

MOPACA Board/Officers Meeting  
November 8, 2018

Attendees: Dian Trainer, Britt Hasselbring, Steve Rush, Patti Jones and Beverly Stock (Sharon Heimes was not able to attend but did send an email update)

Meeting minutes from October were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Patti Jones has submitted her report by email prior to the meeting. There was no additional discussion and the report was accepted as submitted.

**News Letter:** Bev is currently working with Liz on the next newsletter. It was recommended that in that issue the results of the election and the introduction of the new Event Coordinators for MIAS be announced.

There were no other committee reports given.

**Old Business:** Patty Hasselbring is working to get the election ready to be conducted on line. It will be on our new Mopaca website. Members will receive a notice via an e-blast and will be required to log-into their account to vote. The question on acceptance of the changes to the by-laws will also be part of the election process.

The ballot is for 1 Board member with 2 candidates (Clarissa Wisner and Diane Dickerson); Secretary has 1 candidate (Susan Theroff) and President has 1 candidate (Dale Hoerl).

Mopaca members will be notified on 11/12/2018 that the ballots are available. Voting is to be completed on 11/26/2018.

**New Business:** Sharon Heimes had sent by email a list of membership guidelines that had been discussed in last months meeting. These will be posted on the website and also included in the newsletter. The guidelines were discussed; a motion to accept was made by Dian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti Jones and accepted .

Dian Trainer gave a report on a recent visit that she and Sharon Heimes took to the Kansas State Vet School. Dian had received an invitation to visit for an update about the alpaca teaching herd that is part of the veterinary education at the university. The discussion was not only the condition of the herd but how Mopaca and members could offer support to make sure the herd remains and that vet students get additional visibility to alpacas and understand the need to have vets with knowledge and willingness to treat alpacas as they go out into practice. One recommendation that had been discussed with the representatives of the school was to attend MIAS and have a booth to educate the public. Another possibility was to offer a station that the students could do fecal tests. Sharon Heimes has also volunteered to write an article for the newsletter regarding our visit. Overall, the board and officers were in favor of finding ways to support and perhaps include regular financial support.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Minutes submitted by: Dian Rogers