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## President's Report



Dear LVMA Members,

Registration is now open for the LVMA Winter Meeting on February

10-12, 2023 in Lafayette, LA! We look forward to another great weekend of continuing education and networking.

I was honored to speak on behalf of the LVMA at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Blue Coat Ceremony. The newest class of future veterinarians is the largest and most diverse to date. The LVMA is proud to sponsor the coats for this ceremony each year.

It was wonderful to see so many Louisiana veterinarians at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in Fort Worth, TX. Already looking forward to returning to San Antonio on September 21-24, 2023!

For the first time, the LVMA hosted a mixer with LSU SVM SCAVMA. LVMA Board Members and members enjoyed pizza and beer with current students. The students were very engaging and we look forward to continuing this event. Cultivating future leaders for our organization is vital to our continued success.

I hope everyone is enjoying an exciting LSU football

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season and the upcoming holidays. Personally, I am looking forward to a brief reprieve from "kitten season" in the world of shelter medicine.



**Kathleen Elstrott Achord, DVM**  
**President, LVMA**



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Info
Jan. 5 - 8, 2023	AVMA VLC	AVMA	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.avma.org">www.avma.org</a>
Feb. 10 - 12, 2023	2023 Winter Meeting	LVMA	Lafayette, LA	<a href="http://www.lvma.org">www.lvma.org</a>
Sept. 21 - 24, 2023	SWVS	SWVS	San Antonio, TX	<a href="http://www.swvs.org">www.swvs.org</a>



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#### **Submit articles and advertisements to the LVMA office as follows:**

Jan./Feb. Newsletter	January 15th
March/April Newsletter	March 15th
May/June Newsletter	May 15th
July/Aug. Newsletter	July 15th
Sept./Oct. Newsletter	September 15th
Nov./Dec. Newsletter	November 15th

## **Executive Director's Report**

As we close the year out, I am excited to what the new year will bring and am honored to continue to serve this respected profession. It is truly a privilege to serve the veterinarians of Louisiana – thank you for the opportunity.

To update you on the activities of the association, the Board had the chance to network with students at LSU Vet Med in November at a reception hosted by the LVMA. Board members were able to provide students their own take on the value of LVMA membership and encourage the students to become active in the association. In case you didn't know, STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IS FREE! We encourage all students to join the LVMA to get insight on the profession at the state level. This was a great event and we hope to continue these in the future. We hope to see you at the next one!

As a reminder, registration is open for the LVMA Winter Meeting in Lafayette - February 10-12, 2023. Please check out the schedule & other information at [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org).

We encourage all members to attend the Veterinarian Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon but ask you please purchase a ticket for that event when registering for the meeting. A limited number of tickets will be available on site. Tickets are only \$5 for veterinarians and this will allow us to plan more effectively for the correct number of attendees.

LVMA dues statements for 2023 have been mailed and are available for renewal online at [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org). The renewal includes optional voluntary contributions to the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation ("the Foundation") and the LVMA Political Action Committee (PAC). Contributions to the Foundation are deductible as charitable contributions. Contributions to the PAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Feel free to strike out the suggested amount and replace it with a larger contribution than suggested.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lafayette and wish you all a joyous holiday season,

Melanie Talley, CAE  
Executive Director



*Register Today!*

2023 LVMA Winter Meeting

Lafayette, LA

Feb. 10-12





## Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation

*Thanks to the following people, clinics, and all past contributors, the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation continues to grow. Your continued support will help the Foundation to reach new heights. Please Consider a contribution today and encourage your clients to participate in our memorial program.*

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Southwestern LA: Small animal practice with 1-acre of real estate. 2021 gross revenue over \$718K. Fully renovated and beautifully maintained facility of approximately 3,100 SF. Equipped with digital X-rays, ultrasound, and cutting-edge laboratory equipment. (Listing Code: LA3) Contact: PS Broker, 800.636.4740, info@psbroker.com, www.psbroker.com

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For more information: jwgilodvm@gmail.com

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## LVMA - LSU SAVMA Mixer November 11, 2022

Members of the LVMA Board of Directors got together with students at LSU's School of Veterinary Medicine for a casual evening of networking with pizza and drinks.





# Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana (HPFL)

## About the HPFL

The Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana is a non-profit organization that provides confidential services to various licensing boards and licensees in the healthcare industry. We are a voluntary advocacy and monitoring program that allows healthcare professionals with impairments or in need of medical treatment to avoid formal disciplinary actions by their licensing boards and obtain remediation in order to practice with skill and safety. Our main goals are to facilitate care to the licensees and improve efficiency to the licensing boards.

## Services the HPFL Provides

### Advocacy

We advocate and act as a liaison on the professional's behalf with employers, insurance carriers, and other state monitoring programs.

### Education

Through our process licensees are provided psychoeducation regarding impairments, and the HPFL staff present information around the state to notify and educate licensees about our program.

### Monitoring

Participants in our program have their compliance certified through screening, therapeutic treatments, and communication with the HPFL medical director and case managers.

## Referrals

The HPFL receives referrals from multiple sources including but not limited to hospitals, colleagues, the LVBM, office staff, treatment centers, family, or friends. If you suspect impairment or have concerns for his/her safety or the safety of patients or employees, please contact us. Early intervention could save someone's life. In addition, we encourage self-referrals. If you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Any professional who has not been treated or monitored previously by the HPFL can be a participant in the HPFL with a level of confidentiality.



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# 2022 LVMA Award Nominations

## 2022 Pet of the Year

In an effort to recognize animals throughout the state of Louisiana for their special talents or heroic deeds, the LVMA has established the "Pet of the Year" award. This award recipient will be selected from nominations made by veterinarians who are aware of or witnessed these animals in their area of practice. Examples of such animals might include pets that have saved their owner's lives or were instrumental in helping their owner overcome over-whelming odds, physical handicaps, or serve the public in any way for many years.

### Nominee Information:

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Pet's Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please include any photos you may have.*

### Nominated by:

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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OR email to [office@lvma.org](mailto:office@lvma.org)



# 2022 LVMA Award Nominations

## 2022 H. Bland O'Connor, Jr. Support Person of the Year

The H. Bland O'Connor, Jr. Support Person of the Year Award is presented annually to a veterinary technician, office management, kennel or other staff person with a minimum of two years of experience who has distinguished himself or herself in actively promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Service to the Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Service to the Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Criteria for Nomination:

- Nominee must be employed by a member in good standing of the LVMA.
- The individual should be active in promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.
- The individual should have a minimum of two years experience as a working veterinary technician, office management, or kennel help, etc.
- Nominations are to be made in writing and should include employment information, educational background, professional service and community service accomplishments.

### Nominated by:

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2022 LVMA Award Nominations

## 2022 Sales Person of the Year

Beginning in 1990, the Sales Person of the Year Award was given to that individual for performing his or her duties in the most professional manner, servicing the veterinary community.

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief description of candidate's achievements and specific reasons why candidate should be chosen as the Sales Person of the Year:

[illegible]

**Nominated by:**

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2022 LVMA Award Nominations

## 2022 Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year

The Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year Award is given annually to the person who is recognized by his or her colleagues as having given the most of themselves in time, energy, and ideas to the veterinary profession in the state of Louisiana.

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty or Area of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Local, State, and National Committees Served on and Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe nominee participation in promoting animal health and welfare: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe any other activity which should make this individual a good candidate for the Veterinarian of the Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Criteria for Nomination:

- Nominee must be a member in good standing in the LVMA
- Nominee must have had a positive influence in promoting animal health and welfare in the community as well as within the profession
- Nominee should be of good character and well respected by colleagues
- Nominee should be presently or previously active in local state, and/or national veterinary associations
- Nominee should have shown an outstanding contribution to organized veterinary medicine either through their work or through their actions and public awareness
- Current LVMA Board members are not eligible for nomination

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2022 LVMA Award Nominations

## 2022 Dr. Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award

This award was formerly the LVMA Service Award. It was established to recognize outstanding service to the community and veterinary profession.

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe an outstanding contribution to the community (if nominee is a veterinarian): \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine (if nominee is not a veterinarian): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations for this award must be made in writing by two LVMA members. If you wish to nominate someone, please send your recommendation to the LVMA office by December 1, 2022.

Those eligible for the award are in two categories:

1. Veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to their community
2. Non-veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine.

### Nominated by:

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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