

President's Report



Greetings from me to you!
I hope you are all surviving the season, tax season that is. This is the time of year when I reflect on the words, "The good Lord giveth and He taketh away." Well at least He giveth. The IRS only taketh away. On April 15th I feel a lot like Caesar on March 15th, except the IRS has never been a friend of mine.

This is my quarterly plea for increased involvement not just in your associations (local and state) but in leadership roles, especially. The LVMA Board will be making a real push to increase awareness of position openings and available slots. We plan to be as persistent as Jehovah's Witnesses moonlighting as Amway salesmen. At this juncture it is imperative that you stay informed and get involved as the face of Veterinary Medicine and how we do business is rapidly changing and is constantly threatened. If you don't think so, consider the Fairness to Pet Owners Bill,

the Veterinary Mobility Act, or even the bills concerning exotic cats, wild quadrupeds and "animal friendly" license plates. News to you?

Keep in mind that the SWVS is happening in September in Ft. Worth and is one of the largest and finest conferences offered. Louisiana is a partner in this endeavor and we know you won't be disappointed if you attend. If you attended the LVMA winter meeting, thank you. It was a huge success in spite of the weather. Join us again in Lafayette in January 2015. By then the Saints will be gearing up for the super bowl. Who Dat!

Sincerely,

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Board Meeting Updates

A meeting of the LVMA Board of Directors took place on Sunday, April 13, 2014 in Baton Rouge, La. Some of the noteworthy discussions included:

- Dr. Olivier, President of LVMA, asked all district representatives to go to their local meetings and promote involvement in the LVMA.
- LSART Animal Emergency Responder Boot Camp is scheduled for April 28 to May 2, 2014 at the LSU SVM/False River-Ventress.
- HB 1091 has been filed to regulate dogs traveling on INTERSTATE highways in the back of pickup trucks. The dogs would have to be secured in the back of the vehicle if this House Bill is approved.
- LSART recently trained 50 veterinary technicians on three phases of emergency and disaster response related to animals, including Animal Emergency Planning for Veterinarians and Animal Businesses, Pet Evacuation, and Pet Shelter Training.
- The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for Sunday, July 13, 2014 and will focus on planning for the 2014-2015 budget. Budget request forms can be requested by emailing office@lvma.org.



Executive Director's Report

IT'S SPRING AND OUR THOUGHTS TURN TOWARD \$....

Spring is in full swing and with it brings the legislative session and the budgeting season. Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite and our intrepid governmental consulting team of Bud Courson and Jim Nickel have been "watching your back" at the legislature. Please see page 6 for the key bills they are following. Hopefully everyone reading this has also received an email from the Office in the past few weeks asking you to send emails to your members of congress in support of the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act and in opposition to the "so-called" Fairness to Pet Owners Act, at the federal level.

Another springtime and summer activity at the LVMA is the preparation of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2014 and ending on August 31, 2015. Any requests

for funding by the LVMA that are anticipated during that period of time should be submitted prior to July 1, 2014 using an LVMA budget request form. The Board will meet on July 13, 2014 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 in May. If you are not on our list and need a form, please contact the office.

Stay well and stay connected!

Mark Your Calendar

Southwest Veterinary Symposium

September 25-28, 2014
Fort Worth, Texas

LVMA 2015 Winter Meeting

January 22-25, 2015
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January/February Newsletter	December 15th
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Bills to Track in 2014 Legislative Session

Bill Number	Date	Status	Summary
HB 861	2/28/2014	Pending	The bill will prohibit the transportation of certain domestic animals in pickup truck beds unless they are safely crated
SB 523	2/28/2014	Pending	The bill would provide that it is illegal to possess, train, purchase, or sell any chicken, gamefowl, rooster, or other bird with the intent that the chicken, gamefowl, rooster, or other bird will engage in an unlawful commercial or private cockfight
HB 958	2/28/2014	Pending	The bill would prohibit the transport of live feral hogs
SB 357	2/28/2014	Pending	The bill would ban the importation or private possession of certain constrictor and venomous snakes
SB 131	2/25/2014	Pending	The bill would require an annual fee of twenty-five dollars for the animal prestige license plate



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Louisiana Association of Veterinary Technicians

The LVMA would like to extend its sincere condolences to the family of former LVMA President, Dr. Tommy Duke Williams, 79. Dr Williams passed away on Thursday evening, April 17, 2014, after a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Keithville, LA and a resident of Shreveport for 56 years. Dr. Williams was a graduate of Louisiana State University and Texas A&M University Veterinary School, class of 1956.

He founded the Agurs Animal Clinic in 1958 and later, the North Shreveport Animal Hospital, where he continued to practice until May of 2013. He served as a member of the State Liaison Committee for continuing veterinary medicine education for LSU from 1972 – 1982. He also served on the Louisiana State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Dr. Williams was presented with the Trinity Heights Service Award, served on the Board of Education, and as President of the Athletic Club. He enjoyed being with family, his career, and fishing.

The mission of the Louisiana Association of Veterinary Technicians is to represent and promote the highest standards within the veterinary technician professional along with the veterinary health care team.

The Association promotes the educational and professional advancement of the entire veterinary team by supporting continuing education programs and sponsored seminars. It strives to exemplify the utmost professionalism with top ethical standards and humane animal care in cooperation with the veterinary medical profession. Its goal is to promote the veterinary health care team, increased public awareness of veterinary technicians, and the human-animal bond.

For more information and a membership application for LAVT go to:

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Louisiana State Animal Response team	Animal Emergency Responder Boot Camp	April 28—May 2, 2014	LSU SVM & False river	Baton Rouge, LA	(337) 298-1636 www.lsart.org
Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.	Feline Patient Symposium	May 18, 2014	Renaissance Hotel, Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	(504) 616-6006
Lake Erie Walleye Fishing, Golfing & Sport Shooting	20th Annual Veterinary Seminar Weekend	May 15—May 18, 2014	Commodore Perry Inn & Suites	Port Clinton, OH	(740) 344-3061 www.lakeerieseminars.com
California Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Pacific Veterinary Conference	June 19—22, 2014	Hilton San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	(800) 655-2862 www.pacvet.net
American Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Annual Convention	July 25—29, 2014	Colorado Convention Center	Denver, CO	(800) 248-2862 www.avmaconvention.org
Association of Avian Veterinarians	35th Annual Conference	August 2—6, 2014	Sheraton Hotel	New Orleans, LA	(608) 268-4714 www.AAV.org
San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Fall Veterinary Conference	September 20—21, 2014	Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel	San Diego, CA	(619) 640-9583 www.sdevma.org
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Equine Committee Seminar	September 21—23, 2014	Sam's Town	Shreveport, LA	(337) 235-9945 ask for Lacey Blanchard www.lvma.org
Southwest Veterinary Symposium	Engage 2014	September 25—28, 2014	Fort Worth Convention Center	Fort Worth, TX	(972) 664-9800 www.swvs.org