

Newsletter

NEXT MEETING **Thursday, November 9, 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 November 9, 2006
6:30 Social hour
7:00 Business meeting
Speaker: **Philip M. Teigen, PhD**, Deputy Chief, History of Medicine Division
at the National Library of Medicine

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.

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News Notes from the President

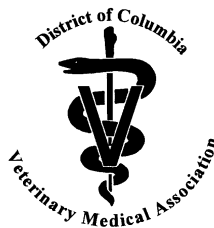
First, I extend a sincere thank you for those who participated in the second strategic brainstorming session and who came to our last DCVMA meeting. I believe there is a growing sense of camaraderie among us and a focus on the benefits of being an active member of the DCVMA. Why do we belong to the DCVMA? What is evolving is a clear vision of how special we are as an organization and what we can give to our local, regional and national veterinary and veterinary student communities.

The National Zoo has been selected as the 2007 AVMA Family Night event. With the recent news coverage of the new exhibits, there should be a lot of interest in this venue. The DCVMA with its local State and professional organization partners will play an important role in the Welcome Center, guiding colleagues through the Convention Center and local sites of interest and eating, assisting with the 5K run/walk and other events. It should be a fun time!

We have a great opportunity in the works now to highlight a half-day Shelter Issues session with the Washington Animal Rescue League (WARL) and their new state of the art facility. DCVMA member **Dr. Gary Weitzman**, Director of the WARL Veterinary Hospital, has helped arrange the session. The AVMA is considering routing a bus to the WARL one day so folks can tour the facility.

I look forward to our November 9 meeting to continue planning for the 2007 AVMA Convention and building on our service and also socializing goals!

Bonnie Buntain, MS, DVM, DABVP, DACVPM



Dr. Philip Teigen to Speak at November 9 DCVMA Meeting

Dr. Philip Teigen is our featured speaker for the next DCVMA meeting. The title of his presentation is ‘**Uncle Sam and the Veterinarians: How the 19th Century Bureau of Animal Industry made the Modern Veterinary Profession.**’

Dr. Teigen is Deputy Chief, History of Medicine Division (HMD) at the National Library of Medicine. Before joining the HMD staff in 1984, he was the Osler Librarian at McGill University, Montreal. His research focuses on the history of zoonotic diseases (rabies and anthrax in particular), the veterinary profession, and the reading and writing of medical history. He holds a Ph.D. in the History of Science from the University of Wisconsin.

Don't miss this exciting presentation!



Call for Nominations – AVMA Council Seats and Awards

The AVMA is soliciting nominations for AVMA Council memberships and AVMA awards.

The Councils with openings to be filled in 2007 are:

- Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents
- Council on Communications; Council on Education
- Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine
- Council on Research
- Council on Veterinary Service
- Judicial Council

To see the complete list of AVMA Council vacancies, please go to:

http://www.avma.org/noah/members/councils/council_vacancies_nominees.pdf.

AVMA members are invited to nominate qualified recipients who are members of the Association for the 2007 awards, which will be presented at the 144th AVMA Annual Convention, July 13-18 in Washington, D.C. The AVMA-administered awards celebrate achievements from organized veterinary medicine to public service, from research to advancement of the profession. The awards are:

- AVMA Award
- AVMA Animal Welfare Award
- Humane Award
- Charles River Prize
- Lifetime Excellence in Research Award
- Meritorious Service Award
- Practitioner Research Award
- Public Service Award
- Royal Canin Award
- XIIth International Veterinary Congress Prize

To see full details on the awards, deadlines, and how to nominate someone, please go to:

<http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/oct06/061015f.asp>.

Nomination forms for both Council memberships and awards can be found at:

http://www.avma.org/about_avma/governance/nomination_forms.asp



Where Do We Stand?

Dr. Sal Cirone, DCVMA delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates (HOD), provided this record of the resolutions considered at the 2006 AVMA Convention held in Honolulu, HI and how he voted:

1. AVMA Resolution #1 was to determine whether charitable giving is part of the Association mission and if so, to define charitable giving. I voted yes (approval), but the resolution was not approved by the HOD.

