CVM Graduate Student Association Meeting
Mosier Hall N202
4:00 PM September 3, 2004

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Sam welcomed the old and new students. It was nice to see so many new students from the different departments in CVM.

Dave Adams took a group picture of all graduate students present for our website.

Brian presented information about our first guest speaker of the semester (see announcement following the meeting minutes below). If everyone would please either send Brian an email with questions to ask either the Drs. Jaax, or bring a question to the meet and greet at 2:30 on the September 30th, we would appreciate it. Send any questions regarding the Drs. Nancy and Gerald Jaax to brthomps@vet.ksu.edu

Information regarding the election of new officers was presented by Sam. The positions available are Treasurer and Technical Officer. Brief description of responsibilities:
Treasurer:  Responsibilities include maintaining the association’s budget and spending, allocating funds for projects, and works with the president in obtaining funds from sources such as SGA, private donations, etc.
Technical Officer:  Responsibilities include construction and maintenance of the website of the association, helping with listservs, and any setup of electronic devices at events and/or meetings.

We are asking for volunteers for the posts. All interested should e-mail Sam by 5:00 PM on September 20th, expressing their willingness to run for the post (include the post for which you want to run). If there is a contest election it will be held before our next meeting.

We discussed ways to generate some revenue for the GSA to be used for regular meetings or etc. There were several ideas given:
1. A garage sale by pooling items donated by the members in the vet school
2. Try for sponsors to provide gift certificates etc.
3. Holding a carnival (displaying the animals, putting on costumes, etc.), free for kids but a minimum charge for adults or ask for donation.

Sam discussed the proposal of inviting an off-campus speaker. Membership views about setting the guidelines for inviting the speaker were gathered.
Vinita brought up having a welcome party for the new students. She will also discuss the possibility of a barbecue like last we held last spring semester in the next meeting.