Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Veterinary Dental College
Thursday October 3rd, 2013, New Orleans Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, LA

Some confidential items, such as Credentials and Examination Committee reports have been redacted from this version.

Presiding: AVDC President Sandy Jan Bellows

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2.02 pm by Dr. Bellows.

   1.1 Confirmation of quorum (40% of 129 paid-up members = 52 members minimum)
   More than 70 members were present when the meeting started; 95 members signed the Attendance sheet.


   1.3 Apologies for absence were received from: Suzy Aller, James Anthony, Marghe Gracis, Ian Haws, Norman Johnston, Helena Kuntsi-Vaatovaara, Jean Hawkins-Livingstone, Milinda Lommer, Rob Menzies and Frank Verstraete.

   1.4 Recognition of Guests.
      a. Present were: Cedric Tutt, President, European Veterinary Dental College, and members of the AVDC Equine Specialty Organizing Committee:
      b. Also present were family members and friends of the new Diplomates.

2. Recognition of New Diplomates and Presentation of Certificates:
The new diplomates thanked those who helped them become a diplomate. Family and friends of new diplomates in attendance were asked to leave following the presentations.

2. Recognition of Life Diplomates.
No new life diplomates were present for recognition.

3. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the 2012 AVDC Annual Meeting, held on November 8th, 2012 in Seattle, WA.
Draft Minutes of the 2012 meeting were attached to the Agenda as Appendix 1, page 4.

3.1 Discussion on the Draft Minutes:
3.1.1 Yvan Dumais requested clarification on when the ‘first four weeks’ at the Residency Director’s facility needs to begin for part-time residents. What happens if the Director is away from the facility in the first four weeks? Colin noted that originally the start period at the Residency Director’s facility was 12 weeks, and that this was changed as a result of the discussion at the Annual Meeting last year. If the Residency Director is not able to be present for the exact first four weeks of a part-time residency, a request can be made to the Training Support Committee to permit an adjustment in this requirement.

3.1.2 Yvan requested that the statement “general consensus” in Draft Minutes item 10.1.5 should be deleted from the Minutes, claiming this was not only not discussed but it was not a general consensus. Another member stated that this was discussed at the membership meeting. Jean Battig stated it was not voted on as a general consensus. Others noted that the ‘general consensus’ statement was only for discussion as there was no motion and no vote.

3.1.2.1 A motion to delete “general consensus” from the Minutes was made by Yvan Dumais and seconded by Ruth Barthel or Tammy White, with a friendly amendment so that the wording would change to “There was discussion that the Forum needs to provide the same level of CE as in the past”. Yvan and Ruth agreed to this friendly amendment. Tom Kavanagh said that you need a vote on the amendment. Steve Holmstrom as the Parliamentarian said as long as the maker and seconder agreed to the friendly amendment, no vote on the friendly amendment was necessary prior to a vote on the main motion. The motion to delete the words “general consensus” in Minutes item 10.1.5. was approved (3 No votes and the rest Yes votes).
3.2.1.2 A motion was made to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes as distributed; this motion was defeated, with 32 No votes and 29 Yes votes.

3.2.1.3 A motion was made by Ed Eisner, seconded by Pat Frost, to delete ‘general consensus’ was overwhelmingly approved, so that the Minutes read “There was discussion that the Forum…..”.

3.2.1.4 A motion by Ed Eisner and seconded by Steve Holmstrom to approve the Minutes as amended was approved unanimously.

4. President’s Report – Dr. Bellows:

4.1 Jan Bellows noted that things are going well overall. A major current issue that came up for repeated comment at the recent Board meeting is the number and quality of supervisors willing to provide guidance for current trainees. Jan encouraged all supervisors to be constructively critical as well as supportive – if a trainee is not doing a good job, they need to improve. Supervisors need to take their role seriously. This will help the Credentials Committee do their job effectively.

4.2 Jan and Academy Past-President Brook Niemiec described the Academy and College Presidents’ Reception that will be held on Friday evening.

