

President's Report



Hello friends,

I hope this finds you all very well. I want to keep you updated on a few current events happening in our LVMA.

Southwest Veterinary Symposium (SWVS) was held September

20-23, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas, and was a huge success! Veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and support staff from all over attend this meeting, but it is a partnership meeting held annually between Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, and Arkansas.

LVMA winter meeting will be held in Lafayette February 8-10, 2019. Save the Date!!! Please be thinking about nominations for the awards presented at our 2019 meeting.

Stay tuned for the "McHughes Minutes" that comes to you via email after our LVMA board meetings. We are following some legislative changes in the current special session that could possibly affect veterinary medical practice. The LVMA board of directors and our political action committee stays in close communication with our representatives, senators, congressmen, and lobbyists to make sure that any changes recommended or laws that are presented are

in veterinarians' best interests. Make sure that your membership is up to date and all email addresses are current by visiting lvma.org.

I will be attending the October Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting as we have welcomed 2 new board members that you voted into nomination and Governor Edwards appointed this past year.

I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving and grateful Christmas season and I hope to see all of you at the Lafayette LVMA winter meeting as I give my Presidents address and we will be instating your new President for the LVMA. Being honored to serve my fellow veterinarians is an understatement.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...."
Colossians 3:23

Sincerely,

Christie D. McHughes, DVM

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January/February Newsletter	December 15th
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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Information
December 6, 2018	LBVM Meeting	LBVM	Baton Rouge, LA	LSBVM.org
February 8-10, 2019	LVMA Winter Meeting	LVMA	Lafayette, LA	LVMA.org
January 10-13, 2019	Veterinary Leadership Conference	AVMA	Chicago, IL	AVMA.org

Do you have an event coming up that you would like to share?
Please email the LVMA office and tell us about it!

Membership Benefits

- ◆ **Continuing Professional Education**— The annual LVMA Winter Meeting is a must for every veterinarian. State of the art continuing education is presented, enabling Louisiana veterinarians to offer the highest level of veterinary care to their patients. Members receive substantial discounts on registration fees for meetings.
- ◆ **Legislative Support**— The LVMA and its lobbying team monitor all proposed state legislation which could have an impact on the profession. Strong legislative involvement protects the practice of veterinary medicine. With the best interest of all veterinarians in mind, the LVMA is actively involved in creating and shaping legislative issues that could enhance or restrict the practice of the profession. The association's legislative efforts are enhanced by the LVMA-PAC (Political Action Committee), which is supported by non-dues income of the association and voluntary contributions of Louisiana Veterinarians.
- ◆ **Member Communications**— Every member receives The Louisiana Veterinarian, the association's bimonthly newsletter. LVMA members count on its publication for accurate and timely information on legislation, continuing education programs, legal matters, committee activities, member services, and news about their peers. The LVMA website also provides up-to-date information on the association, its activities, and issues related to the veterinary medical profession.
- ◆ **Foundation**— The purpose of the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr., Veterinary Medical Foundation is to stimulate concern for the health and welfare of domestic and exotic animals through public information and to protect the public health. Donations to the WJE Foundation are gratefully accepted throughout the year. The WJE Foundation is chartered to accept cash gifts, estate donations, memorials or other negotiable assets, which are all tax deductible to the donor.

Executive Director's Report

THE YEAR IS FLYING BY (AS USUAL).....

We just returned from a terrific Southwest Veterinary Symposium and it is already time to register for the LVMA Winter Meeting in Lafayette, February 8 – 10, 2019! Drs. John Mauterer, Dale Peyroux, Kirk Ryan, and Jesse Brandon have been hard at work lining up excellent programming. The LVMA Winter Meeting is always the premier annual event for Louisiana veterinarians to gather together for continuing education, business and social discussion, and encounters with veterinary industry vendors in a relaxed but professional environment. Mark your calendars now for this important meeting, look for a brochure in the mail in the next few weeks, and/or check out the meeting on the web at www.lvma.org.

Nominations are now being sought for LVMA awards and nomination forms are in this Newsletter. Each year the LVMA recognizes and honors people that have made important contributions to veterinary medicine, the veterinary community and/or animal health, as well as an animal that has distinguished itself in a special way. Don't miss this opportunity to nominate someone you believe is worthy of consideration. Please be neither bashful nor humble and nominate a person or animal today!

It is a great privilege to be associated with the wonderfully hard-working and inspirational veterinarian leaders of the LVMA and other organizations in Louisiana that constitute the veterinary community. The opportunities for LVMA members to lead and to serve are many and varied, including the LVMA Board and committees, the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine, the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation, and the Southwest Veterinary Symposium CE Committee and Board of Managers. Don't miss the chance to contact those currently in leadership regarding their experiences and future opportunities.

Stay well and stay connected!



Business Alliances

LVMA has formed business alliances with the following companies to offer great discounts and deals to members. Please consider these companies as you shop around for the best products and services to meet the needs of your practice. These opportunities were designed with LVMA members in mind.



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The LVMA would like to introduce you to a discount program that can help grow your bottom line by cutting hundreds of dollars in expenses. This pricing program is specifically tailored by Office Depot to support LVMA members. You are part of a \$100MM National Group Purchasing Organization. This partnership extends to you the best pricing possible on the items you use the most from Office Depot | OfficeMax.

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2018 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 overwhelming odds, physical handicaps, or serve the public in any way for many years.

Nominee Information:

Pet's Name-----

Species _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Description _____

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Description of pet's accomplishments _____

Please include any photos you may have.

Nominated by:

Veterinarian: _____

Phone: _____

2018 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.

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

Nominated by:

Veterinarian: _____

Phone: _____

2018 SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

The LVMA 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: _____

Phone: _____

SEND NOMINATION FORMS TO:
 Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association
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 E-mail office@lvma.org

2018 RALPH C. COOPER

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 _____
 Year of Graduation _____
 Veterinary School _____
 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:

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.

2018 DR. EVERETT D. BESCH

This award was formerly the LVMA Service Award. It is awarded annually to persons in recognition of outstanding service to the community and to the veterinary profession.

Nominee Information:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Office Phone _____
 Describe an outstanding contribution to the community (if nominee is a veterinarian)

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

The LVMA’s Dr. Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize outstanding service to the community and veterinary profession.

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, 2018.

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:

Veterinarian: _____
 Phone: _____

NOMINATIONS DUE December 1st!

Note: Additional pages may be added with other necessary information about nominee.



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