

General Announcements during WRNC Symposium Banquet January 31st, 2010

1. The dinner attendees were informed by Carla that the regularly scheduled general membership meeting was postponed due to a lack of a formal quorum.
2. The annual election for board members will be postponed and carried out by either an email election or one from the web site for the same reason (lack of quorum).
3. An announcement was made about Peggy Hager (of Fayetteville) whose mother passed away this week. Many knew her from her days of helping Peggy care for songbirds.
4. Members were told how to locate the WRNC web site.
5. Jean may be contacted if anyone has difficulty finding the web site that will allow conference attendees to download the handouts for the different sessions. This is not found on the WRNC web site. The earlier email with instructions will be resent with information about the web site to do this.
6. There will be an electronic survey that will be sent out to all conference attendees in order to evaluate the Symposium.
7. WRNC rehabilitation members seemed to enjoy the connection between the veterinarians and the veterinary students and the conference attendees that resulted from holding the symposium at the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) in Raleigh this year.
8. Several comments and suggestions were made on ways to improve the symposium for next year:
 - provide maps, especially inside the CVM main building for easier navigation and locating classes.
 - provide how-to videos for instruction for some of the different labs.
 - advise how to get into a lock-down facility such as the CVM with more signs and information.
 - keep the lunch inside the building for everyone at the same time again.
 - certificates will be available to take home before everyone leaves on Sunday.
 - if you are missing a certificate from a past symposium, please contact Carla by email.
9. Changes to Sunday's schedule were reviewed, including announcing a pizza lunch for everyone, consolidation of time to allow for earlier conference end, and schedule changes to replace speakers who were unable to attend.
10. Members were reminded to help themselves to the free medical supplies and cages.
11. The hotel staff were thanked for their support and cooperation, as well as all their help in a difficult situation for everyone.
12. Jean explained why the symposium could not be rescheduled or postponed, or moved to another location, and that these suggestions had already been looked into in great detail. Dr. Degernes also explained that the CVN simply had no other times available this time other than the middle of summer, which was not acceptable. She also pointed out that contrary to other locations that had been suggested, using the CVM building was free, and utilized the veterinary students for symposium assistance.
13. Everyone was encouraged to enjoy the rest of the banquet.