicine for the position of Assistant Clinical Specialist. Principal responsibilities will include oversight of husbandry programs and facilities, management of supervisory and veterinary technical personnel, and provision
of veterinary medical care to laboratory animals. Additional duties may include participation in departmental educational programs, participation in developing and implementing departmental SOPs and review of research protocols.

The primary focus of RAR is on service and administration of the animal care and use program at the University of Minnesota. Long-range vision for RAR centers on continued improvements in the quality and sophistication of veterinary care, husbandry, facilities, and research oversight.

**Clinical Laboratory Animal Veterinarian/Research Veterinarian**  
**BIOQUAL, Inc., Rockville, MD**

BIOQUAL, Inc. seeks a clinical veterinarian with research emphasis. BIOQUAL is an established contract research laboratory with a national reputation in infectious disease and related research using a variety of laboratory animal species with an emphasis on nonhuman primates. Our three AAALAC, International, accredited facilities are located in Rockville, Maryland, along the I-270 Research Corridor close to the National Institutes of Health, and encompass over 140,000 square feet of animal space.

The position reports to the CEO, BIOQUAL. Responsibilities include provision of clinical care, surgical support, and preventative medicine programs for approximately 1300 nonhuman primates, in addition to rabbits, ferrets, and rodents; consultation and collaboration with NIH scientists for animal model and protocol development in support of vaccine and discovery research, membership on the BIOQUAL ACUC, and development and training for technical staff. The candidate will also participate in collaborative research, attend formal comparative medicine classes, and a local ACLAM board preparation study group is available for interested candidates.

**Director of Facilities, Animal Care Unit**  
**University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS**

The University of Kansas is seeking an individual for the position Director of Facilities for the Animal Care Unit (ACU). The Director will administer a central animal care and use program and animal facilities to provide high quality service for teaching and research faculty, and facilitate compliance with applicable regulatory and accreditation standards concerning research animals. KU has an assurance of compliance with the NIH/OLAW, and is accredited by AAALAC International. The Director will ensure the health and welfare of laboratory animals at several locations across the University campus.

The Director will be responsible for managing the daily operational functions of the ACU within the ACU and University guidelines, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) policies and procedures, and governmental and accreditation agency regulations. Duties include but are not limited to: facility management, operational functions, education and regulatory compliance. DVM preferred but not required, AALAS certified or equivalent, at least 3 years of animal care management, supervisory experience, etc.
Senior Toxicological Pathologist
SNBL USA, Everett, WA (location flexible)

SNBL USA is a scientific contract research organization providing preclinical research services to biotech and pharmaceutical clients throughout the world. We are currently seeking a Senior Toxicological Pathologist to support our GLP facility located in Everett, WA. **This position will have the ability to work remotely from home, relocation will also be considered.** We are a GLP facility offering study programs ranging from regulatory toxicology to customized study designs and disease models. Our specialized programs and services include reproductive toxicology, safety pharmacology, immunotoxicology, and carcinogenicity.

The Senior Toxicological Pathologist will evaluate, interpret and report anatomic pathology data derived from preclinical safety studies under the requirements of GLP. This position will work closely with Study Directors, Scientists within SNBL USA and our valued clients.

Director Pathology Services
SNBL USA, Everett, WA

SNBL USA is a scientific contract research organization providing preclinical research services to biotech and pharmaceutical clients throughout the world. We are a GLP facility offering study programs ranging from regulatory toxicology to customized study designs and disease models. Our specialized programs and services include reproductive toxicology, safety pharmacology, immunotoxicology, and carcinogenicity.

In an effort to continue to improve the Pathology Services that we offer our clients, we are in need of a highly qualified Director, Pathology Services. The Director, Pathology Services will have oversight of 25 employees which include: 2 supervisory level employees; a group of highly competent Pathologists; highly motivated Pathology Associates; and a strong team in Histology. This position will be responsible for ensuring the quality and integrity of Pathology Services offered by SNBL USA.