5. Treasurer’s Report - Dr. Holmstrom. Agenda Appendix 2.

5.1 Oral report: Steve Holmstrom noted that AVDC had net assets of $326,000, and that AVDC had just received a check from Greenies for $19,000 for the service dog program that will be available as grants to diplomates for clinical services provided for service dogs. The end-September Profit and Loss statement shows a net balance versus budget of around minus $7,000, but when re-examination fees and two VOHC payments that are ‘in the mail’ are received, the year-to-date summary will show a surplus compared with budget.

5.2 To simplify the Treasurer’s job, Steve requested that all expense reports are completed using the online form, and that invoices or receipts are scanned and emailed to Steve for reimbursement. He noted that this process will be migrated to DMS at some future time.

5.3 Question from Mike Peak: Why is the legal expense line so high? Steve noted that this is due to one-time legal work related to the College name change, and that generally legal fees are no more than $1,000 per year.

6. Recording Secretary’s Report - Dr. Goldstein.

No report. The amended Minutes were approved as item 3.

7. Executive Secretary’s Report - Dr. Harvey. Agenda Appendix 3.

7.1 Total number of diplomates is 133, with 80 trainees registered, 13 candidates approved for exam (the 2013 credentials applicants are still included in the Trainee number because the Board has not yet taken final action on these applications).

7.2 There are many veterinarians seeking supervisors for the AP pathway. This is the last year AP supervisors will not have to be pre-approved. Beginning January 1 2014, all residency sites and all supervisors will need to be pre-approved. There are currently 21 approved residency sites. Please consider taking on a resident. There may be creative ways to do this, for example by spreading the residency supervision...
among 2-4 diplomats, one of which will need to be the primary Residency Director.

7.3 If there are any concerns regarding Colin’s performance as Executive Secretary, please see Administration Committee Cindy Charlier.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Administration Committee - Dr. Charlier

8.1.1 Colin’s assistant is now based in Idaho, which creates challenges, but they are being worked out by telephone and email. This arrangement seems to be working out reasonably well.

8.3 Awards Committee – Awards chair Norman Johnston was not present. The 2013 AVDC Awards had been presented earlier that day.

8.4 Constitution/Bylaws Committee - Dr. Holmstrom.

8.4.1 On October 2, the Board unanimously approved an amendment to the By-Laws (addition of the words ‘and one-half’ as noted below), which is required in order to implement the training program changes adopted in November 2012, and which go into effect January 1st, 2014:

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<td>B. Same in Section 1, B.</td>
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8.6 Programs Committee - Dr. Mitchell

8.6.1 Dr. Mitchell reported that there are currently around 900 preregistered for this meeting and we are expecting to go over the 1000 mark in total registration.

8.6.2 We have a new management company, Matrix, which is learning about our Forum, what the needs and expectations are etc. and they are doing very well. There is still a lot to learn about us. Please give us feedback regarding the Forum.

8.8 Fiscal & Audit Committee - Dr. Manfra

8.8.1 Dr Manfra reported that AVDC accounts are accurate.

8.9 Nomenclature Committee - Dr. Reiter

8.9.1 Dr. Reiter explained the role of the Nomenclature Committee. It has been less active than in previous years, in part due to Alex having been very busy this year.
8.9.2 Jason Soukup has submitted a proposed oral tumor nomenclature, which will be worked by the committee in the coming year.

8.10 Nominations Committee and Elections - Dr. Bellows

8.10.1 Recording Secretary
8.10.1.2 Gary Goldstein was nominated by the Nominations Committee.
8.10.1.3 There were no responses to a call for nominations from the floor.
8.10.1.4 Motion made by Clarence Sitzman, seconded by Don Ross to close nominations and declare Gary Goldstein elected as Recording Secretary. The motion was approved without opposition.

