

Newsletter

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, March 13, 2007

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

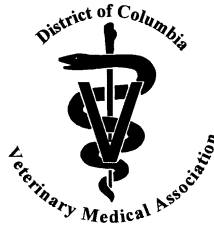
Where: AVMA Governmental Relations Division Office
1910 Sunderland Place NW
Washington, DC 20036

When: Tuesday March 13, 2007
6:30 Social hour
7:00 Business meeting

Speaker: **Dr. Dan Teich** - Recent DC Animal Legislative Issues

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. Sebastian Heath
<i>Vice President</i>	Dr. Patty Bennett
<i>Executive Director</i>	Dr. Shearon Smith
<i>Secretary / Treasurer</i>	Dr. Tracy DuVernoy
<i>President Elect</i>	Dr. Sebastian Heath
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	Dr. Bonnie Buntain
<i>AVMA Delegate</i>	Dr. Sal Cirone
<i>AVMA Alternate Delegate</i>	Dr. Earl Strimple
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Dr. Katherine Feldman



Delegate Report – Dr. Sal Cirone

AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference (VLC)
House of Delegates Informational Assembly
House of Delegates Special Session
January 5-7, 2007

1. The opening session was titled “At the Intersection of Economics and Adoration: Veterinarians and the Public They Serve” by James Flanigan, AVMA Director of Marketing. Of special note:
 - a. The public holds the veterinary profession in high esteem, second only to nursing.
 - b. The AVMA represents 85% of veterinarians.
 - c. We are doing many things correctly as a profession and should be proud of our accomplishments individually and collectively as veterinarians.
2. The opening session included reports from Dr. Roger Mahr, AVMA President, Dr. Bret Marsh, Treasurer, Dr. James Cook, President-Elect Candidate, and Dr. Charles Hendrix, Vice President Candidate. The treasurer reported that despite high costs for the AVMA Convention in Hawaii, the other aspects of the AVMA budget goals resulted in a significant net profit for 2006.
3. Dr. Merry Crimi, House of Delegates (HOD) member, chaired a panel of AVMA staff that discussed Strategic Planning and the 5 critical issues / goals of the strategic plan: Animal Welfare; Veterinary Workforce; Economic Viability; Veterinary Education; and Veterinary Services.
4. The conference broke into two separate groups: workshops and HOD session. As DCVMA Delegate, I attended the HOD session. The workshops included: Media Relations; Legislation Advocacy and Veterinary Medicine; Diversity; Invigorating Membership; and Strategic Planning / Setting Goals.
5. The HOD was called to order. The HAC Chair, Dr. Michael Whitehair, noted that the Purpose of the Special Session was:
 - a. Approval of the revised Manual of the House of Delegates
 - b. Discussion of DRAFT proposed Bylaws amendments
 - i. Two regular sessions (July AVMA Convention session and January Winter session)
 - ii. Addition of Council information
 - iii. Informational memo from Judicial Council
6. The Reference Committees discussed the above items. As HAC member, I chaired Reference Committee 3, Committee on Education and Research.
7. Upon return, the HOD voted unanimously to approve the revised Manual of the House of Delegates. As the DCVMA Delegate, I voted with the majority. The other items were for discussion only; the vote will be held at the annual session in Washington DC in July 2007.
8. On Sunday morning, District II met. Of note:
 - a. Caroline Hughes is running for the Council on Communication.

