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## President's Report



Greetings once again to all! I hope you have all had a great spring season. I know it is generally a busy one. Knowing how that business can sometimes

be overwhelming, I hope this writing finds you well!

LSU-SVM 2019 commencement will take place on May 6th. We all are proud of these graduates and look forward to them becoming friends and colleagues in practice. Congratulations to all of you who are in the 2019 class!! Everyone, please welcome them into practice!!

Also, a great congratulations to Cheyenne Blanchard and Brian Walden, who are the recipients of the LVMA Outstanding Student Award for 2019. They will receive their awards at a banquet on May 1, 2019. This is a special honor for them and their families as they have achieved such an excellent recognition of their dedication and skills.

### AVMA health insurance plan update:

A Federal judge made a ruling which was detrimental for the July start for the return of the AVMA group health insurance. The AVMA vows to continue to fight for this but the true status of possible implementation is not clear. The AVMA representatives remain optimistic that they will achieve this benefit for its members.

Please speak to any representative you have contact with to express our strong desire as veterinarians to have this AVMA benefit available. This is these links to the AVMA website for the original announcement and the latest update on this vital issue.

<https://www.avma.org/News/PressRoom/Pages/AVMA-Trust-announces-return-of-association-health-insurance-in-2019.aspx>  
<https://www.avma.org/News/PressRoom/Pages/AVMA-association-health-plan-on-hold-following-court-ruling.aspx>

### AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund:

Many of you may already know about this option for care of patients with limited financial means, however, if you have not looked into this option, it is worth investigating. The charitable funds donated are associated with your veterinary hospital through the American Veterinary Medical Foundation without having to form a 501c(3) of your own.  
<https://www.vccfund.org/>

### Other legislative items:

HB454. Bill limiting/preventing the sale of animals from shelters that are euthanized from being sent or sold to research facilities (would include LSU-SVM). There has been concern expressed that this would limit LSU-SVM from obtaining animals for several existing programs. Also, that it may force the

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purchase of purpose bred animal for such programs or be detrimental for the continuation of these programs for veterinary students. I realize that this may be an emotional and controversial subject for many. The following is the introduction directly from the bill for your information.

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2462 and to enact R.S. 3:2466, relative to euthanasia of animals for research or biological supply; to provide for definitions; to require notification to owners surrendering animals; to prohibit animal shelters from euthanizing animals for research purposes only; to prohibit shelters from transferring live animals for the purpose of research, testing, and experiments; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters. We will be discussing this bill at the LVMA district representative meeting in May. Please contact your district representative if you have any particular opinion after reading the

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May/June Newsletter	April 15th
July/August Newsletter	June 15th
Sept./Oct. Newsletter	August 15th
Nov./Dec. Newsletter	October 15th

## President's Report Continued

entire bill. Follow this link to read a PDF of the bill: <https://legiscan.com/LA/bill/HB454/2019>

**Clinical Concerns:**

I found it of interest that Dr. Kukanich (expert in pain management) reviewed a recent study on buprenorphine in feline patients with oral/gingival disease to determine if the mucosal absorption was affected in any way. The review revealed that there was some decrease in the absorption with gingival disease, but that buprenorphine was still found to be effective. This would seem to suggest that some adjustment upward in dosing may be reasonable for patients with severe gingival disease, but no numerical recommendations were made. The buprenorphine levels were also found to be highly variable between patients with oral transmucosal administration. Injectable forms of the drug are still considered to have more reliable and consistent blood levels and are preferred over mucosal administration whenever feasible to be utilized.

**Personal Reflection and Improvement:**

Have you ever found that in our practices or in our personal lives, there is a habit or pattern of behavior that you know needs to be changed, only to find that it never seems to happen? Many professionals have shown that when it comes to people changing, it is not an easy task. Neurophysiologists have identified that we actually have neuro-electrical pathways that develop and become like ruts in a dirt road. Without

serious conscious effort to steer the "neural tires" out of the ruts, we will naturally roll right along as we always have with no change. However, we now know that our neural pathways can be changed, which is a change from older dogma about the brain, that said that once the brain and neural paths developed, they could not be changed. However, the re-development and reconditioning that changes us from the old ruts to a new neural path/pattern is not to dig in and try to just "not do" whatever we want to change. That technique just focuses more attention to the same issues and is not successful long-term in general. A much more effective approach is to consciously move beyond the old behaviors or thinking and focus on the new pattern/behavior you want to have and really focus on it. We must consistently act on the new pattern for 30 days minimum. It has been shown that the new thinking pattern and behavioral changes will then be the new ruts, or habits (and actually new neural pathways). The key is making it through the 30 days consistently to make these changes our new routine behavior.

I hope you have found some of this info valuable or at least entertaining! Until next time.....

Peace to you all and God bless!!