Associate Director Office of Animal Research Services
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

The University of Connecticut is seeking an experienced professional for the position of Associate Director of the Office of Animal Research Services. Reporting to the Director of the Office of Animal Research Services (OARS) the Associate Director assists the Director, and in the absence of, represents and acts on behalf of the Director with responsibility for the day-to-day administration and management of OARS including, but not limited to, veterinary care, regulatory compliance, facility management, operational functions and education. The Associate Director communicates and coordinates with faculty, staff, students, administrators, IACUC members, and representatives of funding, regulatory, and accrediting organizations, provides supervision to the veterinary staff, provides clinical and surgical veterinary care; participates in IACUC protocol review and training; prepares and submits reports; generates and implements appropriate policies and is responsible for hiring, evaluation, training, and promotion for all direct reports involved in administrative, facilities operations and maintenance.
Assistant /Associate Director  
Comparative Bioscience Center  
The Rockefeller University, New York, NY

The Rockefeller University seeks an exceptional, interactive and creative academically orientated laboratory animal veterinarian at the position of Assistant or Associate Director, Comparative Bioscience Center. This individual will augment strong partnerships with Rockefeller investigators and will assist in implementing and managing programs to motivate, invest in and optimize internal staff performance. Responsibilities include oversight of a new 32,000 sq ft mouse behavior building, facilitating research programs utilizing a new imaging core, providing advice on animal models and research design, clinical care to research animal colonies, participating in IACUC activities and teaching postdoctoral fellows in laboratory animal medicine and pathology. This is an excellent opportunity for an academically oriented individual to visibly contribute to the success of the research programs at the university.

Attending Veterinarian  
The Jackson Laboratory—West, Sacramento, CA

The Jackson Laboratory is seeking an Attending Veterinarian for our Sacramento, CA facility. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing all veterinary needs of The Jackson Laboratory—West, specifically including a high-barrier mouse production facility, In Vivo Services and the related material and human process flows. In addition, this professional will be responsible for animal care and use program to assure animal welfare, compliance with regulatory and AAALAC requirements, and achievement of institutional goals regarding animal health. This position is central to the ability of The Jackson Laboratory—West to maintain a high quality production operation in close proximity to a competitive contract services operation requiring a sound knowledge of the science of laboratory animal medicine, excellent judgment and decisiveness. This position is essential to the perception of The Jackson Laboratory—West as a world class institution offering quality mice and services.
HUMMELSTOWN - Dr. Edwin V. Jeszenka, 73, died Thursday, January 8, 2009 in his home. He leaves his wife of 31 years, Margaret (Peg) Jeszenka; a son, Mark Jeszenka and his wife, Michele, along with their children Lance and Haley; a daughter, Nicole Noe and her husband, Matt, along with their children Bennett and Kennedy Anne; and many close friends.

“Dr. J,” as he was affectionately known, practiced veterinary medicine at the Dauphin County Animal Hospital for many years and then went on to become Director of Animal Health Research with the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, NY and Gray, TN.

Dr. Jeszenka also had a distinguished career as a Medical Intelligence Officer with the 174th Fighter Squadron, United States Air Force Reserve, New York Air National Guard in Syracuse. Upon retirement from the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland where he served as Import Officer, Dr. J” returned to private practice on a part time basis until 2001. His time was then spent enjoying his pets, writing, reading and painting in oils.

Memorial donations can be made to the Humane Society of Harrisburg-East Shore, 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. www.pennlive.com/obits

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President Steve Leary called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report by Mel Balk:** The minutes of the November 9, 2008 General Business Meeting at the AALAS meeting in Indianapolis were printed in the Dec. 08 Newsletter. There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the General Business Meeting Minutes from Indianapolis.

Financially, ACLAM is within its budget with sufficient funds in the bank to cover the Forum and all annual operating expenses. As of 3/31/09, the total ACLAM investments are worth approximately $1,295K (ACLAM $670K and Foundation $625K) and the Foundation has another $200K in a Vanguard Money market account to pay for grants, making the total net worth of ACLAM at approximately $1.5million. The Foundation will soon be funding new grants in 2009 as the Foundation Grant Review Committee met earlier in the day.

