

ASVCP Education Committee Report

Submitted by: Cheryl Auch

EB Liaison: Kristin Fisher

Committee Members

- Cheryl Auch; Chair
- Perry Bain
- Candice Chu
- Allison Dusick
- Samantha Evans
- Carisa Fraser
- Cora Gilroy
- Sydney Hastain; Resident
- Laurie Millward
- Tara Piech
- Nicole Rosen
- Christopher Shiprack
- Koranda Walsh

I. Dates of Current Year Meetings

- February 6, 2024
- May 8, 2024
- September 10, 2024
- November 2024 (in Seattle, date TBD)

2. Committee Description and Purpose Statement

The ASVCP Education Committee is composed of veterinary clinical pathologists and trainees dedicated to cultivating excellence in education for veterinary clinical pathology (i.e., veterinary student education, resident training, laboratory technician/technologist continuing education, etc.) in academic institutions, diagnostic laboratories, reference laboratories, etc. Our goal is to promote discussion and development of teaching tools, course materials, curricula, teaching methodologies, educational resources, and other avenues for supporting the educational mission.

3. Summary of Current Year Charges/Activities/Objectives/Accomplishments

- Review ASVCP Committee Operations Guide. Update committee description and review membership to ensure optimal numbers and rotation of members. Ensure that a leadership succession plan is in place.
 - The ASVCP Committee Operations Guide was distributed to the ASVCP Education Committee membership via email on February 6th.

- The Education Committee description is up-to-date and the committee is at optimal numbers. There are a few committee members, who have been members of the Education Committee for >3 to 4-years; however, the majority of the members have been added to the committee the past few years.
- Dr. Koranda Walsh has agreed to be the committee chair for 2026 and 2027.
- Prepare and submit budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - The proposed budget (including breakfast at the ACVP/ASVCP annual meeting, Education Forum audio/visual support, Educator Award, Trivia Meet-and-Greet, SAVMA Symposium, and Student Seminar Stipends) was shared with The Rees Group in April 2024, reviewed by the EB, and approved.
- For the 2024 ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting:
 - Plan and deliver the 2024 ASVCP Education Forum.
 - ♦ The subcommittee [Evans (co-chair), Walsh (co-chair), Auch, Fraser, Gilroy, Shiprack] helped organize the 2024 ASVCP Education Forum: “Feedback and Mentoring in Instructor/Learner Relationships” with speaker, Dr. Laura Garrett, a veterinary oncologist at the University of Illinois.
 - Collaborate with the EB to create a guide for the annual ASVCP Resident Meet & Greet event including intended session audience and advertising. Plan and deliver the ASVCP Resident Meet & Greet event.
 - ♦ The subcommittee (Fraser, Gilroy, Hastain, Lanier, Millward) organized the event (scheduled for Monday, November 18th from 7:00-pm to 8:00-pm).
 - ♦ The 2024 ASVCP Education Committee proposed and endorsed changing the title of the session to the ASVCP Trivia Meet & Greet. This is due to poor attendance by veterinary students and/or practicing pathologists. While the session description included an open invitation, several veterinary students and practicing pathologists reported that they did not feel welcome in the session since the title was directed towards residents.

