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## President's Report



Greetings from Acadiana!

Thank you for the privilege of representing you as your LVMA President. I

am excited about what this year has to offer.

Ours is a profession that I have been in love with my entire life. I practice in the Acadiana area where I make my home with my husband of over 10 years, Dalton, and our daughter, Mary Katherine. I admit I fell short of 8 year old Kimberly's goal of being a hippopotamus veterinarian in the Ngorongoro Crater. Inspired by the Discovery Channel and a healthy dose of curiosity, the spirit of those dreams

continues today, albeit slightly adapted to my adopted home. I have yet to care for an alligator, but its definitely on my to do list.

We kicked off 2023 with great start! The LVMA 2023 Winter Meeting, held in Lafayette, had record attendance! The continuing education committee did a fabulous job. We are so proud to have had such support from our membership in making this year's meeting such a wonderful success. Thank you for being a part of that event. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's meeting in Shreveport.

I invite you to be a part of some of the exciting things happening this year. Advocating for our profession is something we all can do on multiple levels. What better

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way to make a difference in our beloved profession than to mentor someone? The LVMA's new Mentorship Program is an excellent opportunity for established Louisiana veterinarians to make an impact on the future of our profession by partnering with new veterinarians.

For those interested, I encourage you to sign up and make time to fellowship with a mentee. Actively listen to what is going on in their lives, and the perspectives that they have to offer. Share your knowledge



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Info
July 14 - 18, 2023	AVMA Convention	AVMA	Denver, CO	<a href="http://www.avma.org">www.avma.org</a>
Sept. 21 - 24, 2023	SWVS	SWVS	San Antonio, TX	<a href="http://www.swvs.org">www.swvs.org</a>
Jan. 26 - 28, 2024	2024 Winter Meeting	LVMA	Shreveport, LA	<a href="http://www.lvma.org">www.lvma.org</a>



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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

## President's Report Continued

gained throughout your career, and perhaps something about the blessings in life that it has afforded you. As the year progresses, we look forward to getting this program up and running. Look for sign up information to come!

The LVMA board also recently approved working towards the establishment of a strategic plan. There will be more to come on this in the future and I encourage all of you to play a role when the opportunities present themselves.

I want to encourage everyone to adopt and nurture an outward perspective. Get involved in your communities. Consider the goals and objectives of those around you and how those desires and needs matter. When we alter the manner in which we look at the world around us, it changes us. And it changes the experiences of those around us. I leave you with this challenge. Do something. Go out and make this world a better place.

Warmly,

**Kimberly Little, DVM  
President, LVMA**



Dr. Kimberly Little spoke to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2024 at their White Coat Ceremony in February.



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to the Class  
of 2024! We  
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to welcoming  
you to our  
profession!**

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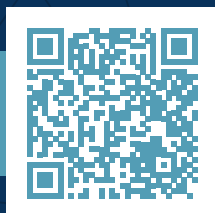
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# 2023 WINTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2023 Winter Meeting in Lafayette was a success with our highest attendance at more than 600 onsite! The meeting featured 20 hours of continuing education for veterinarians. Session included Companion Animal, Practice Management, Large Animal, Alternative Medicine, and Veterinary Technician tracks, all covering a broad range of topics. The Exhibit Hall featured 46 booths and provided entertainment and networking for attendees during breaks. Among the exhibitors were our meeting sponsors -- big thank you to our Gold Sponsors: South Paws Veterinary Surgical Specialists and Capital Area Veterinary Specialists; and our Silver Sponsors: IDEXX and Louisiana Pet Crematory. Thank you to all who helped to make this year's meeting a success.

During the Business Meeting and Luncheon, AVMA President Dr. Lori Teller inducted the 2023 LVMA Board of Directors Officers. Dr. Kimberly Little assumed the role of President, Dr. Adrianna Smith assumed the role of President Elect, Dr. Pamela Mitchell assumed the role of Vice President, and Dr. Kathleen Elstrott assumed the role of Immediate Past President. The 2023 Board of Directors is as

follows: Dr. Kimberly Little, President & District 5; Dr. Adrianna Smith, President Elect & District 8; Dr. Pamela Mitchell, Vice President & Member-at-Large; Dr. Kathleen Elstrott, Immediate Past President & Member-at-Large; Dr. Dale Peyroux, Treasurer; Dr. Glen Ritter, District 1; Dr. Clark Cooper, District 2; Dr. Monique Matherne, District 3; Dr. Jason Poynter, District 4; Dr. John Mauterer, District 6; Dr. Paul Ritch, District 7; and Dr. Clare Scully, District 9.

The 2023 Lifetime Members and 2022 Award Winners were also honored at the Business Meeting & Luncheon. Dr. Mustajab Mirza received the 2022 Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Christine Navarre was named the 2022 Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year. Suzanne Brevelle was named the 2022 H. Bland O'Connor Support Person of the Year. Lizzie Peyroux was named the 2022 Sales Person of the Year. MWD Bolt was named the 2022 Pet of the Year.

Thank you to all who attended the 2023 LVMA Winter Meeting! ***We look forward to seeing everyone in Shreveport, January 26-28, 2024 for the 2024 LVMA Winter Meeting!***



Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of The Year  
**Dr. Christine Navarre**



Sales Person of the Year  
**Lizzie Peyroux**



Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award  
**Dr. Mustajab Mirza**



H. Bland O'Connor, Jr. Support Person of the Year  
**Suzanne Brevelle**



2022 Power of 10 Class



2023 Lifetime Members



Dr. Jesse Brandon & Dr. Kathleen Elstrott

## Welcome New Members!

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