

## Association of Veterinary Students 2020 Annual General Meeting Announcement Meeting Minutes

Where: AVS Congress 2020 @ Surrey University

When: 12pm-2pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

### **Agenda:**

1) Welcome

2) Award of the AVS EMS Grants, support by VDS Training

3) Approval of minutes from 2019 & 2019 election results

Minutes approved

2019 Election results approved

4) Constitutional Changes

Need to accept harper adams and keele so that they can be part of the AVS

Need to tighten rules regarding election candidates promotion- need to make sure that everyone has equal chances

IVSA- public health officer- title change to project co-ordinator:

Create and coordinate IVSA events

For all positions include an extended handover period

All these changes approved

5) President's Report

Ensuring representation across all aspects of veterinary- sitting on many councils and meetings.

Second vet kind event which was extremely successful (and more support EMS grants, student survey, mind matters, and individual events at respective vet schools)

Engagement- increasing following on all social media pages (3% fb, 30% twitter). Javs is mainly online format

6) IVSA President's Report

7/9 exchanges this year, RVC and glasgow had 2

Neuter clinic database used very well

Symposium in morocco and netherlands to host next

Sat on international affairs committee- run a scholarship for 2 students to attend congress, these have been elected

2 congress and 1 symposium coming up

EAEVE accreditation- 1 student from each university, need to be 1 year graduated

7) Finance Report

Total income: £45,970.01

Total expenditure: £29,742.92

Had a dip in grants- be good to promote this

Total February 2020: £25,598.91

8) AVS/IVSA Election Speeches

9) Results of AVS-BVA 2020 Student Survey with Daniella Dos Santos, BVA

Almost half of students feel they don't have enough to live on

More students are having to take a job in order to fund university- normally from 3rd year onwards

Struggling of finance for EMS funding

Overall students are fairly satisfied with EMS structure, amount not satisfied has however increased

How to improve EMS- majority feel the solution would be to have fewer than the current 38 weeks of EMS to complete

92% of 1000 respondents, 68% feel overwhelmed. Only 18% said they hadn't experienced any issues

Main triggers consistent with 2016: Their studies, lack of free time, financial worries

Satisfaction levels are high for member benefits but unaware of certain member benefits

10) Future Plans

Support with EMS

Financial and mental health support for every year but especially final year

Fitness to practice mythbusters- work on this

11) Date of next AGM

The University of Edinburgh

12) Any Other Business

AGM finished