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- Coordinate facilitating and hosting on-line rounds.
 - Identifying panelists for Online Rounds is a challenge still.
 - Dr. Dusick would like to organize and catalog the Online Round recordings for easy searchability. The Education Committee supports this project, but would like support from the EB and MACC.
- Organize and implement the annual ASVCP Educator Award.
 - Dr. Athema Etzioni was selected as the Educator Award recipient and has been notified. She will be attending the Annual Meeting in Seattle and a short bio was included in the ASVCP September NewsBlast.
- Contribute to accessible and diverse member resources via ASVCP Media:
 - For 2024: Create a one-hour equivalent of digital content with a target audience of VLPs. Submit a content proposal to the EB for approval prior to initiation by May 1. Once approved, work with TRG, EB, and Media and Communications Committee to facilitate the digital content development and plans for distribution.
 - The proposal was shared with Dr. Fisher on May 8, 2024.
 - The ASVCP Education Committee would like to focus on CBCs for non-mammalian vertebrates (i.e., birds, reptiles, and amphibians) and provide VLPs resources on how to obtain WBC counts (with hemocytometer and estimate from blood smear), practice cases, cell identification, and list of resources.
 - The Education Committee Chair was notified of EB approval on July 17th.
- Arrange for the annual SAVMA Symposium booth.
 - The 2024 SAVMA Symposium at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville was successful; however, there was abundant confusion regarding delegation of tasks, timelines, points of contact, etc. This frustration was echoed by many involved.
- Provide oversight and approval for ASVCP Student Stipend requests.
 - This task is coordinated by Dr. Tara Piech. Application for 2025 is open.
- Provide a mid-year written report to the Executive Board on committee goals, objectives, and accomplishments.
 - Mid-Year Report was submitted June 11, 2024. Mid-year virtual meeting was attended by the chair, Dr. Auch.
- Provide written report to the ASVCP Business Meeting book and 1-2 PowerPoint slides for the Annual Business Meeting.
 - End-of-year report was submitted on-time. Dr. Auch will be at the Annual Meeting.
- Write a NewsBlast submission every one to two years highlighting the committee, accomplishments and initiatives.
 - No updates. When the manuscript regarding the 2023 Education Forum has been accepted for publication (after endorsement by the Education Committee and approval by the EB), we plan to share it in the NewsBlast.
- Send letters of acknowledgement from the committee chair to committee members, using the template provided.
 - This will be done in November/December 2024.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members

The ASVCP Education Committee would like to thank and recognize Drs. Samantha Evans and Christopher Lanier for their service.

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5. Future Outlook (Planned Activities for Next Year)

- The Education Committee is expected to deliver the Education Forum, Educator Award, Online Rounds, Student Stipends, and SAVMA Symposium, similar to years past.
- The Education Committee requests guidance and resources to catalog the Online Round recordings.
- The authors (Auch CL, *Zhang D, Dehghanpir S, Walsh K, Shiprack C, Dusick A, Evans S) for the manuscript related to the 2023 Education Forum aim to finalize the first draft soon prior to submitting to the Executive Board for review.

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Online Rounds

Submitted by: Jessica Retzlaff

The organization of Online Rounds is a cooperative effort between the Education Committee (led by committee member Allison Dusick), presenters, Kristin Fisher (2nd year Executive Board member) and The Rees Group.

Twelve Rounds were scheduled for 2024 and 10 have been presented to date. Summary of activities and accomplishments:

Date	Presenter
January 31, 2024	Dr. Randolph Wilson, Moichor Animal Diagnostics
February 28, 2024	Dr. Austin Viall, University of California, Davis
March 19, 2024	Dr. Leslie Sharkey & Dr. Francisco Cornado, Tufts University
April 23, 2024	Dr. Hamideh Esmaeilzadeh, The Ohio State University
May 30, 2024	Dr. Christopher Lanier, University of Florida
June 20, 2024	Washington State University Group
July 19, 2024	Dr. Julie Piccione, Texas A&M University
August 29, 2024	Zoetis Group
September 18, 2024	Dr. Julie Webb, Cornell University
October 25, 2024	Dr. Janet Beeler-Marfisi, University of Guelph
November 2024	Dr. Allison Dusick, University of Wisconsin
December 2024	Dr. Nora Springer, & Dr. Deanna Schaefer, University of Tennessee

Online Rounds Sponsors

Featured Name	Level
True North Veterinary Diagnostics	Platinum
Mayo Clinic Arizona	Gold
University of Arizona School of Veterinary Medicine	Silver
Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine	Bronze
University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine	Bronze
Linda Vap	Bronze

Early in 2019, sponsorship of Rounds was implemented, and Austin Viall, incoming Chair to the Education Committee, spearheaded this effort. The sponsors are recognized in each issue of the NewsBlast, on the Online Rounds webpages, in each email promoting the month's presentation, and during the Business Meeting presentation each year. The length of time that each sponsor is included in promotion depends on the level of sponsorship. To sponsor Online Rounds, one can either submit their information and payment on the ASVCP website or they can submit a check directly to the ASVCP administrative offices.

