

## **MVMA Annual Meeting**

Sunday, May 1, 2022 Doubletree Westborough Hotel – Westborough, MA

President Dr. Bonnie Smith called the meeting to order at 12:14pm

A quorum was present.

This is our first in-person CE event in over 2 years! Dr. Smith thanked everyone who has made our remote CE successful over the years and for everyone in attendance today.

Dr. Smith acknowledged and thanked MVMA staff, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and speakers.

MVMA is thankful for our relationship with Tufts and their community of faculty and students. Dr. Smith reminded everyone to reach out to new graduates and welcome them to the profession.

There was a moment of silence for those lost to COVID-19 before official business began.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. The year 2021 was financially successful, ending with a surplus of \$100,000. We exceeded budgeted revenue by over \$31,000 thanks to increased membership, new advertising opportunities, the online job bank, and CE attendance. Expenses were under-budget thanks to low property and utility expenses and lower-than-anticipated newsletter and conference costs. Given the substantial net revenue, the Executive Board transferred \$50,000 to our reserve funds in 2021. \$45,000 went to replenish Operating Reserves and \$5,000 went to replenish Capital Reserves. The Executive Board will consider doing so again in 2022. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved by those in attendance. Dr. Smith thanked the Treasurer and Finance Committee for their work.

The 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were presented. There was an edit to remove Dr. Jerlyn Sponseller from the list of attendees. The Minutes were unanimously approved with this edit.

Jamie Falzone presented the MVMA Charities report. The Stray Animal Program funded nearly \$38,000 in veterinary emergency bills, serving over 70 animals in 2021. The Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Program distributed nearly \$3,000 to 3 organizations (SMART, PAWSitive Pantry Pet Food Task Force, and Mass Vest-a-Dog). Upcoming events include Bark in the Park with the WooSox (Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>) and the annual Metrowest K95K (Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>). The organization is always looking for more Board members or people to help with events.

Dr. Smith thanked the MVMA's Nominating Committee and introduced the nominees present at the meeting. Between online voting and today's in-person voting, a quorum was present. The Slate of Officers and Directors was approved as presented.

Dr. Smith led the group in reciting the Veterinarian's Oath.

Dr. Smith thanked Drs. April Paul and Michelle Belvin for their service on the Executive Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41pm.