**Executive Director’s Report:** The Executive Director reported that we have 871 total members, 709 Active, 146 retired and 16 honorary and 9 Diplomates requested retired status in 2009. 36 people are still delinquent in paying 09 dues and letters have been sent. The 5 year in depth ABVS report will be due in November and is a major project. 86 candidates will be taking the 2009 exam in Bethesda, MD at the Hyatt hotel on June 28. 47 taking it the first time, 21 the second and 18 the third. This is the last year of the last year of the two part exam. It was noted that the Forum and FFL are all set and in good shape and that we expected to have about 165 Diplomates, 2 non-Diplomates, 25 FFL attendees for the Forum. Corporate support has been excellent and has totaled $50.5K. It was noted that Lois Foster, widow of Dr. Henry Foster has committed to continue funding for the Foster Award ($1K) and the ACLAM Forum ($5K) and this ongoing support most probably would have disappeared had we not recognized Hank Foster with our gift to the Tufts University School of Vet Med in his honor. It was also noted that ACLAM has been granted continued full recognition as an RSVO by the ABVS.

**Board of Directors’ Actions and Committee Reports:** President Leary reported on the following:

Marty Morin has requested that he step down as Chair of the ACLAM Foundation effective after this year’s Forum. Greg Boivin will be named Chair of the Foundation and Scientific Director to review grant applications. The College will advertise for interested Diplomates in the Development position for the Foundation. We all appreciate what Marty has done for the Foundation and the College over the years. His efforts have been outstanding.

REOC represented by the Chair, Jack Kinkler proposed two Action Resolutions. The first was to develop a task force to explore options and create a blueprint for a Distance Education (DE) program for ACLAM. Jack will forward names of individuals to the BOD to set up this task force from various committees such as publications, COC, TPOC and the CPC by the AVMA BOD Meeting.

The second action requested by the REOC was to establish a limited duration task force to assess present and future needs related to information technology with the initial focus on our Website. It was agreed that Steve Fisk our current Webmaster be an active member of this Task force and other members of the College solicited and a recommendation be forthcoming for BOD review at the AVMA BOD meeting.

The BOD discussed the recent results of the outcome of voting for the Constitution and by laws changes that took place earlier this year. The results of the voting were supplied to the BOD by Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Raflo which was approximately 90% in favor of these changes. The changes to the Constitution will be implemented.
It was brought to the attention of the BOD that the explanation of the proposed changes of two By-laws may be misleading. In proposed by law change of Article II, section 2—“Applicants may qualify to take the examination after completing six years of full time experience in Laboratory Animal medicine as defined by the Credentials Committee, at the time of application.” It was noted by a Diplomate that the BOD explanation states that the change is to be consistent with ABVS policies and procedures for an RSVO when in fact the change is the recommendation of the BOD to be consistent with the requirement for applicants from the Training Program route. Additionally for proposed by law change of Article IX that “proposed amendments to Bylaws by at least three members in good standing may be submitted to the BOD for consideration. The BOD can amend the bylaws with a 2/3 vote at any convened meeting. Notice of proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be given to the membership a minimum of 30 days for comment before the meting at which they will be voted upon by the BOD”. The explanation on this change was to adapt a streamlined approach as many other organizations are doing. The same Diplomate states that most ABVS specialties have not adapted this. However, the BOD was in fact referencing AALAS and ASLAP. The first challenge on experience completion at the time of application will be sent electronically for a new vote by the College but the second challenge of the by laws on streamlining the Bylaws change process accurately reflected the BOD intent and was considered a final vote. No new ballot is needed for this.

President Leary mentioned that the update of the Harkness- Manning book on the Biology of Rabbits and Rodents is making progress and being edited by Pat Turner, Sue VandeWoude and Colette Wheeler.

Ravi Tolwani gave an update from the GRAC that the USDA is looking at changes to the accreditation process for federally accredited DVM’s. More information will be forthcoming as this develops.

An Action Resolution by the COC was reviewed and approved on having the exam information session at least twice a year (ACLAM Forum and AALAS) until there is no longer an interest and or need.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

President Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin W. Balk, D.V.M., MS
Executive Director

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