Objectives for 2025

Identify new presenters and encourage those who presented this year to continue in supporting the program. Continue to promote opportunities for sponsorship of Online Rounds.

Finance and Development Committee Report

Submitted by: Nora Springer
EB Liaison: Charlotte Hollinger and Balazs Szladovits

Committee Members

- Bridget Garner
- A Russell Moore
- June Huang
- Nora Springer; Chair
- Valerie Wong
- Angela Wilcox

I. Dates of Current Year Meetings

- June 12, 2023: Full Committee
- July 27, 2024: Finance Subcommittee
- July 19, 2024: Development Subcommittee
- November 2024 TBD: Full Committee

2. Committee Description and Purpose Statement

The Finance and Development Committee supports the ASVCP through a focus on robust fiscal health and vision. Committee activities include considering roadmaps to long-term organizational goals and strategy, developing and guiding ASVCP leadership on financial policies aligned with ASVCP values, collaborating with the affiliated financial professionals, and designing relevant and engaging fundraising initiatives to benefit the ASVCP mission.

3. Summary of Current Year Charges/Activities/Objectives/Accomplishments

Committee formed March 2024;
 Membership recruited March-May 2024

Full Committee:

- Met with ASVCP's financial advisor, Middleton Advisory for introductory meeting and overview of current financial strategies

Finance Subcommittee:

- Draft Financial Policy created July-September 2024

Development Subcommittee:

- Solicited sponsorship for ASVCP annual meeting activities. \$20,000 committed as of 10/1/24

3. Recognition of outgoing committee members

N/A

4. Future Outlook (Planned Activities for Next Year)

Finance Subcommittee:

- Semi-annual consultation with Middleton Advisory
- Query membership regarding financial priorities for the ASVCP and consult with EB regarding feedback to set immediate and aspirational financial goals

Development Subcommittee:

- Develop sponsorship request SOP
- Draft documents for corporate grant requests (e.g. needs assessment/gap analysis, outcomes measurement/outcomes analysis, learner generation plan, amongst others)
- Write a Newsblast submission highlighting ways for membership to support ASVCP including, but not limited to, donation of book royalties, recurring individual microdonations, estate planning, in honor of gifts

Media and Communications Committee (MACC) Report

Submitted by: Samantha Schlemmer
Executive Board Liaison: Laura Cregar

Committee Members

- Carolina Azevedo
- Francisco Conrado
- Dennis DeNicola
- Michelle Dicourcey
- Hamideh Esmaeilzadeh
- Carisa Fraser
- Danielle Gordon
- Erika Gruber
- Carol Haak
- Daniel Heinrich
- Christina Jeffries
- Nicole Kaiser
- Robert Lukacs
- Tara Piech
- Lisa Schlein (Incoming Chair)
- Samantha Schlemmer (Outgoing Chair)
- Demitria Vasilatis

I. Dates of Current Year Meetings

- January 11, 2024
- February 8, 2024
- March 14, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 9, 2024
- June 13, 2024
- July 11, 2024
- August 8, 2024
- September 12, 2024
- October 17, 2024
- December 12, 2024 (planned)

2. Committee Description and Purpose Statement:

The Media and Communications Committee (MACC) consists of members from a variety of career stages and sectors. We are an enthusiastic group, and expertise in technology or social media is not a requirement! The MACC strives to serve the ASVCP by maintaining and contributing to the ASVCP website and other media. In addition to Society communications, we also maintain and contribute to educational resources and directly interact with other ASVCP committees and the *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* journal. We aim to support society activities, provide value to members, and convey the mission and vision of the ASVCP to non-members.

