Hi, Everyone,

I am grateful to the Association’s Board of Directors and to our very active and engaged membership. Thank you to everyone for information and support during the past few months.

Registration is now open for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in Fort Worth, TX (September 24 – 27, 2015). Details are available at: http://www.swvs.org/. As a partner in this symposium, the LVMA receives a share of meeting revenue. Fort Worth is a convenient destination and a comfortable venue for CE. The program provides a diverse offering of high quality continuing education. I hope to see you there!

As you may know, compounding of medications for office use by veterinarians has become a serious and rapidly evolving issue this year. Rules to protect people from contaminated compounded medications have had consequences for veterinarians and pet owners. Of course, drug safety and security is an important concern for all prescribers, and the need for compounded medications is particularly acute in veterinary practice. The AVMA maintains updated information at: http://tinyurl.com/nx9dij. For this issue, I’ve been in close contact with the AVMA’s Legislative and Regulatory Affairs people, and I met twice in April with a committee from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. Thank you to Drs. Patrick Thistlethwaite, Frank Fitzgerald, Tom Tully and Mr. Bland O’Connor for support at these meetings. I am also grateful to the pharmacy Regulation Revision committee for their willingness to hear our concerns and engage the issue. The two issues we are actively discussing are: (1) Compounded medications for office use, and (2) Dispensing of such medications at the time of discharge. Both are currently prohibited, but rule changes are on the table and progress is possible. The next Board of Pharmacy meeting is in late May. Stay tuned for more updates and specific ways that you and interested members of the pet owning public can help.

Also, please look for updates from the Board of Veterinary Medicine regarding faculty licensure at the School of Veterinary Medicine. Effort from all interested parties should lead to closure of the faculty licensure exemption in a fair and timely manner. The LVMA supports faculty licensure in a manner that limits the scope of practice to employment by the SVM.

Also on the SVM front, the School hosted its Annual Scholarship and Awards banquet on May 1st 2015. LVMA-sponsored scholarships were presented to LSU students: William Ryan, Lillian Barber and Samantha May. On behalf of these students, I wish to thank all LVMA members who make these annual scholarships possible.

Finally, thank you for being an active part of the LVMA. Your membership is valued and appreciated. Working together, we can overcome many challenges. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or be of other assistance.

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