

2013 Winter Meeting—Record Setting Numbers

The 2013 Winter Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, was the most successful meeting for the LVMA. The meeting was attended by 416 veterinarians, 91 veterinary technicians and students and 83 vendor representatives. There were a total of 627 people in attendance throughout the weekend!

The meeting featured 20 hours of continuing education for veterinarians and 10 for technicians. There was also an auxiliary tour to the New Orleans School of cooking, an awards ceremony with a presentation by Dr. David

Baker, Mike the Tiger's Veterinarian, the Veterinarian Luncheon and Business Meeting, Student Speed Networking, and an exhibit area featuring 46 exhibitors.

During the Veterinarian Luncheon the following officers were inducted: Dr. Dale Peyroux, President, Dr. Sue Olivier, President-Elect, Dr.

Kirk Ryan, Vice President, and Dr. Trisha Marullo, District 5 Representative. Also, Dr. Carl Helouin was inducted as WJE President, and Dr. Gordon Pirie as WJE Treasurer.

At the Awards Reception, Dr.



Dr. Dale Peyroux being installed as President by Dr. Hugh Price.

David Baker gave an entertaining presentation entitled "Mike VI: The Tradition Lives On." Also at the reception, the 2012 LVMA awards were presented to the following recipients: Sales Person of the Year—Missy Gribble; Support Person of the Year—Katie Hoolan; Pet of the Year—Sentry (handled by Officer Chet Chambless, LSU); Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award—Dr. George Brandon; Veterinarian of the Year Award—Commissioner Mike Strain.



Commissioner Mike Strain accepting an award from Dr. Christine Navarre

Business Meeting Updates

The 2013 Business Meeting was attended by about 150 veterinarians. Dr. Brad Everson opened the meeting with a welcome to members and guests. Dr. Mike Strain, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, and Dr. Peter Haynes, Dean of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine spoke to

the membership and gave updates.

Dr. Everson opened the floor to nominations for an open spot on the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission and names were submitted. Dr. Hugh Price, AVMA District VIII Representative, Inducted new officers of the LVMA and

trustees of WJE.

Dr. Dale Peyroux then took the floor to introduce himself as the incoming LVMA President. For more pictures from the Winter Meeting, turn to page 5.



Members of the board and distinguished guests sit at the head table during the Veterinarian Luncheon and Business Meeting.

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Dale S. Peyroux, D.V.M., *President*

It is truly an honor to serve as your President for the upcoming year. I would like to thank

Dr. Brad Everson for his service as President last year and look forward to working with him in his position as Past President. And the future looks bright with Dr. Sue Olivier serving as our President-Elect.

We recently completed our Annual Winter Meeting in New Orleans. We had a GREAT meeting with record attendance and outstanding continuing education. Thanks go out to Bland (our Executive Director), Heather, and Melanie for helping to keep the meeting running smoothly. They had a long weekend and always kept smiling. To all of the sponsors, speakers, committee members, and attendees, we say "Thank You".

As you know by now, our Veterinarian of the Year is Commissioner of Agriculture Mike Strain. Mike regularly attends our LVMA board meetings and updates us on

matters that concern veterinary medicine and agriculture. I am very impressed by the work ethic of Mike and his staff, including Drs. Diane Stacy and Brent Robbins.

One of the main reasons that the LVMA exists is to protect practicing Veterinarians in Louisiana, especially when it pertains to legislation. I have attended a LVMA Legislative Committee meeting, led by Dr. Pat Thistlethwaite, and I have total confidence in their actions to protect us from possible harmful legislative matters. The legislative session started in February and we are watching matters closely. More on this in upcoming newsletters.

The LVMA is again offering 8 hours of FREE Continuing Education this year as a benefit to our members. As the details are worked out, we will get the word out. If you work with or know a veterinarian that is not a member of the LVMA, please tell them about all of the benefits we offer, like this free continuing education.

Please be aware that the 2013 SAVMA Symposium will be held in Baton Rouge on March 21st - March 23rd. Information can be found at <http://www.savmasymposium2013.com/>.

Congratulations to the LSU-SVM and to Elise Ackley (LSU-SVM - Class of 2015), who will begin her term as President of SAVMA at this symposium.

We are in the process of upgrading our website. Also, we are now on Facebook, so please "like" us to keep up with all of the latest information. Also follow us on Twitter! We are aware that there will soon be more Generation X and Generation Y veterinarians than there are Baby Boomer veterinarians. To move us into this new era, we will have a technology task force looking at this and report back at the end of this year. If you would like to join this task force, email me (hammondpetvet@yahoo.com) or the LVMA office (office@lvma.org). I will also have focus groups with younger veterinarians during this year. If you would like to participate, please contact your district representative (found on page 5 of this newsletter).