8.10.2 Treasurer
8.10.2.1 Steve Holmstrom was nominated by the Nomination committee.
8.10.2.2 A call for nominations from the floor for Treasurer was made.
8.10.2.3 Yvan Dumais nominated himself. He described why he should be elected as Treasurer – he would enjoy the role and do it well, and he noted that he is on good terms with Steve, the current Treasurer, so he anticipated a smooth transition.
8.10.2.4 There were no additional nominations made.
8.10.2.5 Paper ballots were used for the Treasurer election, and Steve Holmstrom was declared elected.

8.10.3 Member-at-Large, Board of Directors:
8.10.3.1 Barden Greenfield was nominated by the Nominations Committee.
8.10.3.2 A call for additional nominations was made for the Member-at-Large position.
8.10.3.3 Steve Holmstrom nominated Yvan Dumais for Member-at-Large. Yvan declined the nomination.
8.10.3.4 There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Curt Coffman and seconded by ?? to close nominations and declare Barden Greenfield elected as Board Member-at-Large. The motion was approved without opposition.

8.11 Public Relations Committee - Dr. Greenfield
8.11.1 Everyone should have received information on a project to improve the footprint in veterinary dentistry, so this year we used Trone as our PR initiative at a cost of $20,000. It was rewarding but not sustainable for the College to continue footing the bill so we will not continue this PR project.
8.11.2 The Service Dog project, offering complimentary oral examinations by Diplomates, was again a considerable success. The Greenies Company donated $20,000 that was made available for diplomates to perform treatment procedures for problems that were identified during the Service Dog examinations. A question came up about dogs just starting training as Service Dogs or dogs that don’t pass the Service Dog training program. We still need to discuss this further and iron out the details as these questions come up. We gained some great national publicity and we are trying to identify situations to gain further public recognition. Dr. Greenfield acknowledged the contributions of Sharon Hoffman, as Service Dog Program, coordinator.
8.12 **Review and Assessment Program Committee** - Dr. Barthel
8.12.1 Online testing recording of answers during the examination has worked well.
8.12.2 Approximately 70 people took the exam, 67% online via WiFi courtesy of as grant provided by the Virbac Corporation.
8.12.3 Grades: 31% was the average with a high score of 42 on the Written. 68% was the average on the Bench, with the range between 13% – 93%.

8.14 **Equine Dental Specialty Organizing Committee** (SOC) - Dr. Rawlinson
8.14.1 Jen introduced the equine dental SOC, several of whom were present at the meeting by invitation. The SOC members took the Charter Diplomate examination the previous weekend. The examination blue-print was based on the 2012 AVDC job analysis, modified for equine dentistry.
8.14.2 Completion of ABVS action on the final petition for recognition of the AVDC Equine Specialty is expected to occur in February 2014. The petition went through the AVMA-mandated period of public comment, with minor comments received.
8.14.3 Discussion and action on the implications for the current AVDC diploma are included under Minutes item 11.5.

9. **Representatives’ Reports**

9.1 **American Board of Veterinary Specialties.**
9.1.1 Dr. Harvey reported that the AVDC Equine Dental petition was referred for public comment, and will be considered by ABVS in February 2014. Dr. Harvey also reported that ABVS now reports directly to the AVMA Executive Board – ABVS decisions no longer require ratification by the Council on Education.

9.2 **DipVDig e-mail list-serv.**
9.2.1 Dr. Holmstrom reported that DipVDig is working well and serving a useful purpose for communication among AVDC Diplomates.

9.3 **Foundation for Veterinary Dentistry**
9.3.1 Dr. Gaddis reported that a research grant had been awarded and that there would be a joint fund-raising live and silent auction on Saturday evening, jointly sponsored by F4VD and the Peter Emily Foundation.

9.4 **JAVMA Diagnostic Images in Veterinary Dental Practice feature**
9.4.1 Dr. Verstraete was not present. His report was included in the Agenda.

9.5 **Journal of Veterinary Dentistry** - Dr. Hansen
9.5.1 The Committee is meeting later in the Forum. Any comments or concerns about the Journal, please see David.

