Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

General Body Meeting

11/11/2009

I. Guest speaker, April Gessner

a. Veterinary Technician for 9 years and Wilmington VIDA coordinator

b. Spoke about her experience on a trip to Costa Rica with VIDA

II. Volunteers for Intercultural and Definitive Adventures (VIDA)

a. A non-profit organization, that provides free medical, dental, and veterinary assistance to needy communities.

b. Can volunteer with them in countries such as Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua

c. Help with surgeries, vaccination, physical examinations and much more

d. You get to experience the cultures and even have some free time

e. Stay in hotels or homestays

i. Homestays are with an actual family

f. Veterinary Team Cost $1,395 to 1,695

g. Can go for a week or two

III. Cost includes:

a. All supplies needed for veterinary clinics

b. Licensed bilingual veterinarians

c. Hotels and homestays

d. 2 meals a day (clinic days)

e. 1 meal a day (non-clinic days)

f. Ground transportation

IV. Contacts:

a. [www.vidavolunteertravel.org](http://www.vidavolunteertravel.org)

b. VIDA Headquarters in Costa Rica:

i. Sondra Elizondo (founder and co-director)

ii. [Sondra@vidavolunteertravel.org](mailto:Sondra@vidavolunteertravel.org)

c. April Gessner (local Wilmington VIDA coordinator)

i. [glirpa@gmail.com](mailto:glirpa@gmail.com)

V. Volunteer Forms

a. Print off forms from the PVMA website

b. Return to Laurie or Dr.Weedon’s Mailbox in the Biology Dept.

c. Return as soon as possible

d. Keep tract of you hours

VI. Rabies Video

a. Showed a Rabies video at meeting

b. Video helps with rabies awareness visits to Elementary schools.

c. In the process of getting a new one