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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! I hope all of you are having a terrific summer. As fond memories of our last conference begin to fade, we look forward to an exciting new IAAAM venue; Seward, Alaska, May 14 - 19, 2005.

I encourage you all to please go to the IAAAM.org website and check out what is new. John Jones, our webmaster, who in addition to keeping our web information current, has put together a terrific online video about our upcoming meeting in Seward, Alaska.

And after enjoying the video, if you have not paid your 2004-2005 dues yet, you may go to the "Membership" section, scroll down to the "Download New Membership/Renewal Form" and pick the format for printing the form you'll need for updating your membership information and paying your membership dues. To make this process even easier, there is a simple "Fill-in" form you may use if you have Microsoft Word on your computer.

Full Membership dues are still a low \$40.00 a year, and were due July 1, 2004, so if you haven't already done so, please get out your credit cards or checkbooks and renew your membership today.

Please take the time to fill in the "Special Interest" and "Discipline" sections of the "renewing membership" form, as this information gives us an idea of the diversity of expertise of the members within our organization.

Credit card and check payments will be gladly accepted and should be sent to our Membership board member, Tom Reidarson, DVM whose mailing address is at the bottom of the renewal form.

And check out the other news offered on the website. You'll find all sorts of interesting information, from employment and education opportunities, to our updated Policy/Position Development Process.

Hope to see you all in Alaska next year!

Laurie J. Gage, President IAAAM

36th ANNUAL IAAAM CONFERENCE

Seward, Alaska

May 14 - 18, 2004

The Alaska SeaLife Center with help from all the Alaskan IAAAM members is excited to host the 36th Annual IAAAM Conference at Seward, Alaska. Seward is one of Alaska's oldest and most scenic communities located 126 miles south of Anchorage at the head of Resurrection Bay on the Kenai Peninsula. Seward can easily be reached via the Seward Highway Scenic Byway, the Alaska Railroad, bus, or cruise ship. We are planning a full conference of workshops, scientific sessions, and activities with some small town Alaskan attitude. The Edgewater Hotel will serve as our conference headquarters and the scientific sessions will be held at the historic 1950's Liberty Theater. Social activities will begin on the evening of May 14th with an Icebreaker at the local saloon serving up Alaska-style food and beverages. An evening will be spent enjoying a Resurrection Bay cruise and salmon bake on Fox Island and the banquet will be held at the Alaska SeaLife Center with local entertainment and Alaskan Native Dancers and Drummers. For more information on Seward please visit the Seward Chamber of Commerce website (www.sewardak.org) and the Alaska SeaLife Center website (www.alaskasealife.org). Conference and travel information will be updated on the IAAAM website as it becomes available.

YOUR SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OFFICER IS LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT

by Rhonda A. Patterson, President-Elect

At next year's conference we will still be having a plenary session to kick off the meeting with the speakers being invited by the host (Alaska SeaLife Center) institution. We will also still be asking members to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations (the abstract submission deadline is February 14, 2005 - see website for details). However, this will be the first year that we are asking our members to suggest topics for single presentations and/or for an entire session. If there is something you would like to see presented at our meeting, please contact me (Rhonda.Patterson@usm.edu) with your suggestion(s). If you have any ideas of people who could be solicited to make those presentations, then please let me know that too. I will need to have these suggestions by October 15th, so that the information can be included in the November newsletter. Your input is valued, so please feel free to let me know what you are thinking.

IAAAM Student Internships and Opportunities List
Ashley Linton, IAAAM Student Liason

A list of *Student Internships and Opportunities* has been compiled and posted on the IAAAM web site. This 20 page list is meant to provide students with a sampling of the diverse opportunities available in marine science and medicine. Though it is by no means all-inclusive, it will hopefully serve as a reference for students and provide them with contacts through which they can obtain additional information. The *Student Internships and Opportunities* list will be updated periodically in order to provide students with current, accurate information. Updates or corrections may be sent to ashlinton98@hotmail.com.

Treasurer's Notes for 2003-2004 Income/Expense Report and 2004-2005 Budget
Donald W. Stremme, V.M.D.
IAAAM Treasurer

In my last budget report I said goodbye as Secretary/Treasurer, yet here I am again as Treasurer. Go figure – pun intended.

