



Newsletter

NEXT MEETING **Thursday, May 18, 2006**

***PLEASE INVITE OTHERS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING
& JOIN THE DCVMA!***

Where: AVMA Governmental Relations Division Office
1910 Sunderland Place NW
Washington, DC 20036

When: Thursday May 18, 2006
6:30 Social hour
7:00 Business meeting

Directions: Take the red line Metro to Dupont Circle and exit from the Dupont Circle South metro exit. Sunderland Place is a half block south on the right.

<i>President</i>	Dr. Bonnie Buntain
<i>Vice President</i>	Dr. Andrew Maccabe
<i>Executive Director</i>	Dr. Wendy Shelton
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dr. Tracy DuVernoy
<i>President Elect</i>	Dr. Sebastien Heath
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	Dr. Charles Eastin
<i>AVMA Delegate</i>	Dr. Sal Cirone
<i>AVMA Alternate Delegate</i>	Dr. Earl Strimple
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Dr. Katherine Feldman

News Notes from the President

First of all, thank you all for your interest and dedication to the DCVMA and our job of hosting the 2007 AVMA Convention. **Dr. Sal Cirone** has been working diligently on organizing the events at the Hawaii House of Delegates. He successfully milked a turnip and has commitment from the DC Convention folks to provide 200 great baseball caps, DC buttons, pens and stickers to be shipped to Hawaii- all at no cost to the DCVMA! Sal will unveil the give-a-ways at the May 7th HOD preparation meeting with our District colleagues at the Guldesky Center, U-MD, where our illustrious Newsletter Editor, **Dr. Katherine Feldman**, works.

More news about 2007 DC AVMA Convention: **Dr. Kent McClure** has been busy trying out golf courses for the tournament on Monday July 16, 2007, and has provided the AVMA with a list of 5 or 6 choices with fee estimates. Most courses won't book until it is less than a year in advance, so he will work with AVMA to pick the final course and sign a contract sometime late summer or fall. Get those clubs and volunteers ready for July 16!

Joanne Mazur at the AVMA Convention received information from **Dr. Patty Bennett** about the 5K run. She has received one bid from GEP Washington, a destination company that the AVMA is considering for tours, for the 5K run at Haines Point at East Potomac Park on July 15, 2007. She is waiting for another bid from Run Washington but they are already booked for that day. Any other recommended outfits would be greatly appreciated- so email me (buntain104@verizon.net) and I'll forward the information to Dr. Bennett. They hope to have the US Army sponsor the run again in 2007, but we'll need DCVMA and other organization volunteers to help out. So post the date on next year's calendar!

Family night is moving forward and looking like a multi-Smithsonian event, with AVMA considering bids for more than one museum.

Dr. Dale Boyle has recommendations for the July 16, 2007 sporting clay event and has received bids on two locations: Prince Georges Country Trap & Skeet and Bull Run Shooting Center. I think it was really amusing that the DC Convention ladies couldn't be of assistance recommending sites for this event. It was the first convention that asked them for skeet shooting leads! Well, Dr. Boyle, being an expert skeet shooter, took care of that so if golfing is not your thing, go hit some clays with him next year!

Members-At-Large: We have two interested members, **Dr. Steve Denny** of the Army and **Dr. Alice Smith**, State Department. The Executive Board will study the process for approving these positions and contact them for any information, if needed.

Strategic Planning: **Dr. Mark Lutschaunig** recommended that the DCVMA appropriately use the increased dues for specific goals, such as disaster relief, Congressional Fellowships, veterinary scholarship, grants for members to attend the AVMA Leadership Conference, CE, and for students staying in the DC area for volunteer externships, etc. He suggested a 3 to 5 year plan to increase the profile of the organization and detail potential activities to support the plan. Membership at the January and March meetings agreed. As President, I will work to make this happen. Therefore, I would like the Executive Board Officers and other interested members to

consider the following dates and be prepared to select one during the May 18th DCVMA meeting:

Strategic Planning meeting suggested dates (DC location to be determined) at 6:30 PM: June 8, June 15, July 6, other?

