I am happy to report that SB 187 has passed through the Louisiana Legislature and has been signed by Governor Jindal. This means that veterinarians in Louisiana are now excluded from the Prescription Monitoring Program. We have been dealing with this issue for over three years and we can now report, impressed with their leadership, including their president, Dr. Keri Cataldo, and the L.V.M.A. District 2 Representative, Dr. Jim Rundell. Also present was our new A.V.M.A. Representative, Dr. Wayne Roberson. And speaking of our representation for the A.V.M.A., I would like to thank Dr. David Hesse for the wonderful job that he has done over the last 16 years.

"Mission Accomplished!"

Many people contributed to this victory, but I have to especially thank Drs. Patrick Thistlethwaite and Fenton Lipscomb for the countless volunteer hours that they put in on this effort.

I recently attended a Northeast Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association meeting in Monroe. I am very

Don't forget to visit our new L.V.M.A. webpage and Facebook page and let us know what you think.

Save the Date—2014 Winter Meeting

The LVMA Annual Winter Meeting will take place January 23—26, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. We had a record-breaking attendance in New Orleans and hope to see the same results in 2014. Your program committees are already working to plan for speakers and topics you are sure to be pleased with. More information will come to your mailbox but be sure to mark your calendars now. You don’t want to miss out on this great opportunity to acquire 20 hours of CE while networking with other veterinarians, technicians and exhibitors right in your backyard.
The months of May and June have been a classic “good news…bad news” story for veterinarians and the LVMA. First the good news, which is very, very good. Combined with the highly commendable efforts of Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite and Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, the LVMA lobbying team of Bud Courson and Jim Nickel succeeded in shepherding SB 187 through the legislature. At the risk of leaving some key people out, Drs. Jim Rundell, Edwin Davis, Fenton Lipscomb and Steve Slayton also assisted in the legislative effort and ensuring the governor’s signature. Veterinarian participation in the PMP has been a three-year issue that, fortunately, never affected practicing veterinarians in Louisiana but did keep leadership up at night.

The bad news was the cancelling of our Sunday Spring Seminar at the very last minute due to our speaker, Dr. Valerie Fadok, being in an automobile accident on her way to the airport the day prior to the Seminar. Fortunately, Dr. Fadok and her son are recovering fully, we understand, but it was an inconvenience for all that we were not able to present the program as scheduled. Several veterinarians did not get the word in advance and were disappointed, but as always, very gracious, upon arrival at the LSU SVM on Sunday morning. Thanks to all for your understanding and patience in that situation.

It’s budget time at the LVMA and I encourage no one to take for granted that the Board will “automatically” include something in the budget, regardless of history. We ask that everyone interested submit a budget request to be evaluated well before the July 14, 2013 Board meeting. Forms are available from the LVMA office on request, and are automatically sent to Board members, Committee Chairs, and prior-year requestors.

If you haven’t registered for the 2013 SWVS in San Antonio, September 26-29, 2013, please do so soon. This is a great gathering and wonderful continuing education opportunity for veterinarians that we recommend as an every year staple, along with the LVMA Winter Meeting.

Stay well and stay connected!
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AVMA Delegate Report

I will be attending the AVMA HOD meeting in Chicago this July 18 and 19. The HOD agenda is as follows:

Resolutions and proposed Bylaws amendments for consideration by the AVMA House of Delegates in 2013

- Resolution 1-2013 House Advisory Committee
- Resolution 2-2013 Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship
- Resolution 3-2013 Homeopathy
  - Attachment #1: White Paper: The Case Against Homeopathy (submitted by the Connecticut VMA)
  - Attachment #2: AVMA Guidelines for Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine
- Resolution 4-2013 Canine Devocalization
- Resolution 5-2013 Livestock Handling Tools
- Resolution 6-2013 Pluripotent Stem Cells
- Resolution 7-2013 Microchips/Electronic Identification - withdrawn
- Resolution 8-2013 Policy on Veterinarian Notification of Violative Residues in Foods of Animal Origin
- Resolution 9-2013 Policy on Safe Handling of commercially Prepared Pet Food and Pet Treats
- Resolution 10-2013 Policy on Guidelines for Complementary, Alternative, and Integrative Veterinary Medicine
- Resolution 11-2013 Policy on Remote Consulting
- Resolution 12-2013 American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment 1-2013 Notice
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment 2-2013 Council on Education
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment 3-2013 Council on Education
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment 4-2013 Council on Veterinary Service

Nominations are still open for the AVMA TASK Force on Continuing Education. The deadline is July 1, 2013. For more information visit the AVMA website at https://www.avma.org/Members/Volunteer/BecomeAVolunteer/Pages/vacancies.aspx.

As most of you may have heard by now 2013 AVMA Veterinary Workforce Report confirms excess capacity in the U.S. Veterinary Profession. Anyone remember the Arthur D. Little report? Again visit the AVMA website for details of the report.