9.6 **Veterinary Dental Educator’s Group** (VDEG)
9.6.1 Written report was included as Appendix 5 in the Agenda.
9.6.2 Dr. Manfra noted that VDE continues to move forward with support from the 3 dental groups and thanked everyone for their support.

9.7 **Veterinary Dental Oversight Group (VDOG)** - Dr. Gengler
9.7.1 Dr. Gengler reported that the new Forum management company, Matrix, is doing well - they are detail-oriented and doing a great job. For example, in the past, laboratory income and expenses were lumped together – we will now know which labs are cost-effective.
9.7.2 We currently have approximately $285,000 on hand; a general recommendation would be around $380,000, so as to self-insure for at least one year. We have already budgeted and split net revenue among the 3 VDOG groups.
9.7.3 One change made this year is to not provide lunch in the Exhibition, to save money. There was discussion, noting that this will not please the exhibitors.
9.7.4 Dr. Gengler reiterated that VDOG and Matrix are working to improve the Forum, and that feedback and suggestions are very helpful.

9.8 **Veterinary Oral Health Council Director** – Dr. Harvey
9.8.1 A brushing protocol for cats has been adopted.
9.8.2 Changes in the scoring protocol have been adopted.
9.8.3 The Virbac CET VeggieDent chew treat in two sizes for dogs has been added to the VOHC Accepted list.

9.9 **World Veterinary Dental Congress**
9.9.1 Steve Holmstrom announced that the next World conference will be in Monterey, CA Oct 29-31, 2015 – Halloween weekend.
9.9.2 Jen Rawlinson voiced her concern that Halloween causes people to have to choose between the Forum and Halloween with family.

10. **Old Business**

10.1 **Status of the AVDC Corporation name.**
10.1.1 Dr. Harvey reported that this has been completed. AVDC is now officially incorporated in Michigan as ‘The American Veterinary Dental College’. This name and the abbreviation ‘AVDC’ is a registered trade-mark.

10.2 **AVDC Training Program Requirements:** Implementation of the training program changes adopted in November 2012.
10.2.1 It was noted that the Board of Directors had discussed a number of changes including publication requirements, and that the start date and end date of residency programs will be impacted as a result of increasing the minimum resident training from 24 months to 30 months. These proposed changes will be submitted to the Credentials Committee for comment before adoption and publication in the Changes for 2014 document.

10.3 **Renewal of Certification proposal.**
10.3.1 It was noted that the Board had decided that time-limited diploma certification, approved by AVDC in 2012, will start with the 2014 diplomas, including the AVDC Equine diplomas. It was also noted that this policy is not retroactive – it will apply only to diplomates who become diplomates from January 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2014 onwards.

10.4 Academy-College Collaboration. A draft of the Alliance proposal was included in the Agenda as an Appendix.

10.4.1 AVDC President Jan Bellows introduced the topic by noting that discussions have been underway for a year or more that could result in changing the role of the Academy from a certifying body to an educational and membership support organization; AVDC would concentrate on its primary activity as the certifying body for veterinary dental board-certified specialists.

10.4.2 An ad-hoc committee of Curt Coffman (DipAVDC, FAVD and Past President of the Academy), Cindy Charlier (DipAVDC, FAVD and past Secretary of the Academy), Kathy Queck (FAVD, Secretary of the Academy) and Rick McFarland (FAVD, Treasurer of the Academy) wrote a proposal that was considered by the two Boards.

10.4.3 Changes and clarifications were made by Board members, and a summary proposal was considered when the AVDC and Academy Boards met on October 2\textsuperscript{nd}; final revisions were made at that joint Board meeting to produce a document for discussion at the Annual Meetings of the Academy and the College the next day.

