

GLOBAL RANAVIRUS CONSORTIUM

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

THIRD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RANAVIRUSES

DATE: May 31, 2015

TIME: 4:30 – 5:30pm EST

LOCATION: Ballroom A, Hilton University of Florida, Gainesville, FL USA

MEETING MINUTES:

1. Dr. Gray called the meeting to order at 4:33pm EST
 - Greater than 15% (or 12) of the GRC members were present to make a quorum
2. All officers were introduced by Dr. Gray
 - Dr. Jesse Brunner – Associate Director
 - Dr. Amanda Duffus – Secretary/Treasurer
 - Dr. Thomas Waltzek – North America
 - Dr. Rolando Mazzoni – South America
 - Dr. Rachel Marschang – Europe
 - Dr. Ellen Ariel – Australia
 - Dr. Yumi Une – Asia
3. Treasurer's Report and Membership
 - After the conference there will be ~\$4500 dollars in the account
 - We currently only have about 40 members, so we need to improve this
 - We discussed briefly the website and other various upkeep costs.
4. Bylaws
 - No discussion was had
 - A motion was made by Dr. Marschang to accept the bylaws as written.
 - i. Seconded by Dr. Thomas Waltzek
 - ii. Motion carried with 14 affirmative votes
5. Incorporation
 - Was done in 2014 and the GRC is registered in the state of Tennessee
 - 501c3 Status
 - i. We have until October 2016 to file for this, after that we are no longer able to
 - ii. Costs \$600 to file
 - iii. The board made no decision
 - iv. Dr. Gray will look into tax status, but he also talked about the benefits of this, including attracting donors
 - v. Assuming that we have a balance at the end of FY 2015 we should apply for it – this proposal received a general consensus of yes
 - vi. Individuals who would like to contact other small organizations within the US that have may or may not have this status are asked to contact Dr. Amanda Duffus by the end of June with their input.
6. Website
 - Dr. Brunner spoke about the website and the need for some additional help

- Mr. Joe – Felix Bienentreu offered to help and has been asked to contact Dr. Brunner via email
- The symposium will have audio and slides online once permissions have been granted by the presenters

7. Twitter and Facebook

- Dr. Jake Kerby has set the GRC up with a Twitter account
 - i. We ask that he send out instructions for general GRC tweets etc.
- Facebook
 - i. Dr. Amanda Duffus will work with Miss Ariel Horner to complete the private group and public page for the GRC
 - ii. Links will be emailed out as soon as they are approved by the executive board.

8. EBook

- Published in May
- Dr. Gray told everyone that it available through the Springer Website
- Many of the issues brought up in the first discussion sessions are actually brought up in the text
- Dr. Gray spoke about future editions and more chapters being possibilities

9. Global *Ranavirus* Reporting System (GRRS)

- Started out of discussions at the Southeastern Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (SEPARC) meetings
 - i. Organizers have been: Dr. Amanda Duffus, Dr. Debra Miller, Dr. Matt Gray, Dr. Jesse Brunner, Dr. Dede Olson and Dr. Andrew Huff (and Russ Horton, Jonathan Goley and Nathan Breit from EcoHealth)
- Dr. Gray showed a youtube video prepared by the website designers at EcoHealth
- A request was made for volunteers to help populate the database
 - i. An email will be sent out to the GRC listserv to solicit help

10. 2017 Symposium

- Proposals will be sought shortly after this meeting
- Instructions for proposals will be provided
- More time would be good for meeting planning
 - i. Put out call for proposals for both 2017 and 2019 right away

11. What can the GRC do for you?

- Came out during working groups
- All meeting minutes generated during the Symposium will be available via the website.
- NSF White Paper – to be led by Dr. Jacques Robert

12. Other Business

- Operating manual
 - i. This is being worked on by Dr. Duffus, who will provide a draft to the board as soon as possible
- Symposium Planning Guide
 - i. Is currently being updated to include the experiences from planning this symposium
- It was requested that Student Awards for Best Poster and Best Oral Presentation be available for the 2017 Symposium

13. Acknowledgements

- UF, Dr. Waltzek and the planning committee were acknowledged for putting on a great Symposium
- The Board was acknowledge for their work over the past few years
- Dr. Whittington was thanked for providing an excellent Keynote Address and for travelling ½ way around the world to do it!
- All sponsors were thanked for their contributions

- Dr. Amanda Duffus was humbled to be acknowledged for the second time for her contributions to the GRC. She is very appreciative of the award and hopes to continue her work with the GRC.

14. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Jesse Brunner, was seconded, and all were in favor, shortly after 5:30pm EST.

Meeting minutes were taken by Dr. Amanda Duffus and circulated to the GRC Executive Board for comments before posting.