Currently a draft exists for PRINCIPLES OF VETERINARY MEDICAL ETHICS OF THE AVMA - 5/20/2013. The original principles were approved by the HOD in 1867 as the AVMA code of ethics. The draft is entirely too long to print in the LVMA newsletter and I will let you know when the final version is approved.

The following two paragraphs are inserts from my email and may be of interest to the LVMA membership.

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kansas) and Angus King (I-Maine) introduced this week the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act (S. 950). This bipartisan legislation will allow veterinarians to legally carry and dispense controlled substances to protect the health and welfare of the nation’s animals, ensure public safety, and safeguard the nation’s food supply.

A retired veterinarian, Dr. Ronald Hines, filed suit on April 8, 2013, in federal court against the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The board suspended the veterinarian’s license for one year, fined him $500 and ordered that he retake the law portion of the veterinary licensing examination as punishment for providing veterinary information and advice over the Internet for a fee without having a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). Dr. Hines is challenging the Texas administrative rule, patterned after language in the AVMA Model Veterinary Practice Act, which states that a VCPR cannot be established solely through telephonic or other electronic means.

Thanks for your support,

C. Wayne Roberson, DVM
LVMA Delegate to the AVMA
SWVS Call for Award Nominations

Do you know a colleague that should be recognized for being highly active in and supportive of the veterinarian profession? Nominate them for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium 2013 Visionary of the Year Award or LTC Daniel Holland, DVM Memorial Scholarship.

The SWVS Visionary of the Year Award recipient will be chosen based on their contributions to the veterinary profession, leadership positions held and involvement in continuing education for veterinarians, as well as other contributions to their communities and local organizations.

The LTC Daniel Holland, DVM Scholarship will cover the registration, travel and lodging for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium for one veterinarian. The winner must be a graduate from a college of veterinary medicine within the past five years and actively engaged in the veterinary profession, public health, nation building or food security programs.

Both scholarships will be selected by the SWVS Awards Committee. All nominations must be received by Friday, **July 26, 2013** in order to be considered. For more information and to download a nomination form for these awards, please visit the LVMA webpage at [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org) and click on the ‘SWVS’ link under the ‘For Veterinarians’ tab.

And don’t forget to register for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium. Take advantage of the Early Bird Registration (now through July 11) for maximum savings!

For more information on SWVS, please visit their website at [www.swvs.org](http://www.swvs.org).
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AHS Board Member and Symposium Co-chair
Jane Lewis Seaks Distinguished Professor of Companion Animal Medicine
North Carolina State University

Q. Why should I go to a symposium
that focuses on a single disease?
A. An estimated 1 million dogs and an unknown number of cats in the US are believed to have heartworm disease. I consider heartworm disease the most important disease in small animal medicine, yet case numbers increase each year. Preventive compliance is decreasing, and concerns about the efficacy of heartworm preventives are increasing. Every three years AHS assembles the world’s best minds and best information, giving practitioners a unique firsthand opportunity to learn the latest about this serious disease.

Q. What topics will be covered this year?
A. An excellent speaker response enables us to address topics ranging from heartworm diagnostics and epidemiology to treatment research, feline heartworm disease and clinical issues, such as shelter medicine, caval syndrome and management of patients post-treatment. Sessions will include Wolbachia and the newest information on how to use doxycycline. We understand that veterinarians want clinical information as well as the latest science, so we’re allotting plenty of time for case-based information and Q & A.

We’re also not afraid to tackle the tough issues, including concerns about lack of efficacy (LOE) and “resistance.” In fact, a half day is devoted to these key topics, featuring the experts in the field and a special bonus: the “Frustrations and Libations” cocktail-hour session during which speakers will entertain and debate questions from the audience—all while drinks are served (only in New Orleans, right?).

Q. Are there other reasons I should attend the symposium?
A. Yes! There are plenty of other notable reasons to join us, including:
• 20 hours of CE credit.
• Complimentary one-year membership to the AHS with your Symposium registration.
• A Poster Session that you can view throughout the Symposium.
• The opportunity to enjoy one of the best cities in the US and stay in the Ritz Carlton, a premier hotel in the French Quarter. AHS has rooms available at a great rate. But it’s first come, first served—and it’s a huge football weekend—so reserve your accommodations quickly!

Q. Where do I register?
A. Go to the online Symposium registration link at heartwormsociety.org. Early Bird rates are available until August 1.
The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) announced recently that during its April 26—28, 2013 meeting, accreditation was granted to the new veterinary technology program at Baton Rouge Community College.

Programs that progress towards meeting the AVMA CVTEA Standards of Accreditation are granted provisional accreditation. These programs may remain on provisional accreditation until they achieve full accreditation within five years. Graduates from the newly provisionally accredited program at BRCC will be considered graduates of an AVMA CVTEA accredited program.