10.4.4 Academy Immediate Past-President Brook Niemiec (DipAVDC and current President of the Academy) summarized the changes agreed at the meeting of the Boards yesterday, including that all AVDC diplomates not currently Fellows of the Academy would become ‘members’ of the Academy, a category of membership yet to be fully defined and that would require revision of the Academy Constitution. He and incoming Academy President (and AVDC diplomate) Ken Capron indicated that they agreed with the Alliance proposal version that Jan was introducing for discussion. Brook noted that the Academy membership had voted unanimously to move ahead with the Alliance proposal at its meeting earlier on October 3\textsuperscript{rd}.

10.4.5 Jan Bellows also noted that the timing of this agenda item was tied in with the establishment of the AVDC Equine Specialty and the AVDC training program changes, with the result that there is a narrow window of opportunity to agree on, obtain ABVS guidance on, and implement the Alliance proposal.

10.4.6 Jan Bellows recognized that the entire process is a huge step for AVDC and the Academy. The Board is seeking input on how to present the proposal to ABVS and wishes the proposal to have been submitted to ABVS before the January 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2014 AVDC program changes go into effect.
10.4.7 A lengthy period of open discussion took place.

*Gregg DuPont:* Is this even possible, and if it is, how large of an impact will the option for current Fellows to become AVD Diplomates have on the College, and will this better serve the public?

*Colin Harvey* gave a short history of the formation of the Academy and College, and the role of ABVS in creating 20 years of awkwardness. As to numbers, a rough comparison of the Academy and College membership suggests that about 30 current Fellows of the Academy may be eligible. If the proposal is approved by the membership today, Colin will conduct a survey of Academy Fellows to obtain accurate figures. *(A more accurate assessment of the number of Fellows eligible, and results of a survey of the intentions of those Fellows, was provided to all AVDC diplomates in a separate document distributed with the draft Minutes on October 22, 2013).*

*Question from the floor:* What about individuals who are Fellows and who have taken but not passed the AVDC examination? *Response:* The agreement is a ‘clean’ agreement – it will permit any Academy Fellow who is not an AVDC Diplomate to take the examination, no matter what their record may have been while previously registered as an AVDC trainee. It was noted that the examination candidates via the Academy Fellowship route will still have to pass all parts of the AVDC examination, as for any other AVDC candidate. *Linda DeBowes, Mark Smith and others* expressed strong disagreement with allowing Academy Fellows entrance to the AVDC certification examination without completing the standard AVDC training and case log experience requirements. Linda asked whether it was fair to offer this opportunity at a time when we are in process of increasing the training program requirements. *Colin Harvey* noted that this was a one-time offer, designed to be part of a package to resolve the larger issue of two conflicting certification processes, and that all candidates, whether entering the examination via the normal route or the one-time Fellow route, have to take the same examination; he also noted that the timing of this proposal was driven by the impending training program changes – the Alliance agreement in its present form would have to be adopted at least in principle before the January 1st, 2014 AVDC program changes implementation date.

*Mark Smith* commented that, if the examination is the gate-keeper, why have training program requirements? *Curtis Stiles* asked what is in it for AVDC Diplomates who are not Fellows. *Curt Coffman* responded by noting that the Alliance will resolve issues, such as confusion about certification, that have plagued AVDC for years, and that it will combine veterinary dental efforts in education, marketing and public relations to make them more cost-effective. Because no more Fellows will be
recognized after the transition period, and AVDC Diplomates will automatically become members of the Academy, the combined activities of the Academy and College will be under control of AVDC Diplomates: AVDC diplomates already represent a strong majority in the Academy membership, so there is no risk that the Academy will make decisions contrary to the interests of AVDC.

Ben Colmery noted that we would not be in this position if years ago the ABVS had made the right decision. He said that the Alliance is a brilliant one-time move, and he noted that the Fellows wishing to become AVDC Diplomates would still need to take and pass the examination.

Jo Banyard noted that it was time to move beyond the current awkward situation.

Mike Peak asked whether AVDC Diplomates will still be able to become Fellows. Colin Harvey responded that AVDC Diplomates who are not Academy Fellows will all become ‘members’ of the Academy, with full rights to participate in the running of the Academy. Colin also noted that the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists is going in the same direction (separation of the certification procedures from the membership support functions) though via a different route.