I am presenting the annual expense/income summary for the last year (2003-2004) and including the budget estimates given last year for that same year (2003-2004) as well as the budget estimate for the coming fiscal year (2004-2005). Keep in mind the fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30 when considering this information. Additionally, the annual conference was a month earlier this year. This moved some expenses into the current year that normally aren't paid until the time period of the next fiscal year. Membership dues should be paid by July 1st each year (for that next fiscal year starting on July 1st), although more than half of the members tend to pay late (usually before the coming conference). Here is a chance for a friendly reminder; the by-laws have been changed. You must pay your dues by March 1st for the current fiscal year, or you will not be able to register as a member for the upcoming conference (Alaska).

Now I'll explain income/expense/budget items in order as they appear in the summary.

Annual Conference Gift – When there is a surplus after a conference, it is usually given to the IAAAM. There hasn't been any surplus in the past 2 years.

Auction Proceeds – We attempt to raise \$3,000 for student awards each year. There were a lot of innovative donations this year, so we brought in over \$5,000 for the students!

Bank Income/Costs – We earn some income on the money in the bank, and incur expenses for accepting credit cards and for having a checking account.

Awards/Gifts – Awards are sometimes given out during a conference (not including student awards, which is a separate category). This year I received no invoices for this. Sometimes awards are mixed in with the gifts category. Gifts are presented to conference hosts, session chairs and board members leaving the board, for example. All of this appears under the Executive Committee category this year.

Computer – The main expenses in this category has been \$105/quarter to maintain the web site. This amount will change as we soon switch over to a new server with more capabilities. We had an unexpected expense here this year. The laptop owned by the association and kept by the web site manager crashed permanently, so we had to purchase a new one. The good news is that we will be able to use this new laptop for member presentations, including video presentations at conferences.

Dues – Most of the members paid late again last year and a small portion paid on time for the current fiscal year.

Newsletter – The newsletter expenses are down from over \$2-3,000 to \$175, since these are now sent electronically. I included \$500 in the budget here, since we have a new newsletter editor who may need new software.

Proceedings – In order to save some money, we now send CD-ROMs to all members but give out printed proceedings only to library members (who pay a higher fee) and those members attending the annual conference. However, extra printed proceedings are available for sale at a reduced rate to members (basically at cost). While the cost for the printed proceedings was down this year, there was an additional cost to reprint some proceedings from last year's conference (Hawaii). Also, the true cost should include the CD-ROMs, which were produced late this year. That also meant extra mailing costs, since they would normally have been given out at the conference with the printed proceedings. Off to the side, for your information, I have included the actual cost of the CD-ROMs for this year (around \$2,400), although it was paid in the next fiscal year and will show up there.

Directory – Since so many members paid late this year, the board decided to hold off on a directory until the end of the fiscal year. This year it will be produced electronically, and members can print out their own copy. There is some discussion of creating a printed version again, so I included money for this in the budget.

Secretary/Treasurer Expenses – This includes a necessary accounting software upgrade (which is used only for the IAAAM) as well as supplies (paper, printer cartridges, postage, envelopes, etc.).

Student Awards – This seems self-explanatory to me, however, note that \$600 of the expense paid in this year was for paper awards given out last year in Hawaii.

Education – During the three years I have been on the board, \$3,000 was earmarked for an education CD-ROM. I decided this year to just remove it from the budget for now, since there has been no activity.

Annual Income – This was higher partially due to a lot more late dues than normal from last year, but also due to an increased student auction income.

Annual Expenses – If removing the budgeted education expense of \$3,000, the expenses are up slightly. This is due principally to the unexpected necessity of purchasing a new lap top computer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald W. Stremme, V.M.D.
IAAAM Treasurer

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AQUATIC ANIMAL MEDICINE
2003/04 FISCAL YEAR INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY
July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004