3. Summary of Current Year Charges/Activities/Objectives/Accomplishments

The MACC continues to be active with monthly meetings and several projects aimed at enhancing the ASVCP website and social media presence, ensuring and enticing member engagement. Some notable committee work from the past year is highlighted below.

- The MACC maintains an active social media presence, utilizing Facebook, Instagram, and the ASVCP.org website to publicize and engage members in ASVCP activities and opportunities including those related to other committees.
 - As of September 2024, the ASVCP's Instagram account has >5,800 followers (increased from ~4,700 last year), while the Facebook page has a steady following of >13,000.
- Maintained and updated various pages and subpages on ASVCP.org, including:
 - Header/rotator images - updated quarterly
 - ◆ Members are encouraged to submit images!
 - Homepage announcements - updated as needed but at least quarterly, highlighting relevant events or important membership information
 - [Events Calendar](#) - highlights ASVCP and related content, as well as important deadlines
 - ◆ Members are encouraged to reach out with calendar additions!
 - [Instrument Repository](#) - updated annually; contains information regarding institutions' instruments and points of contact
 - [Veterinary Clinical Pathology](#) Journal - revamped page to include major highlights, calls for papers, and changes in recent years
 - Society Information - revised the [Online Media Policy](#)
 - Committees - created pages for new committees and initiatives:
 - ◆ [Awards & Finance & Development](#) Committees
 - ◆ [Share the Future VLP Travel Awards](#)

Media and Communications Committee (MACC) Report-continued

- Rebrand
 - ♦ Updated Mystery Case Documents (2023-present) with new branding, as well as clickable bookmark links and case indexes to easily navigate cases!
 - ♦ Revised ASVCP PowerPoints will be posted to the website soon!
 - ♦ Added a Favicon to our website – our new icon will be featured on our webpages so when you visit or bookmark our pages you can more easily identify ASVCP!
- Projects in progress/development:
 - ♦ Revised ASVCP Mystery Case Document Archive
 - ♦ ASVCP History project
 - ♦ ASVCP membership infographic
 - ♦ ADVIA scatterplot educational document
 - Potential future development of similar document(s) for other hematology analyzers (e.g., Sysmex, POC analyzers)
- Facebook (@ASVCP) & Instagram (@vetclinpath) posts:
 - Recurring posts/updates:
 - ♦ VCP article of the week (weekly)
 - ♦ ASVCP Boost (weekly)
 - ♦ What is your diagnosis? (monthly)
 - ♦ VCP new issue (quarterly)
 - ♦ ASVCP calendar reminder (quarterly)
 - Periodic posts:
 - ♦ Annual meeting deadlines and highlights
 - ♦ Member-driven:
 - Pets in Path (petsinpath@gmail.com) – share love for your pet by sending a picture of your pet, your and your pet's name (unless prefer to be anonymous) to be featured on ASVCP social media! [Click here](#) for an example.
 - In Focus Case Series (asvcp.infocus@gmail.com) – veterinary pathologists and residents under the supervision of a pathologist mentor as co-author can submit any type of veterinary clinical pathology case (hematology, cytology, laboratory data, etc.) including at least 1 good-quality image to share with the ASVCP community! [Click here](#) for an example.
 - *Members should consider submitting items for these!
- Projects in progress/development:
 - ♦ Mystery Throwback series - highlighting previous ASVCP Mystery Cases
- [Newsblast](#) & Snapshot digest
 - We continue to create the Snapshot digest (quarterly) and assist with the creation of the Newsblast (quarterly) to share important news and updates with members every 1-2 months
 - ♦ Members are encouraged to reach out with additions to these communications!
- Listserv
 - Updated the [Listserv Intended Use and Content](#) guidelines on ASVCP.org and shared via the Listserv, Newsblast, and Snapshot
 - *All members should review this, as well as the [ASVCP's Code of Conduct and Online Media Policies](#), before posting to the Listserv or other ASVCP media

4. ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop

This is the first year the MACC has been charged with PMW development. We planned a unique, team-lead workshop focused on endocrinology of small animals, in particular, diseases of the HPA axis, thyroid, and parathyroid, with an integrative and interactive approach to engage participants of all levels. We are thankful for our wonderful panel of expert speakers dedicating their time to this event!

5. Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members

- Robert Lukacs for assistance with image inventory and website management.
- Tara Piech for exceptional general leadership and initiative, in particular assisting with the VCP article of the week, Online Media Policy, Pets in Path series, student seminar stipend, and revising the About Us PowerPoints and Mystery Case document archive.

Media and Communications Committee (MACC) Report-continued

6. Future Outlook (Planned Activities for Next Year)

- Continue ASVCP.org development with the engagement of committees and general membership, including the MACC projects listed above as well as partnerships with other ASVCP committees, such as:
 - Mystery Slide Case Archive (partner with TIC)
 - QA/QC case bank (partner with QALS)
- Continue to highlight ASVCP activity and related opportunities (e.g., latest news, social media)
- Continue to monitor and assess analytics on ASVCP.org, social media, and member communications (Newsblast, Snapshot)
- Continue to update instruction materials on how to use/access the various areas of ASVCP.org, and how to operate the Media and Communications Committee
- Perform committee maintenance including retiring members, distribution of projects among current members, and continued recruitment of new members

Program Committee and Veterinary Laboratory Professionals (VLP) Report

Submitted by: Julie Allen

Executive Board Liason: Amy MacNeill

Committee Members

- Julie Allen; Chair
- Trelor Fraites (VLP)
- Amy MacNeill (President-Elect)
- Martina Piviani
- Nora Springer
- Sandra Sisson (VLP)
- Maria Naskou
- Betsy Murdock
- Katie Metcalf
- Karuna Katariwala (Resident Liaison)

I. Dates of Current Year Meetings

ASVCP Program Committee Meetings:

- December 21, 2023
- January 26, 2024
- April 10, 2024
- June 11, 2024: Mid-year ASVCP EB-Chairs Meeting and Mid-Year Committee Reports
- June 13, 2024

ACVP Annual Meeting Committee Meetings:

- January 5, 2024
- February 26, 2024
- April 14, 2024
- April 27, 2024: ACVP Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Committee Meeting
- August 5, 2024
- September 16, 2024

2. Committee Description and Purpose Statement

The Program Committee is primarily responsible for organizing the ASVCP Annual Meeting Program in conjunction with the ACVP. The Committee is composed of a Chair, the President-Elect, 1-2 VLP representatives and several at-large members. The Program Committee determines topics, speakers, and the schedule for the meeting, primarily the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals and Current Topics sessions. The Committee also works with the Committee organizing the Pre-Meeting Workshop (this year that is the Media and Communications Committee), the 2nd year Executive Board member (mystery slides and case review session), and the President-elect (Clinical Pathology scientific sessions). The Chair is a member of the ACVP Annual Meeting Committee and

attends all related meetings and works closely with the Association Management Center (AMC) Group. The purpose of the committee is to ensure that the ASVCP portion of the meeting is of a high educational standard and meets the needs of the Society.

3. Summary of Current Year Charges/Activities/Objectives/Accomplishments

- Met as Committee multiple times since last Annual Meeting to decide on topics and possible speakers for this year's Annual Meeting
- Reviewed survey results from Chicago meeting.
- Added Resident Liaisons (Betsy Murdock and Karuna Katariwala).
- Attended all ACVP Annual Meeting Committee meetings including annual spring meeting (Julie Allen only).
- Assisted speakers with logistics and ensured fulfilled deliverables.
- Zoom meetings and emails with speakers to discuss talk content.
- Provided input and speaker suggestions for ACVP/ASVCP Plenary session.
- Coordinated extensively with AMC regarding meeting planning including scheduling, speaker portals, room sizes etc.
- Helped MACC with Premeeting Workshop speaker suggestions.
- Interacted with Education Committee re: the Education Forum for Discussion.
- Bone marrow cytology-histology correlate talk during plenary session organized for 2024.
- Assisted President-elect with planning Focused Scientific Sessions.
- Julie, Sandy and Trelor brainstormed options for encouraging VLP attendance by laboratory management and technical staff.