Ruth Barthel commented that some AVDC Diplomates may well be willing to offer opportunities to help fellow-route candidates prepare for the examination.

Steve Holmstrom noted that ‘They’ (Academy Fellows) is largely ‘us’ (AVDC Diplomates), and that the ‘us’ vs. ‘them’ mentality will disappear over time.

Comment from the floor: What is to prevent others from starting another veterinary dental certification organization? Response – nothing, except that there is now a credible board-certification process (AVDC) in place, whereas the Academy was formed in a vacuum 20+ years ago.

Curtis Stiles: What happens if the ABVS says No, you can’t do this? Colin Harvey noted that if ABVS raises any specific questions or concerns, we can respond to them, but that if ABVS states a definitive No, then it is a dead issue and we continue on as is.

Tholly Surgeon recommended that we don’t consider ourselves as an elitist group compared with the non-AVDC Fellows, as this attitude will be to the detriment of everyone involved.

Question from the floor: What happens to VDOG? Colin Harvey or Jan Bellows responded: There has been no discussion to date of where AVDS might fit into the picture of an Academy with an enlarged remit for education and public relations. At least initially, VDOG would continue as is.
Question from the floor: Is there a reason we can’t entirely eliminate the word ‘Academy’? Colin Harvey responded: There is no reason to do this, given that what would be in place is an ideal separation between certification and membership support. The Ophthalmologists are proposing to establish an American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (to run the certification process) and retain the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology as the membership organization running the functions that, under the Alliance proposal, would be run by the Academy for veterinary dentistry.

Question from the floor: Can we make it a two-step process? Jan Bellows responded No, in that the essential step is for the Academy to end its certification activities, and that an essential element in the Academy agreement to do so was AVDC agreeing to permit current Fellows to take the AVDC examination if they wish to do so.

Tom Kavanagh raised concerns about possible restraint of trade if the process was to be seen as the AVDC ‘taking over the Academy’.

There were comments during the discussion that this was one of several major items presented by the Board to the membership at short notice and with inadequate time for discussion. See also Minutes items 10.5.4 – 10.5.6.

10.4.8 A motion was made by Ben Colmery and seconded by Ruth Barthel: The Diplomates of AVDC support the proposed Alliance of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and AVDC that was negotiated by the two Boards of Directors in October 2013 and was unanimously supported by the Fellows of the Academy on October 3rd 2013.

A paper ballot vote was requested by Mark Smith.

The motion was approved by 57 Yes votes to 30 No Votes (66% in favor).

10.4.9 Colin Harvey noted that, as ABVS representative, he will report the vote and the concerns raised during the discussion to the ABVS as part of the 2013 AVDC Annual Report. (Background information on the Academy and the College to be provided to ABVS was distributed to all AVDC Fellows with the draft Minutes on October 22, 2013, together with the formal Alliance Memorandum of Understanding).

10.5 Impact of the establishment of the Equine Dental Specialty within AVDC.

10.5.1 A proposed motion was included in the Annual Meeting agenda document for discussion at the Annual Meeting:

Moved that, if ABVS recognizes the AVDC Equine Dental Specialty in February 2014, the AVDC membership approves investigation of the possibility of establishing a Companion Animal AVDC diploma as outlined in concept below, including development of an AVDC certificate program in Wildlife and Zoo Dentistry. If a plan is considered by and approved by the
AVDC Board, it is to be presented for consideration and action by the membership at the 2014 AVDC Annual Meeting before it would come into effect. The concept is:

1. Establish an AVDC Companion Animal Dentistry specialty. Every applicant for registration of an AVDC training program would declare which species/species group (Companion Animal or Equine) they are applying for.
2. Explore ways by which individuals can obtain diploma certification in both species groups.
3. Establish an AVDC Zoo and Wildlife certification program. Diplomates (which could include AVDC no-species-specific, Companion Animal or Equine diplomates) who meet specified case log and other training and experience requirements would be eligible to sit an AVDC examination in Zoo and Wildlife Dentistry.
4. The separation into Companion Animal and Equine diploma tracks would not apply to current holders of an AVDC diploma; they would continue to be non-species-specific board-certified veterinary dentists.