**John Mauterer, DVM, Dip, ACVS  
President, LVMA**



## 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.*

### **Donations in memory of pets:**

*In memory of "Noelle" and "Bentley"*  
Carl Helouin

*In memory of "Axel," "Fiona," "Josie," "Reuben," and "Duncan"*  
Helouin Veterinary Hospital

*All donations received will be recognized. Family members will receive a card notifying them of the donation and the individual or clinic that made the donation.*

## Louisiana State Animal Response Team



On April 5 and 6, LSART VMRC once again participated in the Louisiana National Guard Exercises in Plaquemines, Natchitoches, and Ouachita parishes. At the request of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry LSART provided a "Just in Time Safer Pet Handling Training" in three parishes. The goal of the training is to provide real world scenarios to members of the Louisiana National Guard on how to handle pets safer when helping people and pets during disasters. Local animal control agencies provided pets to help the guard practice the safer pet handling techniques and one pet found their forever home with a member of the Guard. Over three hundred Louisiana national guard troops were provided the training at three locations over two days.

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## LSART Continued

From April 8-14 The Animal Responder Boot Camp was once again held at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine and the Cabela's pond. ASPCA, LDAF, LSART and LSUSVM all collaborated to provide seven days of training for animal responders including Veterinary Students, Veterinarians, Veterinary Assistants, Animal Control Officers and Citizen Volunteers. The week long training included a review of Incident Command, Authorities During Disasters, Lessons Learned, LSART Pet Evacuation and Shelter Training, Large and Small Animal Decontamination, Technical Large Animal Training and Slack Water Rescue. Over fifty responders were trained from 10 different agencies.

La Wildlife and Fisheries provided an overview of their role in human search and rescue during disasters. During the Slack Water Rescue Course, LSART also hosted Girl Scout Troop 10559. The Troop toured the LSART trailer, learned about having a plan for pets during disasters and was able to observe the slack water training as well as get first hand knowledge about the safety equipment animal responders use.

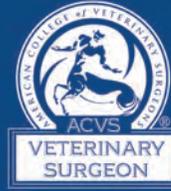
As we draw closer to the 2019 Hurricane season, this is a good time for LSART to check equipment, train with our partners and review plans. It is also a good time for all of us to review our facility evacuation plans, update equipment lists, and insurance policies. Hopefully this season will be a quiet one.

Sincerely,  
Renee Poirrier, LSART Director





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## Executive Director's Report

THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION AND THE LVMA BOARD IS MEETING...

Spring is here and with it brings the legislative session and the budgeting season. The ides of March and the April 15 tax filing deadline are behind us, but matters of concern are still with us. In my experience, long and complex legislative bills frequently make for damaging legislation. SB 187 would place severe restrictions on the operations of licensing boards on adjudicative matters and is likely to have additional ramifications. Last year the LVMA joined a coalition of professional organizations to oppose legislation that threatened professional licensing and regulation at the potential expense of the protection of the public. It appears that constant vigilance will be required on this subject in the future. The LVMA's lobbying team and volunteers will continue to represent the interests of veterinarians on these matters.

Another springtime and summer activity at the LVMA is the preparation of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2019 and ending on August 31, 2020. Any requests for funding by the LVMA that are anticipated during that period of time should be submitted prior to May 31, 2019 using an LVMA budget request form. The Board is scheduled to meet on July 14, 2019 to adopt the budget, as well as conduct other business. Requests for funding that are submitted after the budget is adopted face an uphill battle. Committee Chairs and others who routinely are involved in the budget process should receive budget request forms by April 30, 2019. If you are not on our list and need a form, please contact the office.

Stay well and stay connected!



Bland O'Connor, LVMA Executive Director

# POWER<sup>of 10</sup>

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### **Congrats to our 2019 Power of Ten Class!**

**Dr. Aimee Perez-Chaumont**

**Dr. Brandy Duhon**

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**Dr. Jessica Vinterella**

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**Dr. Margaret Jensen**

**Dr. Olivia Oubre**

**Dr. Taylor Ghere**

Our 2019 Power of Ten program kicked off March 29 - 31, 2019 at the LSU SVM. Dr. Heidi Hulon, from ELANCO, trained our 2019 class on INSIGHTS. Julie Couret, of 7602 Coach, coached our class in effective leadership. The 2019 class will reconvene May 1st for Program #2.

A special thank you to our facilitators Drs. Deb Mauterer, Kate Maher, and Kerry Hawthorne.



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## Welcome New Members!

Katelyn Cameron, DVM  
Folsom, LA

Brandon Day, DVM  
Baton Rouge, LA

Daryl Haydel, DVM  
Metairie, LA

Matthew Laiche, DVM  
Metairie, LA

Manda Burnett, DVM  
Monroe, LA

Courtney Fontenot, DVM  
Lake Charles, LA

## The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine would like to remind you of the 2019-2020 Renewal Period

DVM License, RVT, CAET and RED Certificate Renewals are to be mailed out at the end of June.

All licenses/certificates expire **September 30, 2019.**

Prepare now and avoid late fees, stress and hassle!

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**Upcoming Events**

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Info
August 2-6, 2019	American Veterinary Medical Association Convention	AVMA	Washington, DC	AVMA.org
September 21-22, 2019	Veterinary Conference	San Diego Country VMA	Handlery Hotel in San Diego, CA	SDCVMA.org
September 26-29, 2019	SWVS	SWVS	San Antonio, TX	SWVS.org

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