

ABR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Teleconference Meeting July 7, 2008

ATTENDEES: Suzy Rosenkranz, Committee Chair
Patty Jensen
Allie Neas
Kim Kastner, ABR BOD Director of Education

Suzy opened the meeting at 6:05p. and began by reporting that the Embassy Suites has reneged on its commitment to honor its \$89 room rate through the end of 2008. She noted that the new management has wavered so as to cause complete confusion. The current "arrangement" is the hotel will operate on a case-by-case basis; it will follow through with its commitment for the July 26-27 Jane Wheeler seminar and the September 13 Dr. Chris Cebra seminar. Suzy will look at other locations for ABR programs and report back to the committee.

Suzy then reviewed the status of current and upcoming programs as follows:

- In order to avoid cancelling the Jane Wheeler presentation, Dr. Wheeler consented to cut her fee in half and her presentation will take place as planned. Suzy noted that without a larger number of registrations, we will not break even on this program but will not lose as much as initially expected.
- Suzy is working with Angus McColl of Yokum-McColl Laboratories, Inc. on a program scheduled for March 7, 2009. This program will include scheduled tours of the testing facility.
- Suzy is also working with Dr. Callan and Marci Stilles from CSU, and Dr. Kim Gardner-Graf in putting together a parasitology clinic at CSU in 2009. The goal is to present this program twice a year.
- Suzy will suggest to the GWAS directors that a GWAS coordinator be responsible for putting together the Color Check training class since this falls under the GWAS umbrella.

There was a brief discussion on committee responsibilities for programs for ABR members. It was noted that the Education Committee is responsible for the February, April and November member meetings of the year. If the Long Range Planning Committee wants to do a program at the November meeting, then the Education Committee will be responsible for only the February and April meetings. The Fiber Committee will be responsible for putting together a program for the August member meeting. Suzy will follow up to see if the Long Range Planning Committee intends to do the November 2009 program.

Patty reported that the Health Issues presentation on June 28 with Drs. Leon Anderson and Tim Holt was a success. Dr. Leon and Holt have agreed to present the program again next summer. They will use live animals. Patty will lock in a date and confirm a location for this program.

Patty will also coordinate the Spring 2009 Neonatal Clinic to be conducted by Dr. Kim. This will be held at Douglas County Fairgrounds. Suzy will help coordinate the Fall 2009 Neonatal Clinic at CSU.

Discussion took place regarding speakers and programs. Suzy noted that we need to include programs on alpaca business in general and that responses provided on evaluation forms included requests for such programs. A program on creating an effective business plan will be developed for the February 2009 member meeting. Additional business programs also will be considered.

Allie is coordinating the Chris Cebra seminar scheduled for September 13 and reports that everything is on track. She will coordinate a program on nutrition by Dr. Robert J. Van Saun for Fall of 2009.

After discussion, the committee will include a program on EPDs for 2009 and will investigate details and speakers for this program. Suzy noted that a program for the Thursday night of GWAS also needs to be developed.

There being no further business, the teleconference concluded at approximately 6:52p.