Remember to measure twice and cut once.

Executive Director's Report H. Bland O'Connor, Jr. CAE, CPA

Who do you know?

The LVMA wants to know who you know.....in the Louisiana Legislature! Please fill out a Legislator Outreach form on page 7 and send it to us. This is important for everyone to do, but especially important for those of you who have legislator clients or friends/acquaintances. The LVMA has engaged the governmental relations firm of Courson-Nickel, with its principals Bud Courson and Jim Nickel to advocate on our behalf. If they know who knows a particular legislator, that can be a great advantage for us going into the session which begins April 8, 2013. This information is critical to our success with the legislature.

By all accounts, the LVMA Winter Meeting last month in New Orleans was the best-attended meeting in our history! We had 416 veterinarians in attendance, 91 veterinary technicians and students, and 83 vendor personnel. Total attendance for the weekend was 627 people. The growing attendance at LVMA Meetings in recent years is a great tribute to the hard work of our program committee, with Drs. John Mauterer, Sue Olivier and Dale Peyroux lining up the companion animal and practice management sessions, Drs. Darren Schilling and Shannon Gonsoulin on the Food Animal track and Dr. Bruce Eilts in Equine. We will need a replacement for Dr. Eilts as he has gone west.....way west, to Australia. We will miss his leadership and commitment.

Back by popular demand this year will be the LVMA Free Seminar on June 2, 2013 at the LSU SVM. Dr. Robert Lofton has lined up Dr. Valarie Fadok to present "A Day In Dermatology: Covering the Problems That Affect Your Patients and Frustrate You!" We will be opening registration soon for this seminar.

Please don't wait....fill out your legislator outreach/contact form today and send it to us!

Stay well and stay connected!

AVMA Delegate Report

The AVMA House of Delegates (HOD) recently convened its annual winter session in Chicago, Illinois, January 4th and 5th, in conjunction with the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference. Drs. Wayne Roberson and David Hesse represented the LVMA in the HOD. Seven resolutions and one by-laws amendment were considered, and reports from the AVMA officers, treasurer and governance review task force were presented.

The treasurer reported that AVMA membership is now over 84,000 veterinarians and continues to grow each year. A net surplus of income over expenses was achieved for fiscal year 2012, and a net income surplus is again predicted for the 2013 budget. The Executive Board (EB) approved \$80,000.00 of the latter for a marketing campaign for AVMA approved internships. Other EB actions include a future on-line survey of practitioners regarding recent graduate qualifications, a task force to study antimicrobial use in small animals, and a study to update the AVMA logo.

Resolutions considered and acted upon by the HOD were:

- 1) Approved to remove designated professional category requirements to be a member of the HOD's House Advisory Committee (HAC). Now all HAC positions are at-large, and no more than one member from the same state or allied organization is allowed on the committee.
- 2) Approved a revision to the policy on the Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship to include oversight of treatment, compliance, and outcome.
- 3) Referred a resolution to the Executive Board that would declare homeopathy to be ineffective and its use discouraged. The HOD requested the EB refer this resolution to the Council on Veterinary Services for further consideration.
- 4) Approved that canine devocalization be performed only as a final alternative to euthanasia, after behavioral modification to correct excessive vocalization has failed, and the owner has been adequately advised of potential complications.
- 5) Approved a new policy statement regarding the proper use of mechanical aids to direct livestock movement.
- 6) Approved a revision of the current policy on the use of pluripotent stem cells.
- 7) A revision to the current policy on microchipping and electronic identification was withdrawn by the EB, preventing consideration by the HOD.

A by-laws amendment which changes the way membership will be notified of future by-laws changes was approved by the HOD to include

notification via the AVMA website.

All of the above actions and resolutions will be available for viewing on the website shortly.

The task force on AVMA governance presented preliminary ideas to change the overall representation of the membership at the governance level by providing for election of all officers by general membership vote, replacing the current EB/HOD governing structure with a 17 member board elected by the membership with no geographic limitations to representation on the board, and providing all veterinary students the right to vote on all AVMA matters. The task force received numerous comments on these proposals and will continue to evaluate what changes, if any, need to be made to AVMA's governance structure. Your opinions on these changes are welcome and can be made to Dr. Chip Price, Executive Board member for district 8 (Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas), or Dr. Wayne Roberson, your new AVMA delegate (previous alternate delegate). A new alternate delegate will be appointed by the LVMA Board of Directors in the next few weeks. If you are interested in this position, please let your intentions be known to the LVMA office as soon as possible.