03-04 Budget Category		03-04 Income		03-04 Expense		03-04 Net Balance	
BUDGET FOR FY 2003-04		Opening Balance				\$68,205.43	
INCOME	EXPENSE					INCOME	EXPENSE
\$0.00		Annual Conference Gift (Hawaii)		\$0.00		\$0.00	
\$3,000.00		Auction Proceeds (Galveston)		\$5,033.40		\$5,033.40	\$3,000.00
		Live Auction	\$4,277.00				
		Silent Auction	\$756.40				
\$0.00		Wet Labs (Galveston)		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
\$900.00	-\$100.00	Bank Transactions		\$808.97		-\$945.02	-\$136.05
	-\$1,000.00	Bank Credit Card Costs (Included above)					
\$240.00		CD-ROM Sales		\$0.00			\$0.00
	-\$600.00	Awards Committee		\$0.00		\$0.00	-\$750
	-\$400.00	AVMA Liaison Committee		-\$135.10		-\$135.10	-\$400
	-\$100.00	Commun/Publ. Committee		\$0.00		\$0.00	-\$100
	-\$1,000.00	Computer Committee		-\$2,904.18		-\$2,904.18	-\$500
		(new lap top)	\$2,484.18				
	-\$1,100.00	Executive Committee		-\$1,513.15		-\$1,513.15	-\$1,100
		postage	\$75.90				
		gifts	\$1,437.25				
	-\$50.00	Student Liaison Committee		-\$73.79		-\$73.79	-\$50
\$14,275.00		Dues Total		\$16,392.10		\$16,392.10	\$16,000.00
\$0.00		Late Fees		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$0.00				
			\$0.00				
		Late Dues/New for FY 03-04	\$14,927.10				
		Full	\$13,032.10				
		Student	\$1,475.00				
		Institution	\$130.00				
		Sustaining	\$290.00				
		On time Dues for FY 04-05	\$1,465.00				
		Full	\$985.00				
		Student	\$180.00				
		Institution	\$300.00				
		Sustaining	\$0.00				
	-\$1,000.00	Newsletter		-\$175.29		-\$175.29	-\$500
		Postage \$					
		Printing \$					
	-\$3,000.00	Proceedings		\$170.00		-\$3,436.00	-\$3,266.00
		25 extra for 2003 Hawaii	\$745.00				
		300 for 2004 Galveston	\$2,691.00				
		CD-ROMs expensed 2004-05					
		CD-ROM production	\$1,770.64				
		postage	\$690.44				
	-\$800.00	Directory		\$0.00		\$0.00	-\$1,400
	-\$600.00	Secretary/Treasurer		-\$1,130.58		-\$1,130.58	-\$1,000
	-\$3,000.00	Student Awards		-\$3,200.00		-\$3,200.00	-\$3,000
		2003 paper awards	\$600.00				
		2004 paper awards	\$600.00				
		2004 travel awards	\$2,000.00				
	-\$3,000.00	Education		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0
\$18,415.00	-\$15,750.00	TOTALS FOR FY 2003-04		\$22,404.47		-\$13,513.11	\$8,891.36
		Balance On Hand				\$77,096.79	
		7/1/03				6/30/04	
		DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS					
		Checking Account	\$3,946.65			\$12,029.04	
		Certificate of Deposit	\$64,258.78			\$65,067.75	
		TOTAL ASSETS	\$68,205.43			\$77,096.79	

Policy/Position Development Process

- 1.** Individual in consultation w/ member of the Governmental Affairs/Policy Committee (GAPC), submits proposed policy/position or other request to either Executive Board or Governmental Affairs/Policy Committee-- *Positions taken by the Government Affairs/Policy Committee—should be restricted to those that provide guidance on or that promote aquatic animal medicine and health.*
- 2.** GAPC discusses, consults with experts from membership, provides feedback, and either approves/disapproves moving forward with position development.
- 3.** GAPC may assign “project to a team”. Project team develops timeline and policy position.
- 4.** First draft submitted to GAPC, posts on website, and consults other reviewers, as necessary.
- 5.** Project team incorporates/resolves comments, submits second draft to GAPC and Executive Board--either minor changes, or return to project team for additional work
- 6.** Project team resolves any Executive Board concerns; Executive Board-approves document by simple majority. Document is posted on the website for two weeks to allow for comments by the membership.
- 7.** Project team incorporates/resolves any additional comments and produces final draft for formatting, printing, and signature.
- 8.** Copies are provided to appropriate targets, posted on the Website, GAPC and Secretary maintain copies.

This policy development process was approved at the annual business meeting in Galveston. On the following page is a letter in support of The Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act derived from this process. Similarly, the AVMA Executive Board approved "Active Pursuit and Passage" designation to this bill (JAVMA 225:179).

