Hello Everyone,

I hope you are having a productive, enjoyable spring. Personally, I am looking forward to the warmer temperatures.

On a legislative and regulatory front, the LVMA continues to monitor issues that impact animal health and the practice of veterinary medicine in Louisiana. The issue of in clinic use of compounding medications is again being addressed at the AVMA level. There is a ‘draft legislation’ being proposed by the AVMA for the US Congress. It is intended to address the compounding issue on a federal level and it is part of their national advocacy and lobbying efforts. Our current compounding rules were discussed with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy in 2015 and 2016 and were rule-making discussions on the state level. These discussions were negotiated within the context of the Board of Pharmacy’s interpretation of federal law. Therefore, changes to the federal law as proposed by the AVMA could trigger a new round of discussions with our state authorities. We will continue to monitor this issue.

Our Power of 10 program is going well! There have been two classes so far with eleven participates from all over Louisiana. The most recent class was a facilitated workshop with Dr. Diane Platts. She addressed communication issues that are important in the practice in order to increase compliance, improve clinical outcomes and more quickly form a bond with clients. There are six classes total with the last class ending in November and a graduation at our 2018 Winter Meeting.

Advancing excellence in professional training and continuing education is a priority to the LVMA. So please save the date for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium which is scheduled for September 21-24 in San Antonio, Texas. Early registration is now open and you can find the link at lvma.org or at swvs.org. Also, keep our winter meeting on your agenda. This meeting will be held in New Orleans on January 26-28, 2018.

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All licenses/certificates expire September 30, 2017. Prepare now and avoid late fees, stress and hassle!

For more information contact
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2017 Membership Renewals

It’s not too late to renew! Throughout the year we send valuable information and updates to our members including CE opportunities, legislative changes and alerts, and other information that may be significant to your practice or career. Please make sure that all of your contact information is up to date! You may also renew online at www.lvma.org. If you have any questions, please contact the LVMA office.

Thank you and we look forward to another great year!
Dentistry Lecture and Wet-lab
Presented by Curt Ritchie DVM

Technicians – Saturday May 13th, 2017 (8am-5pm)

Presentation and interactive discussion
- Learn how to perform dental probing and charting, scaling and polishing
- Learn how to identify common dental/oral abnormalities
- Dentistry home care for your clients
- Boosting dentistry compliance in your practice
- Dental radiology and radiology positioning

Wet-lab
- Hands on scaling and polishing, probing and charting
- Dental radiology station

Veterinarians – Sunday May 14th, 2017 (8am – 5pm)

Presentation and interactive discussion
- Learn how to diagnose and treat common dental and oral pathology
- Indications for extractions
- Instrumentation and materials for extractions
- Procedures for simple and surgical extractions
- Technique for muco-gingival pedicle flaps
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- Dental radiology

Wet-lab
- Hands on simple and surgical extractions
- Closed and open root planning
- Dental radiology station

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The LVMA would like to welcome our newest members to the Association! We are excited to have you as part of our team; we can’t wait to show you everything we have to offer and look forward to your contributions to the veterinary profession.

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Your Power Update!

We have an awesome Power of 10 class! Everyone has enjoyed LVMA’s Power of 10 program so far and we are just getting started. We have just completed the second of six programs with instructor Dr. Diane Platts and FRANK training. Participants learned about some powerful communication skills from open ended questions to Empathy and Non-Verbal. From Chunk and Check to Signposts and Summary. This awesome FRANK training class was all about communication and how to get more information from your clients faster and how to get your clinic staff working together to provide each client great customer service. Thank you to our program sponsor, Zoetis!

Our next program will be held May 9th with Dr. Nina Mouledous and the PLIT program. Our participants will learn more about how to avoid both practice and malpractice claims in their practices. Additionally, information will be provided on the appropriate types of coverage needed for individual practices to assure broad protection against liability claims (general and professional), board complaints, and losses unique to veterinary medicine and practice owners.

Pictured:

LVMA’s Power of 10 Facilitators, Drs. Dale Peyroux and Marc Bordelon with Instructor Dr. Diane Platts.

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This collaborative program focuses on the importance of forward booking, which simply means scheduling all patients’ next appointments before they leave your practice, regardless of the reason for their current visit. This includes medical progress exams and preventive healthcare exams. Forward booking ensures your patients receive the highest quality of care at the right time.

You have probably been hearing about and maybe even considering implementing forward booking in your practice, but are not quite sure how to get started.

We can help you!

To get started, visit the forward booking section on the Partners for Healthy Pets website [http://www.partnersforhealthypets.org/forward_booking.aspx](http://www.partnersforhealthypets.org/forward_booking.aspx). Download the document titled, “The Key to Forward Booking Appointments: Unlock the Potential of a Best Practice For Your Practice.” This gives you a simple, step-by-step approach to how to use the handful of tools available to you to provide your practice team with the skills necessary to be successful. Ready. Set. Forward Book!

We are very excited to provide this opportunity to you and your practice. By using these tools, you will be able to easily implement forward booking in your practice. The result? Healthier patients and a healthier practice!

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