- b. New Jersey has a new graduate running for the recent graduate seat on the Member Service Council.
 - c. The District II meeting will be by May 6th at VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in College Park. If you are planning on attending, please let John Brooks know at JRBDVM74@Comcast.Net
 - d. Dr. Brooks asked if the Information Desk at the 2007 AVMA Convention would have colored shirts. I said it was discussed at our last DCVMA meeting, but I did not know the current status of that action.
 - e. Dr. Greg Hammer noted that there would be a luncheon for the installation of the President-Elect on Tuesday of the July AVMA Convention. He invited all in the District to attend his installation as President.
 - f. Dr. Brooks noted that the Maryland VMA will hold their summer continuing education meeting at Ocean City on June 26th. In past years, there has been an afternoon meeting of District II at that meeting; however, at this time nothing is scheduled nor anticipated.
 - g. The District II voted to tell AVMA leadership that it prefers future Veterinary Leadership Conferences to be in downtown Chicago with a bus trip to the AVMA in Schaumburg to see the new building.
 - h. I was asked to send Brittany Wittelsberger, District II, the contact information for the DC leadership for District II purposes as soon as election results are final.
9. The VLC closing session was titled: The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine: Context, Conceptualization and Considerations for Managing the Transition in Gender Composition.

Respectfully submitted: **Salvatore M. Cirone**, Delegate. January 21, 2007



New Officers Elected

At the January 2007 DCVMA meeting, officers were elected to the positions of Secretary-Treasurer, President Elect and Vice President. In addition, the Executive Director position was open. **Dr. Tracy DuVernoy** was elected to continue as Secretary-Treasurer, **Dr. Sebastian Heath** was elected to continue as President for 2008 (elected to President Elect), and **Dr. Patty Bennett** was elected Vice President. **Dr. Shearon Smith**, a new DCVMA member, offered to be the DCVMA Executive Director and was unanimously accepted. Welcome new officers and ED!



From our Immediate Past President – Dr. Bonnie Buntain

Greetings from the country where all cars are brown-grey and the sun shines! I've settled in to my new office and got set up with email, etc. Everyone is so helpful and has a can-do attitude. Please put my contact information in your next newsletter. I miss you all and hope all is well!

Fondest regards,

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Survey of State VMAs and Student Involvement

Following a workshop of VMA Presidents and Presidents Elect at the 2006 AVMA Convention in Hawaii, Leslie Grendahl, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin VMA, compiled information on recent/new graduate programs and VMA involvement with students. The results of this survey are being emailed as three separate files with the electronic distribution of this newsletter and are named: Student Involvement.doc; Student involvement survey.xls; and New grad program survey.xls. If you need copies of this information, please email **Dr. Sebastian Heath** (Sebastian.Heath@usda.gov) or **Dr. Katherine Feldman** (kfeldman@umd.edu).



DCVMA Member Dr. Jane Robens Recognized

Each year, the President recognizes and celebrates a small group of career Senior Executives with the President's Rank Award for exceptional long-term accomplishments. Nominations are put forward by agency heads. Nominees are evaluated by boards of private citizens and are approved by the President. The evaluation criteria focus on leadership and results. Winners of this prestigious award are strong leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service. It is the highest honor in the civil service. Among the 2006 awardees recently recognized, our very own **Dr. Jane Robens**, of USDA-ARS, received the 2006 Presidential Rank Awards For Meritorious Senior Professional. Congratulations Jane!



AVMA Convention Welcome Booth – Sign up to help!

The Welcome Booth and Center at the 2007 AVMA Convention (July 14-18, 2007) is sponsored by Novartis and the DCVMA has begun to recruit volunteers to staff the booth. Individuals that volunteer for 10 hours (in any increment) will receive complimentary conference registration. Please see sign-up sheet at the end of the newsletter for details on how to sign up.



Moderators Needed for AVMA Convention

From **Taylor Bennett** for the 2007 AVMA Convention:

Moderators who serve for a day's program (six hours of sessions to receive 6 hours of CE) receive a refund of their registration fee upon completion of their assignment, which is a savings of \$325.00. If you are interested in being a moderator, please complete the Moderator Application form (included at end of newsletter) and send it by email, FAX or snail mail to: Patricia Kmak, Speaker Coordinator, Fax: 847.925.1329, pkmak@avma.org.



AAVMC Career Center

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) recently launched the AAVMC Career Center, an electronic recruitment resource for the veterinary profession. It is a free service for those seeking jobs and introductory rates are low for those wishing to post jobs. The Career Center is part of the Veterinary Career Network and has the possibility to reach over 100,000 individuals related to the veterinary profession.