Dr. Rebecca Adcock, program director for the BRCC Veterinary Technology Program expresses her enthusiasm about the accreditation. ”We’re very excited about being able to provide more trained technicians to the veterinarians in Louisiana,” stated Dr. Adcock. “We want to thank the LVMA and the participating veterinarians for all of the assistance they provided through our accreditation process. We look forward to working with the LVMA in the future.”

BRCC’s Veterinary Technology program began in August 2011, and the first class graduated this May. For additional information regarding the program, contact Rebecca Adcock at adcockr@mybrcc.edu.

Dr. Peyroux, President of the LVMA, addressed the candidates for graduation during the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine Commencement on Monday, May 13, 2013 (pictured). Speaking to his alma mater, Dr. Peyroux encouraged graduates to become involved and join their state veterinary medical associations. Among the graduating class, 83 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees were awarded.

Recent graduates are eligible for a graduate membership with the LVMA. This membership is free for 18 months post-graduation and helps new veterinarians with becoming involved in our association. If you or someone you know recently graduated, please encourage them to take advantage of this offer.

The Council on Education (COE) is now accepting applications for veterinarians interested in serving as Site Visitors. Site Visitors will conduct veterinary school accreditation site visits on behalf of the COE. The Site Visitors will carefully review the Self-Study from the institution under review, verify the information during a comprehensive site visit of the institution, and submit a detailed report to the COE for its consideration. Site Visitors will make recommendations to the COE, but will not attend COE meetings, discuss findings, or otherwise participate in accreditation decisions.

The deadline for receipt of applications for Site Visitor candidates is July 1, 2013. The application form and a more detailed description of the responsibilities of Site Visitors and the application process are available on the AVMA website: https://www.avma.org/Members/Volunteer/BecomeAVolunteer/Pages/vacancies.aspx. Completed application packets should be emailed to officeEVP@avma.org, faxed to (847) 925-0944, or mailed to AVMA Office of the Executive Vice President, 1931 N. Meacham Rd, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL, 60173.

Please feel free to contact officeEVP@avma.org with any questions. We look forward to receiving your applications!
Urban, historic, educational and iconic are just a few of the words that can be used to describe the sights and attractions in Dallas that will be sure to entertain attendees before, during and after the conference. Discounts will be offered to attendees and the conference is located in a great location to explore the city of Dallas.

Material will include presentations geared towards the experienced feline practitioner, as well as sessions for newer practitioners or those looking to expand their knowledge in feline medicine. Three tracks including Advanced, Generalist and Para-professional levels of feline medicine will be presented at this conference.

**Conference Topics**

The Advanced and Generalists Tracks will offer a wide variety of Feline Dentistry, Pain Management and Nutrition sessions, some of which include:

- Gingivostomatitis
- Oral Tumors: Diagnose & Treatment
- Dental Radiographs: Interpretation & Diagnosis
- Tooth Resorption
- Red Gums: It's Not All Stomatitis
- Skyrocket your Feline Dental Practice
- Oral Surgery to Extract Teeth
- Acute & Chronic Pain Management & Assessment
- Building Pain Management Pyramids
- Drug Infusions: Roller Coaster or Smooth Ride
- NSAIDS: Short & Long Term Use
- Pediatric Anesthesia & Analgesia
- Pharmacological & Non-pharmacological Pain Management Tools
- Comfort, Safety, & Hygiene at the End of Life
- Palliative Care & Hospice
- Carbohydrates: What's the Impact?
- Hepatic Lipodystrophy
- Adverse Food Reactions
- Feline Obesity: Management & Pancreatitis
- Long Term Diabetic Nutrition
- Colon Diseases: Role of Diet & Drugs
- Feeding Cats: Healthy Nutrition from Kitten Hood to Geri's
- Kitten Diarrhea: Diet Issues
- Nutraceuticals in Pet Foods & Practice
- Nutrition for Hospitalized Cats

The Para-professional Track will cover a variety of sessions, some of which include:

- Developing Patient Nursing Care Plans
- Critical Care Nursing Techniques
- Fluid Therapy
- CPR Updates
- Meeting the Needs of the Pet Cat
- Recognizing and Preventing Pain in the Practice and at Home

*Topics and speakers are tentative and subject to change.*

For more detailed information, please visit our website at [http://www.catvets.com/2013conference/](http://www.catvets.com/2013conference/)

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Veterinarian Wanted: Small Animal Emergency Clinic located in West Monroe, LA has an immediate opening for a full time veterinarian. The position offers a very attractive base salary plus production percentage. Please e-mail resume to Tracy Miller at tracym2001@gmail.com or mail it to 102 Downing Pines Road West Monroe, LA 71292.

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Another way to market your brand to local veterinarians is to register for an exhibit booth at the upcoming LVMA Winter Meeting. Veterinarians, technicians and students attending the meeting enjoy walking around the exhibit hall in between classes, providing great exposure for you! Also available at the Winter Meeting are sponsorships for program speakers, continental breakfasts, Business Meeting/Veterinarian Luncheon and the Past President’s Reception. Look for your brochure in the mail in the next few months for more information!
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