2. AVMA Resolution #2 was to have the AVMA establish a reserve policy with regard to liquid assets, with a goal of maintaining 20% of the organization's annual budget in cash reserves. After much discussion, the HOD voted disapproval. I voted yes.
3. AVMA Resolution #3 was to have the AVMA develop a policy that places a limit on non-budgeted spending for the annual budget. A 5% limit was suggested. I voted no (disapproval). The HOD voted to disapprove this resolution.
4. AVMA Resolution # 4 was to have AVMA declare animal welfare to be a higher priority than economic considerations. This was initially deferred till after Resolution #8. It was eventually disapproved. I voted no.
5. AVMA Resolution #5 was that AVMA urge the USDA-APHIS to implement ongoing training programs for accredited veterinarians in the United States. The HOD approved. I voted yes.
6. AVMA Resolution #6 was that beginning in January 2008, AVMA HOD holds an official business session at the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference. The HOD voted approval. I voted yes.
7. AVMA Resolution #7 was that AVMA opposes the practice of mechanical force feeding of ducks and geese to produce foie gras because of the adverse effects on the birds' health and welfare associated with this practice. The HOD voted to disapprove. I voted no.
8. AVMA Resolution #8 was that the AVMA affirm the responsible use of animals for human purposes, such as companionship, food, fiber, education, exhibition, and research conducted for the benefit of both humans and animals, is consistent with the principles of the Veterinarians' oath. The HOD voted approval. I voted yes.
9. All of the candidates for the various AVMA Offices that the DCVMA voted for were elected. Of note: Dr. Greg Hammer won as President Elect; Dr. Charles Hendrix won as Vice President; myself (Dr. Sal Cirone) won a seat on the House Advisory Committee representing federal and state salaried veterinarians.
10. The HOD voted to pass the New Revised Amended Bylaws of the AVMA House of Delegates. I voted yes.
11. President of the DCVMA, **Dr. Bonnie Buntain**, and I welcomed the HOD to the 2007 AVMA Convention in Washington DC.



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

As you all know the AVMA meeting will be in Washington, DC July 14-18, 2007. As the Section Manager for Other Convention Activities, one of my responsibilities is coordinating the moderators for all the sessions. Moderators who serve for a day's program, which is six hours of sessions, receive a refund of their registration fee upon completion of their assignment. This is a savings of \$325.00. Having moderators who are local certainly makes planning easier and provides a tremendous benefit to members of the local association. If you are interested in being a moderator, please contact me (Taylor Bennett) at btb@uic.edu or by mail, phone or fax or complete the Moderator Application form (included at end of newsletter) and send it to: Patricia Kmak, Speaker Coordinator, Fax: 847.925.1329, pkmak@avma.org.

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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.



AAVMC Leadership Training Opportunities for 2007

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) has scheduled Leadership Training for 2007 in Washington, DC. The scheduled sessions are:

Strategic Thinking	March 5, 2007
Leading Teams	March 6, 2007
Leadership Challenge	July 11-12, 2007

This is excellent training for veterinary leaders of today and of the future. The training is facilitated by WholeSystems Consulting. For more information and to register, go to www.aavmc.org and click “Meetings and Events” on the left side bar.



Association for Women Veterinarians – Student Scholarship Available

Up to four scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded by the Association for Women Veterinarians to current second or third year veterinary medical students who are attending a College or School of Veterinary Medicine in the United States of America or in Canada for the school year 2006-2007.

Applications are due no later than January 31, 2007. More details and a summary of past winners are available on the AWV website: <http://www.vet.ksu.edu/AWV>. Spread the word!



DCVMA Dues Increase Approved

The annual DCVMA membership dues have increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00. A dues payment form is available at the end of this newsletter.



Newsletter Material

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



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 |
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| <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.

DCVMA Dues

DCVMA 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
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