

President's Report



Hello friends,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your LVMA President this year. I am honored to be a part of such a great association with even better people and most importantly, for the best profession that anyone could dream of.

I am a small animal practice owner in Covington, LA. Prior to building my hospital in 2015, I was a small animal associate for 13 years after graduating from LSU SVM in 2004. My husband, Sean, and I have

been married for 16 years and we have 3 little boys, ages 12, 9, and 7. We live on a farm in Amite and raise Simmental cattle and the newest addition for my newest 4-H'er, Nigerian Dwarf goats. Our lives are busy, but isn't this paradise? We make our lives busy, but we will always carve out time for our passions. For me, my priorities are God, family, and the all-encompassing aspects of veterinary medicine.

Thank you to the attendees of the LVMA Winter Meeting in New Orleans, LA. We had an amazing attendance, plenty of exhibitors, and exceptional speakers making this year's meeting successful.

Thank you for your membership renewal. I hope you understand exactly what your dues pay for and most importantly, your membership will keep you up to date on the newest changes affecting our profession, our career, and our way of life.

I want to keep you informed about the Power of 10. Kick off starts February 16-18 and our new facilitators are Drs. Manda Perkins, Margaret Hartdegen, and Kathleen Elstrott. These fine young doctors are from the previous class of Power of 10. Encourage our young professionals about the importance of leadership.

I look forward to, hopefully at some point, meeting each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Christie D. McHughes, DVM
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The 2018 Winter Meeting in New Orleans was a success! The meeting featured 26 hours of continuing education for veterinarians. Sessions included Companion Animal, Practice Management, Large Animal and Veterinary Technician, and all covered a broad range of topics from “Innovative Companion Animal Pain Management” by Dr. Dena Lodato to “Updates in Respiratory Surgery” by Dr. Julia Coutin to “Cataracts and Beyond” by Dr. Gabe Van Brunt. The exhibit hall featured 52 booths and provided entertainment and networking for attendees during breaks. Among the exhibitors were our meeting sponsors. Thanks to all of those who helped to make this year’s meeting a success.

During the Business Meeting and Luncheon AVMA District VIII Director, Dr. Lori Teller, introduced the LVMA Board of Directors. Dr. Christie McHughes assumed the role of President, replacing Dr. Marion Sewell. The newly elected LVMA Board of Directors is as follows: Dr. Christie McHughes, President; Dr. John Mauterer, President-Elect; Dr. Amanda Perkins, Vice President; Dr. Marion Sewell, Immediate Past President; Dr. Dale Peyroux, Treasurer; Dr. Glen Ritter, District 1; Dr. Julie Roane, District 2; Dr. Jesse Brandon, District 3; Dr. Jason Poynter, District 4; Dr. Marc Bordelon, District 5; Dr. Paul Ritch, District 7; Dr. Kirk Ryan District 9. Also elected was a new Board of Trustees for the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation. Inducted were: Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite, President; Dr. Anne Guedry; Dr. Amy Christ; Dr. Kathleen Mullins and Dr. Jacqueline Simon.



***Drs. Peyroux, Brandon, Perkins, Sewell,
Mauterer, and McHughes. LVMA officers
Being sworn into office.***

Congratulations to our 2017 LVMA Award recipients!



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Congratulations!



We also recognized our 2017 Power of 10 Class! Each participant attended a total of six days and completed nine courses through our Power of 10 Leadership and Development Program. Just a few of the courses that made a big impact were the INSIGHTS by Elanco course with Dr. Heidi Hulon, FRANK Training by Zoetis with Dr. Dian Platts, Practice Risk Management with Dr. Nina Mouldous, PLIT, State Advocacy and Legislative Issues with Commissioner Strain and Federal Issues with Dr. Elise Ackley. Each participant gained insight of a deeper understanding of how to excel in the Louisiana veterinary profession.

Three of our 2017 participants have taken the lead facilitator role for our incoming 2018 Power of 10 group. Thank you to Drs. Amanda Perkins, Kathleen Elstrott and Margaret Hartdegen for taking this opportunity to help other recent graduates excel in their career.

Thanks for an awesome year!



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April 13-15, 2018	American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture Annual Meeting	AAVA	Inn & Spa at Loretto Santa Fe, NM	AAVA.org
April 28-29, 2018	Veterinary Conference	San Diego County VMA	Handlery Hotel in San Diego, CA	SCDVMA.org
September 20-23, 2018	SWVS	SWVS	San Antonio, TX	SWVS.org

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