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David P. Hesse, DVM
Outgoing Delegate.



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Please visit our website at www.lvma.org and check your email for more
information and a registration form.

Dr. Dale Osborne “Doc” Turner
December 8, 1935—November 30, 2012



The LVMA would like to offer its condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Dale Turner. Dr. Turner was born in Renick, West Virginia and grew up in the heart of Appalachia on the family farm in Greenbrier County. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with his doctorate in veterinary medicine. Dr. Turner practiced for 21 years until his retirement in 1985. He was very active in his community and some of his accomplishments included: co-founding the Central Louisiana Food Bank, serving as president of the Coalition Against Homelessness in Central Louisiana, volunteering for the Central Louisiana Veterinarians Association, Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine, American Red Cross, Shepherd Center, and Rapides Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Turner is survived by his wife of 49 years, Janice Ivey Turner and three children: Scott Turner, Kelly Fields, and Matt Turner.

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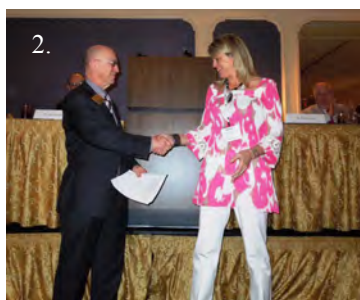
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November/December Newsletter	October 15th



1. Dr. Gordon Pirie is inducted as a WJE Trustee by Dr. Hugh Price. 2. Dr. Trisha Marullo is inducted as the LVMA District 5 Representative by Dr. Hugh Price. 3. Commissioner Mike Strain gives an acceptance speech after being awarded the Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year Award. Dr. Strain has been an important contributor to the veterinary community for many years and continues to strive for excellence in the field of veterinary medicine. 4. Dr. Josh Smith is presented with a plaque for his services on the LVMA board. 5. Dr. George Brandon was awarded The Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the community as well as the veterinary profession. Drs. David McGraw and Angela Schoenfeld (pictured) proudly nominated Dr. Brandon for this award. Since he was unavailable to attend, Dr. Brandon's son, Jesse Brandon, accepts the award on his father's behalf. 6. Dr. Brad Everson is presented with a plaque by Dr. Dale Peyroux for his service as LVMA President. 7. Dr. Britton Stringer is presented with a plaque for his services as WJE President. 8. Katie Hoolan was awarded The Support Person of the Year Award by Drs. Marion Sewell (pictured) and Julie Roane of the Ruston Animal Clinic. Katie has been in service to the profession for 2 years and has been great support for the veterinarians of the Ruston Animal Clinic. 9. The Pet of the Year Award was given to Send, LSU Police Department's Explosive Detection Canine. Sendy's handler, Officer Chet Chambless, was not available so Gretchen Morgan, LSU Alumni Coordinator accepts the award on his behalf from Dr. Kirk Ryan. 10. Missy Gribble accepts The Sales Person of the Year Award from Dr. Brad Everson. Missy was nominated by Dr. Pamala Coker due to her professional service and pleasing personality.

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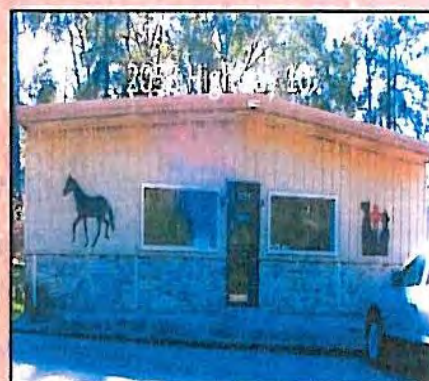
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Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA)	42nd Annual Symposium	March 21—23, 2013	Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine	Baton Rouge, LA	contact@savmasymposium2013.com
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Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	Free Member Event	June 2, 2013	Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine	Baton Rouge, LA	(225) 928-5862 www.lvma.org
American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM)	2013 ACVIM Forum	June 12—15, 2013	Washington State Convention Center	Seattle, WA	(800) 245-9081 www.ACVIMForum.org
American Veterinary Medical Association	42nd Annual Convention	July 19—23, 2013	McCormick Place	Chicago, IL	(877) 303-0716 (708) 486-0716 www.avmaconvention.com
Southwest Veterinary Symposium	Connect 2013	September 26—29, 2013	Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center	San Antonio, TX	(972) 664-9800 www.swvs.org
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Winter Meeting	January 23—26, 2014	Crowne Plaza	Baton Rouge, LA	(225) 928-5862 www.lvma.org