10.5.2 Jan Bellows: This issue needs much thought. We also need to make sure there is room for development of Zoo and Wildlife specialty similar to equine dentistry. Perhaps not as a distinct specialty in the foreseeable future, but we want to find a way to recognize diplomates with knowledge and expertise in the ZWL field.

10.5.3 Questions: When will we have the time to comment on this topic, through email or will the Board let the membership know how we can comment and provide feedback?

10.5.4 Mark Smith stated that decisions made by the Board are not being discussed by the membership prior to a decision being made. It should be the membership telling the BOD what they want. Mark also commented that discussion though email is not as effective as face to face.

10.5.5 Comment from the floor: The Board needs to be mindful of what the membership wants before making decisions. Heidi Lobprise suggested online meetings and chat rooms. Colleen O’Morrow said there is always a time constraint at the Annual Meeting, and there should be a way to discuss these items after all members have been given enough time to review the documents.

10.5.6 Colin Harvey noted that the Board does make decisions, as this authority is granted to it in the Constitution. On this particular issue, the motion is not to discuss a proposal already approved by the Board, but to start a process by which members who choose to do so can participate in developing a proposal that would then go the Board, and if approved by the Board, then come to the membership for discussion and a final vote to proceed or not proceed at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

10.5.7 Motion by Ed Eisner, seconded by Curtis Stiles: Approve the motion stated in 10.5.1. Motion approved.
Jan Bellows requested that volunteers to work on an ad-hoc committee to consider this concept and perhaps develop a proposal make themselves known to Jan or Colin, so that the ad-hoc committee can get to work over the winter.

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) proposal.** Agenda Appendix 7.

10.6.1 Because the meeting had already gone over its allotted time, and because of the comments made from the floor about insufficient time for discussion of major items, a recommendation to table this item to the next Annual Meeting was initially suggested.

10.6.2 However, discussion of the proposal itself, rather than of tabling it, began. Issues raised included whether there were sufficient appropriately qualified people in both ACVS and AVDC, particularly given that some members of the current group of dental-surgery double diplomates are retiring.

10.6.3 *Question from the floor: Do you think the ACVS would accept this?* Response from Colin Harvey: Not sure, but there are individuals in ACVS interested in talking about this, and if the ACVS Board decides it is not interested, AVDC can then consider whether to establish an OMFS program by itself.

10.6.4 *Question: What about the AVDC diplomates that were trained at facilities with AVDC and ACVS diplomates?* Response from Colin Harvey: Some of these individuals may be sufficiently qualified and experienced that they could be included as founding certificate holders – the proposal includes an 'open call' for interested individuals to make their training and experience known. There may be facilities willing to share the training requirements with other facilities to complete the package, e.g. an AVDC diplomate in a dentistry-only specialty practice teaming with an ACVS diplomate at another specialty practice.

10.6.5 It was also noted that this would be a natural possibility for ACVS-AVDC-ECVS-EVDC collaboration.

10.6.6 A motion was made by Greg DuPont seconded by Chris Snyder(?) to approve forwarding the proposal to ACVS for consideration. Motion approved unanimously.

**New Business**

12.1 Cedric Tutt, EVDC President, thanked AVDC for allowing him to attend the meeting, and commended Jen Rawlinson for all the work she has done on the Equine Specialty. He noted that EVDC would likely be interested in collaborating on a Zoo and Wildlife dentistry program.

**Date of the next Annual Business Meeting.** Thursday November 13, 2013, Atlanta, GA.

**Adjournment.** Steve Holmstrom moved to adjourn, seconded by Chris Snyder. The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:00 pm.