You can access the Career Center at www.aavmc.org by clicking the “Jobs in Veterinary Medicine” on the left side bar. For general inquiries or comments, please contact Hanna Benedict at hbenedict@aavmc.org, (202) 371-9195, x 46.



2007 DCVMA Dues Are Now Due

2007 DCVMA dues of \$35.00 are now due. A dues payment form is available at the end of this newsletter; please send dues to the Treasurer, **Dr. Tracy DuVernoy**.



IXth International Symposium On Ectoparasites Of Pets

A combined meeting of the International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets and the Livestock Insect Workers Conference will be held in Lexington, Kentucky (USA), June 10-14, 2007. For further information, go to the ISEP/LIWC conference website at http://www.pestmanagement.info/ISEP_LIWC/.



Newsletter Material

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



Sign-up sheet for the AVMA Welcome Booth
Friday, July 13 through Tuesday, July 17 [Wednesday, July 18 is optional]
Daily hours: 7 AM to 5 PM.

Please enter your name and contact information below to allow me to follow up with you and confirm all offers of assistance. Place a check in the box under the date and time that you're willing to staff the AVMA Welcome Booth. We will likely need 4 to 6 people per shift – the busiest times will probably be Friday afternoon and Saturday when many people will be registering for the conference and picking up their materials.

Remember:

- Individuals volunteering to staff the Welcome Center for a total of 10 hours (can be split up into multiple shifts equaling 10 total hours) will receive complimentary convention registration.

Also, please include your T-shirt size since we are working with the AVMA and the Welcome Booth sponsor [Novartis] for complimentary T-shirts for the volunteers to wear while covering the booth.

Name of individual offering to assist: _____

Contact information: email _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

	Friday, July 13	Saturday, July 14	Sunday, July 15	Monday, July 16	Tuesday, July 17
7 AM – Noon					
Noon – 5 PM					
Other times:					

T-shirt size: S M Lg. XL XXL

Send all forms back to Tracy DuVernoy at tracy.duvernoy@us.army.mil or via FAX at 301-319-9213 [please include a coversheet] by close of business April 30, 2007. Call me at 202-471-0862 with any questions. Thanks!!

2007 MODERATOR INFORMATION FORM

Yes, I would enjoy being a moderator in Washington, DC. The following is my contact information and interest areas.

First Name _____ **MI** _____ **Last Name** _____ **Degree(s)** _____

Address _____

Work phone _____ **Alternate phone** _____

Fax _____ **E-mail** _____

AVMA Member ID Number _____ (refer to the mailing label on the latest issue of *JAVMA*)

My areas of practice and interest are marked below. (Please mark all that apply to your interests.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advances in Veterinary Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Endoscopy | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Equine | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurosurgery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Industry, Agriculture, and Food Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Exotics | <input type="checkbox"/> Oncology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Animal | <input type="checkbox"/> FA\$TRACK | <input type="checkbox"/> Ophthalmology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avian | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopedic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bovine | <input type="checkbox"/> Gastroenterology | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Pathology | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender/Generational Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatrics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> General Surgery | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complementary/Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Geriatrics | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Animal Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dermatology | <input type="checkbox"/> Human-animal Bond | <input type="checkbox"/> Reproduction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency/Critical Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunology | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Infectious Diseases | <input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Diseases | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Ruminant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endocrinology | <input type="checkbox"/> Informatics | <input type="checkbox"/> Swine |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Animal Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Urinary |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Experience | |

You will be contacted in 2007 regarding possible moderator assignments. Please Fax the completed form Fax to 847.925.1329 or mail to AVMA, Attn: Patricia Kmak, 1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360.

2007 DCVMA Dues Payment Form

DCVMA 2007 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.

Name: _____ Membership Dues \$35

Name of spouse: _____ Auxiliary Dues \$ 5

Mailing Address: _____

Email 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