July 15, 2004

The Honorable Sam Farr

House of Representatives

1221 Longworth House Office Building

Independence and New Jersey Aves., SE

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Farr:

The International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine (IAAAM) greatly appreciates your efforts to conserve and recover southern sea otters. IAAAM supports H.R. 3545, The Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act. We believe that this bill is a significant step for Southern sea otter recovery and toward investigating the health-related threats to this species. In particular, we support the provisions that call for the development of a Southern Sea Otter Health Assessment Plan; create a grant program to support research to recover sea otter populations; and provide an authorization of five million dollars, two million of which are research grants, to implement this program. The IAAAM is a professional organization dedicated to promoting the dissemination of knowledge to improve the health care and husbandry of aquatic animals, with members in 20 countries, its membership include veterinarians, research scientists, academicians, public aquarium staff, federal and state government scientists, and university students. The IAAAM is pleased that H.R. 3545 reinforces the close ties emerging between aquatic animal medicine and conservation and recognizes the vital role aquatic animal medicine plays in the recovery of marine species, especially threatened and endangered species. Wildlife managers are finding that it is no longer sufficient just to monitor trends and abundance in marine species. Comprehensive conservation and recovery requires a multidisciplinary approach with an evaluation of the health of aquatic species and their ecosystems being a key component. Now, more than ever, human-related threats such as contaminants, overfishing, and habitat degradation require a strong interface between research and policy to devise mitigation strategies to enhance the survival and health of aquatic species and their ecosystem. Therefore, we believe that a comprehensive health assessment as envisioned by your bill is necessary to evaluate the health of southern sea otters in the wild and devise mitigation measures to promote their recovery.

We congratulate you on your visionary bill and look forward to working with you to secure its passage.

Sincerely,

Nina M. Young

Past-President

Proceedings for Sale

Extra printed versions of the Galveston 2004 IAAAM Proceedings are still available for \$25 (postage included) while they last. There are also copies of the 2001 (3 copies), 2002 (49 copies), and 2003 (17 copies) proceedings available. Send requests along with shipping address and payment (check made out to IAAAM) to Lisa Mazzaro, IAAAM Secretary, Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355.

Upcoming Meetings and Education Opportunities

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| 14 - 19 May 2005 | IAAAM , Seward, Alaska.
Abstracts due 14 February 2005, abstract submission forms available at http://www.iaaam.org/ |
| 20 - 25 May 2006 | IAAAM , Riviera Maya, Mexico. |
| 8 - 10, 10 - 12 September | Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART) and Disaster Animal Response Team Training (DART), Kissimmee, Florida. (will include aquaculture sessions by Drs. Kathleen Hughes Hartman and Denise Petty) (www.flsart.org) |
| 22 - 24, 24 - 26 September | Florida SART/DART, Belle Glade, Florida (www.flsart.org) |
| 10 - 11 December 2004 | Crissey Zoological Nutrition Symposium, Raleigh, North Carolina (has included aquatic animals previously) (http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/ce/zoonutrition) |
| 13 - 17 June 2005 | 30th Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Contact Rocco Cipriano (rocco_cipriano@usgs.gov). |

And if you have fond memories of Hardervijk from 1997 (IAAAM 28th annual meeting), note this invitation from the European Association for Aquatic Mammals:

Dear members of IAAAM,

The European Association for Aquatic Mammals (EAAM) is proud to announce its 33rd annual symposium, which will be held in Harderwijk, the Netherlands from 11 through 14 March, 2005. The Symposium will have a special emphasis on all aspects of marine mammal rehabilitation, but papers on other marine mammal topics are also welcome.

An abstract submission form can be downloaded from the Symposium web site: <http://www.eaam2005dolphinarium.nl>. You can also access this site through the regular EAAM web site, <http://eaam.org>. The deadline for abstract submission is December 23, 2004.

Registration, hotel and travel information will be made available on the Symposium web site shortly.

We hope to see you in Harderwijk.

On behalf of the EAAM,

Greetings,

Niels van Elk
President Elect
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The Newsletter of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine is published four times a year (usually in January, April, August, and November). An annual conference is held every year in the spring and proceedings from that conference are mailed out in June or July to those not in attendance. The International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art and science of aquatic animal medicine and health.

Newsletter submissions are welcomed, although the newsletter editor and the IAAAM board reserve the right to edit and/or refuse the publication of any submissions. The deadlines for submissions are December 1, March 1, July 1, and October 1. Submissions should be made in RTF (Rich Text Format), or WORD format. For submissions contact Craig Harms, Newsletter Editor, at NCSU CMAST, 303 College Circle, Morehead City, NC 28557, or by phone at 252.222.6339 (office), or by email (Craig.Harms@iaaam.org).

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