

President's Report



I hope you all read the “McHughes Minutes” that recently came to you in an email. 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.

Hello,

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) will be held September 20-23, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. It is a great conference that offers a large variety of CE, plenty of wet labs, a large exhibit hall, and outside family fun in a great city.

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.

School will be back in session very soon, meaning that parents may get a slight break from the summer bustle. Sean and I have 3 boys that keep us so busy. I just always remind myself, “parenting is paradise!”, Right? (Chuckling)

Sincerely,

Cratty, Dr

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Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Information
July 13-17, 2018	AVMA Convention	AVMA	Denver, CO	AVMA.org
September 20-23, 2018	SWVS	SWVS	San Antonio, TX	SWVS.org
October 18, 2018	Mike Strain Fall Ball	Mike Strain	Baton Rouge, LA	Mikestrain.org
February 8-10, 2019	LVMA Winter Meeting	LVMA	Lafayette, LA	LVMA.org

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

Executive Director's Report

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS...(song by Lennon and McCartney)

As the summer winds down, partners and friends of the LVMA and Louisiana veterinarians are looking for a little help from their friends...

Two very important events are coming in Fall.....the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in San Antonio, September 20th – 23rd and Mike Strain's Fall Ball at the Old Governor's Mansion on October 18th. Don't miss either of these great events. Tickets for the Fall Ball start at \$500 per couple and are available online at ww.mikestrain.org. You may also print a registration form from the website and mail it in if you prefer. This is a fundraiser for Commissioner Strain's campaign and I highly recommend that the room be packed with veterinarians and their spouses in support of the strongest voice veterinary medicine enjoys in the Louisiana Legislature and halls of government. Dr. Strain is an advocate and defender of the veterinary profession and his continued service is good for both the State and veterinarians!

Speaking of a little help, by all accounts, the LVMA's endorsement of credit card payment processor TMG Vets is helpful and paying off for all concerned. Be sure to visit page 8 of this newsletter for LVMA business alliance solutions providers.

It will be time to register for the Winter Meeting very soon, so be on the lookout for registration emails and brochures in September! The Winter Meeting is LVMA's premier annual event and a great opportunity for veterinarians to gather and stay in touch with each other.

Stay well and stay connected!



License Renewal

**The Louisiana Board of Veterinary
Medicine would like to
remind you of the
2018-2019 Renewal Period**

DVM License, RVT, CAET and RED
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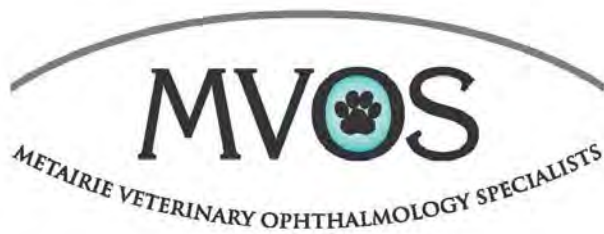
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Membership Benefits

- ◆ **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 crating 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.



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