



**2015 American Veterinary Medical Law Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2015  
Boston, MA**

The meeting was called to order by Andrea Ball, Executive Director acting on behalf of President Robert Simpson, DVM (absent) who asked for a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. It was moved and seconded and the motion passed. A call was made for additional agenda items to be added from the floor and none were presented. The 2015 Annual Business Meeting agenda was adopted.

The 2015-2016 board was introduced and the 2015-2016 slate of officers was presented.

Andrea Ball, Executive Director, reported on the state of the Association.

1. Presidents Report Highlights
  - a. Webinar development and growth.
  - b. Newsletter– A newsletter review committee is seeking members. They will be responsible for summarizing and editing recent case submissions. Interested members should contact the office if they would like to be part of it.
2. Financial report by John Thomas
  - a. The balance sheet was passed out to the membership along with a draft of the 2016 proposed budget.
3. Executive Directors Report: Andrea Ball
  - a. Membership - 144 total members – 11 associate, 27 students and 104 active members.
  - b. AVMLA monthly e-news is available to anyone and we encourage you to have your colleagues sign up. Additionally, AVMLA promotes and track E-news sign up at tradeshow and monitor open rates.
  - c. New website and credit card processing is operating smoothly.
  - d. CE Meeting tomorrow - we have 21 people registered.
  - e. We are expanding AVMLA promotions at schools with vet law program.
  - f. Newsletter committee has reached out to schools for the intern opening.
  - g. Save-the-dates for upcoming AVMLA Annual Meetings have been posted online for the next 3 years.
4. District Reports:
  - a. Lance Roasa, DVM reported on the pending veterinary law program at the University of Nebraska.
5. On behalf of Robert Simpson, Andrea Ball accepted a plaque for his service to the organization. Jerry Greene, Chris Copeland, Debra Hamilton, Maria A. Iliopoulou, and Laura Handzel were installed as the new officers for the coming year.
6. Jerry Greene – Incoming President Address
  - a. Focus on increasing membership – try new ideas
  - b. E-Bulletins, Social Media and Newsletter
  - c. Maintain our educational focus
  - d. Strategic Planning
  - e. Expanding our resources, engaging students
7. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed.

## Meeting Attendees

Jared Buff  
Anthony Cascino  
Thomas Chandler, JD  
Chris Copeland, JD  
Linda Ellis, DVM  
Jerry Greene, DVM, MS  
Nancy Halpern, DVM, Esq  
Debra Hamilton, JD/Mediator  
Christopher Moores  
Mike Murphy, DVM, JD  
Jost am Rhyn  
Lance Roasa, DVM, MS  
Charles Schreiber, Esq  
John Scott, DVM, JD  
Barbara Sheppard, DVM, PhD, DACVP  
Vicki Smith  
Kate Tormey  
Karen Wernette, DVM, JD  
James Wilson, DVM, JD  
Joe Wosick, JD