Program Committee and Veterinary Laboratory Professionals (VLP) Report-continued

- Reviewed list of volunteers for Program Committee – added Katie Metcalf to committee.
- Discussed Betsy Murdock staying on Committee after boards (she passed!) and potentially taking on Chair position.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members

Martina and Nora may potentially be rotating off depending upon our ability to recruit new members

5. Future Outlook (Planned Activities for Next Year)

- Recruit new committee chair
- Onboard possible new committee members
- Work on ways to increase VLP engagement.
- Work on VLP page for ASVCP website with Trelor, Sandy, Lindsey Blackburn (OSU) and Rees Group.

Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards (QALS) Report

Submitted by: Mélanie Ammersbach
Executive Board Liaison: Johanna Rigas

Committee Members:

- Mélanie Ammersbach; Chair
- Jennifer Dawson
- Kimberley Demos-Davies (Resident Liaison)
- Eric Fish
- Maya Frankenstein
- Kathy Freeman
- Karen Gerber
- Emma Hooijberg
- Kendal Harr
- Jeremie Korchia
- Jennifer Matlow
- A. Russell Moore
- Yolandi Rautenbach
- Johanna Rigas, EB liaison
- Mark Rishniw
- Emma Stacey (Resident Liaison)
- Nicole Stacy
- Nina Zitzer

I. Dates of Current Year Meetings:

- January 22nd, 2024
- April 22nd, 2024
- July 30th, 2024
- October 30th, 2024

2. Committee Description and Purpose Statement:

The Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards (QALS) Committee is concerned with quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) in veterinary laboratory diagnostic testing. Committee members include board-certified veterinary clinical pathologists, medical technologists, and clinical pathology residents. The committee develops quality assurance guidelines with recommendations and checklists to promote and enhance QA/QC within laboratories performing diagnostic testing of animal samples. Our efforts have resulted in development of guidelines for the ASVCP that are freely available via the [ASVCP QALS Guidelines page](#) and as Special Reports in the journal *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*. The committee also has an advisory role for the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) and the Academy of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Technicians (AVCP). As for the other ASVCP committees, QALS periodically organizes pre-meeting workshops on quality assurance and standards at the annual ACVP/ASVCP meeting.

3. Summary of Current Year Charges/Activities/Objectives/Accomplishments:

Education Material Working Group

- Chair: Emma Hooijberg
- Goals: To create clinical pathology teaching cases with QA/QC material added to the end of existing cases (using the ASVCP chemistry case bank and other cases)
- Plan: Create a body of ~20 pilot cases and have veterinary professors use them to teach DVM students and clinical pathology residents and get their feedback before creating more case materials.
- Updates:
 - Cases shared with QALS members and with ASVCP members through Newsblast (summer 2024)
 - Received some feedback
 - QALS committee voted in support of posting cases on ASVCP website

Digital Cytology Guidelines

- Chairs: Kendal Harr and Eric Fish
- Goal: To create guidelines for the field of digital cytology in veterinary medicine
- Updates:
 - Education guidelines document was sent to EB in early 2024. The EB asked the QALS committee to modify the scope to focus on QA/QC and less on specific guidelines for resident training
 - Document was incorporated into a larger guideline document about digital cytology
 - Document in final stages of editing

Total Allowable Error in Endocrinology

- Chair: Jérémie Korchia
- Goals: To assess published immunoassay performance in the most commonly measured hormones in veterinary species, collect current QCM performance data across several different laboratories, and perform a survey about immunoassay performance to elaborate quality guidelines
- Updates:
 - Part I: Review of literature: done
 - Part II: Data collection: In progress
 - ◆ Large database of labs and contacts was built
 - ◆ Spring: Labs were contacted to request 2 months of QA/QC data

Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards (QALS) Report-continued

- ♦ September: Invited others to join in ASVCP newsletter, will send more information and files to fill out through ASVCP listserv
- ♦ Preliminary Analysis: Underway
- Part III: Surveys:
 - ♦ Pathologist and Clinician survey will be drafted
 - ♦ EB to approve surveys and IRB to be obtained
 - ♦ Distribution of surveys

Cytology Reporting Guidelines

- Chairs: Jennifer Matlow and Kathleen Freeman
- Goals:
 - To improve the quality of cytology reporting by maximizing the accuracy of report interpretation by clients/minimizing the risk of misinterpretation of reports.
 - To share document with QALS, EB, and ASVCP. Aim for publication in Vet Clin Path and linked on QALS committee page
- Updates:
 - Subcommittee was formed and includes members with a variety of opinions (including dissenting ones)
 - Subcommittee members:
 - ♦ A. Russell Moore
 - ♦ Anna Meredith
 - ♦ Rosemary Newton
 - ♦ Mark Rishniw
 - Goal is to have draft guidelines by the end of 2025 for EB review.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members

- Jill Arnold: Jill Arnold has stepped down as a member of the QALS committee after serving for many years, including 9 years as the secretary. We are grateful for her service and contributions to the committee.
- Michelle Larsen: We are grateful to Michelle for her participation in QALS

5. Future Outlook (Planned Activities for Next Year)

Our current focus is to bring ongoing projects to completion prior to starting new projects, as suggested by the EB.

- The cases from the Educational Materials Working Group are ready to be posted online.
- The Digital Cytology Guidelines are nearly finished and will be sent for review by the QALS committee around November 2024, and sent to the EB after that.
- The TEA for Endocrinology Guidelines project will invite participation from the ASVCP membership in October 2024, and will aim to finish data gathering and analysis by Spring 2025.
- The Cytology Reporting Guidelines group has recently begun work and hope to have a draft by the end of 2025.

6. Possible Future Projects

Once some of the above projects are completed, and if the EB approves, here are some potential projects for the committee to work on:

- Non-Mammalian Hematology Guidelines
 - This project was proposed by Nicole Stacy in Spring 2023, but she has not had time to proceed yet
- Update to the Reference Intervals Guidelines:
 - Possible project lead: Melanie Ammersbach
- Resource for establishing QA/QC program in a clinical pathology/in-house Laboratory

Regulatory, Industrial and Toxicologic Affairs Committee (RITAC) Report

Submitted by: Kate Biddle

Executive Board Liaison: Amy MacNeil

Committee Members:

- Kathleen (Kate) Biddle; Chair
- Adeyemi (Yemi) Adedeji
- Tara Arndt
- Adam Aulbach
- Liza Bau-Gaudreault
- Elizabeth Besteman
- Kimberly Demos-Davies (Resident Liaison)
- Susan Hart (STP Liaison)
- Mandy Meindel
- Adi Naor
- Cory Sims
- Paula Krimer
- Annie Deschamps

I. Dates of Current Year Meetings:

- January 16, 2024
- February 27, 2024
- May 21, 2024
- September 24, 2024

2. Committee Description and Purpose Statement

The Regulatory, Industrial, and Toxicologic Affairs Committee (RITAC) of the ASVCP is composed primarily of members employed in industry (contract research organizations, biotech, pharmaceutical, agrochemical and food industries, and private diagnostic laboratories). It strives to advance toxicologic clinical pathology in industry by educating, promoting communication, and publishing contemporary best practices for clinical pathology in industry. Primary RITAC activities have included sponsorship of resident externships in industry, development and publication of guidelines for veterinary clinical pathology aspects in industry, and fostering collaboration with ACVP and STP to improve harmonization efforts. The RITAC has also surveyed government regulatory agencies, national and international committees, the pharmaceutical industry, professional organizations, and oral and written communication for current and impending legislation/regulations or publications that may affect the daily business of our membership. Lastly, when necessary, the RITAC forms consensus opinions and responds appropriately to these agencies on behalf of the ASVCP.