SUMMER FUN EVENTS

Since we don't meet in the summer, members have suggested some social events:

Waiting to confirm: BBQ at Dr. Strimple's in the Catoctin Mountain area

Mark your Calendar! **Saturday, September 2** Nationals vs. Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game. BBQ at Bonnie's Hill House before the game! Walk to the RFK Stadium (about 1 mile) after. OK- it's not "exactly" summer, but maybe the weather will be cooler!

Capitol Hill Home available for a summer intern or veterinary professional: I will be in Hawaii from July 13 to August 11. If you know of a responsible party who needs a place to stay, let me know before I fill it up with relatives!



!!! FREE 2007 AVMA CONVENTION REGISTRATION !!!

Volunteers are needed to serve as moderators for educational sessions during the 2007 AVMA Convention, July 14-18, in Washington, DC. Please sign up by sending your name and contact information to **Dr. Charles Eastin** at Charles.Eastin@fda.hhs.gov. Later, you will be contacted by the AVMA with further details, including instructions on how to secure your complementary registration for the entire convention!

DCVMA Dues Increase Approved

The annual DCVMA membership dues have increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00. For those that have already sent in a payment of \$25.00 - don't worry about adding any increase. We'll get you next year! A dues payment form is available at the end of this newsletter.

Public practice sessions at the 2006 AVMA Convention in Honolulu

The **Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine** of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine has organized a full day session entitled *Career Transitions for Veterinarians to Public Health Practice* for Sunday July 16. The seminar is being co-sponsored by the USDA-APHIS, the FDA, and the AAVMC Task Force on Public Health.

The United States is facing a critical shortage of veterinarians in the public health arena, including the public practice areas of food safety and food security, infectious and zoonotic diseases, population medicine, and biomedical research. Federal, state and local agencies have, or will soon have, a severe shortage of veterinarians interested and trained in public health. Although veterinarians in private clinical practice have many of the knowledge, skills and aptitudes to serve in public practice, they are often unaware of how to make the transition to public practice.

The one-day session that the CPCVM is planning will provide veterinarians with an introduction to employment opportunities in public health, training programs that will prepare them for public practice jobs, the nontechnical competencies required for success in public practice, and insights from Human Resources about the application process for public practice jobs. The first portion of the seminar will feature representatives of agencies who will describe examples of current employment opportunities, salaries, necessary skills and education, and prospects for employment within their respective agencies. The second portion of the seminar will discuss practical considerations for making a transition to public practice.

The seminar will not only serve veterinarians interested in making the transition to public practice, but will be a recruiting forum for participating agencies. Typically, 10,000 members of the veterinary profession attend the AVMA Annual Convention, including 4,000-5,000 practicing veterinarians, leaders in the veterinary profession, and members of the veterinary academic community. The anticipated audience will comprise veterinarians interested in making the transition to public practice as well as veterinarians in academia who will “take the word back” to the veterinary colleges where the next generation of veterinarians is being trained.

In addition to the seminar just described, there are a number of other sessions of interest to public practice veterinarians. On Monday July 27 there is a session on *Infectious Disease and Control*, and on Tuesday July 18, there is a session organized by our illustrious President, Dr. Buntain, on *Why Veterinarians Should Consider Public Practice*. See the 2007 AVMA Convention program for a full listing.

Newsletter Material

Please submit material for the DCVMA newsletter! Please send submissions to the Newsletter Editor, **Dr. Katherine Feldman**, by email: kfeldman@umd.edu.



Dues

2006 dues of \$35 are now payable and can be sent to the Treasurer. For a mere \$5 more (\$40 total), you can register your spouse as a member of the DCVMA Auxiliary. They, like the DCVMA, are always looking forward to welcoming new members. Please use this form for dues payment.

2006 Dues Payment Form

Name: _____

Membership Dues \$35

Name of spouse: _____

Auxiliary Dues \$ 5

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(W) _____

Make checks payable to: District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association

Mail to: Dr. Tracy DuVernoy
9921 Woodburn Road
Silver Spring, MD 20901-2730