3. Summary of Current Year Charges/Activities/Objectives/Accomplishments

- We started a draft charter for a manuscript on expected effects of contemporary drug classes in toxicologic clinical pathology. When this became the proposed topic for the 2024 PMW we paused work on the manuscript since it made sense that it follow the PMW and formed a PMW planning subgroup. When we realized the 2024 ASVCP meeting overlapped with the American College of Toxicology (ACT) meeting, this topic got postponed to the 2025 PMW. The PMW subgroup has preliminary topics and speakers lined up for 2025.
- The budget was submitted and accepted, the committee description and list of members was updated, and we have completed our succession planning (Laura Cregar has kindly agreed to take over as chair).
- A subgroup of the committee pulled together a list of newly published resources and submitted them to the MACC for inclusion on the ASVCP website.
- The group has been carefully following recent trends to not fast animals prior to blood collection for clinical pathology analysis and to stop including control animals in nonclinical toxicity studies as these could both impact toxicologic clinical pathology.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members

Thank you to Laura Cregar who stepped off the RITAC to be on the ASVCP EB and to Betsey Murdock our previous RITAC Resident Liaison.

5. Future Outlook (Planned Activities for Next Year):

- We would still like to find additional experienced toxicologic pathologists to join the group.
- Continue to develop guidelines and useful publications for veterinary clinical pathology aspects in industry. Update the EB on draft manuscripts in progress and submit these for publication when available.

Regulatory, Industrial and Toxicologic Affairs Committee (RITAC) Report-continued

- Continue to foster ties with organizations such as the ACVP and the Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) to improve communications and harmonization efforts and to develop advocacy plans that promote the role of veterinary clinical pathology in regulatory environments.
- Keep membership informed of committee activities and regulatory issues via article(s) in ASVCP Newsblasts and list-serv posts, as appropriate.
- Continue to investigate funding for externships in industry for clinical pathology residents or other ideas for more broad impact.

Technology and Innovation Committee (TIC) Report

Submitted by: Davis Seelig

Executive Board Liaison: Laura Cregar

Committee Members

- Francisco Conrado
- Samantha Evans
- Aradhana Gupta
- Angela Gwynn
- Maria Naskou
- Samuel Neal
- Davis Seelig; Chair

1. Dates of Current Year Meetings:

- None

2. Committee Description and Purpose Statement

The ASVCP Technology and Innovation Committee was created to formally establish a footprint in the digital slide arena. While this is/was the initial charge, the TIC is tasked with staying abreast of and exploring current and upcoming technology and tools to find solutions for ASVCP needs and suggest future directions. This includes microscope and alternative hardware, whole slide image software, artificial intelligence, machine learning, microscope alternatives, etc.

3. Summary of Current Year Charges/Activities/Objectives/Accomplishments

- Implement a request for proposal (RFP) process with assistance of the Executive Board and The Rees Group to identify a new ASVCP Mystery Slide Digital Case Bank (Whole Slide Images) repository
 - STATUS = Ongoing
 - ♦ Based on initial responses, partnerships are being explored based on alignment with ASVCP values and goals.

- Gather and maintain materials for the ASVCP Digital Case Bank, including organization of case materials, definition of WSI file qualities, release forms, and other relevant information on an ASVCP-accessible server:
 - STATUS = Ongoing
 - Collaborate with other ASVCP committees to best serve the ASVCP members and its mission.
 - ♦ STATUS = Ongoing as necessary
 - Explore current and upcoming technology and member needs to propose relevant future directions for the ASVCP
 - ♦ STATUS = Ongoing with needs to be defined through collaboration between TIC members, ASVCP membership, and the EB.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members

N/A

5. Future Outlook (Planned Activities for Next Year)

- Explore and implement a RFP process to identify a new ASVCP Mystery Slide Digital Case Bank.