

ACVO Member Newsletter, July 2015...Important deadline reminders!



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Conference Deadline Reminders!

The summer is quickly passing so I wanted to remind you of a couple critical deadlines...several are much earlier than normal due to the early October dates this year. A full conference promotion with more details will go out this week:

- 1) Registration rates change on August 1st! [Make sure to take advantage of the early-bird rates and register today!](#)
- 2) The hotel reservation cut off for both hotels is AUGUST 26TH, or whenever they sell out, whichever is first. [Please make your reservation ASAP.](#)
- 3) **Manuscript Award applications are due by AUGUST 1ST!** [More information...](#)

NEW! Invite your GP recent graduate colleague for 1/2 price! If you know of a 'current year vet school graduate' who might like to attend the General Practitioners' meeting on Saturday, we are extending the 50% reduced, Student Rate to these individuals (\$112.50; note that this is not being actively promoted outside of the

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membership currently). Requirements for this rate are either that attendees are a current vet student OR have just graduated within the last year. Please pass along this information if you know of someone who may be interested. It includes 8 hrs CE, notes, access to online sessions for 3 months, lunch and access to the exhibit hall.

[Course information...](#)



President's Message

by Dr. Steven Hollingsworth

The Board of Regents (BOR) met in late April at the site of our 2015 ACVO Conference-Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. It is truly a beautiful location and there have been further upgrades since we last met there in 2003. In addition to the usual outstanding scientific presentations, this year our Sunday Course topic will focus on anesthesia with special attention to brachycephalic, feline, and geriatric patient management.

Besides enjoying the incredible scenery and scientific program, I hope as many members as possible are able to attend to participate in considering a number of important issues at our annual business meeting. The BOR is currently working on several issues that directly affect our members and these will be presented at the business meeting. First, we are in the final stages of writing a letter in response to proposed FDA restrictions on compounding medications. In this important effort, we have worked closely with the AVMA. Second, we have also made minor adjustments to the Bylaws that will need to be approved this fall. These will be outlined in the slate of officers mailing that you will receive one month prior to the conference, please plan to vote via the ballot in this mailing or on site. Third, a number of members have expressed concern to the BOR about the appropriateness of ophthalmologists teaching microsurgical techniques to general practitioners at CE events. The BOR has weighed these concerns and arrived at a consensus with regard to this issue, which will be discussed as well. Finally, the BOR has developed a Crisis Response Plan and considered improvements to the web site, and creation of a separate MOC public site. We look forward to discussing these and other important issues at the business meeting this fall. An agenda will be made available online prior to the conference, please watch your email for this notification.

It has truly been an honor to serve as your President this year and I am excited about what the future holds for our College. I look forward to seeing all of you in Coeur d' Alene.

AVMA Call to Action!



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SARDS RFP

The VAF has issued an RFP seeking proposals addressing SARDS. The goal of this initiative is to co-join basic and clinical research to understand the underlying disease pathogenesis and accelerate progress toward developing effective diagnostics and/or therapeutics for SARDS. The grant, in the amount of \$30,000 will be announced in October 2015. For more information:

<http://www.visionforanimals.org/grant-programs/vaf-sards-rfp/>

Save the Date for the VAF's

"Cruise for a Cause"! This year, the VAF Cocktail Party & Auction will take place aboard a charter cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Please join us Thursday, October 8th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Early bird tickets are available for \$30 at <http://www.visionforanimals.org>

Act Today! Protect your right to prescribe compounded meds

The ACVO BOR has received requests from a couple members and from the compounding industry, to submit a letter to the AVMA outlining how proposed FDA guidance would affect your practice and patients. The ACVO will send a letter from the organization to the AVMA before their deadline of August 17th, this will be used in conjunction with additional supporters/arguments when the AVMA approaches the FDA. You are encouraged to submit your own personal letter to further flex the veterinary community's muscle.

Please see the below email that explains the situation and proposed effects, and/or [visit this URL which provides information in the drop down links...](#) the contact form still works also. Thank you. [Read full letter...](#)

ACVO Board & Committees

Submitted by Stacey Daniel

ACVO SLATE OF OFFICERS - NOMINATIONS

We would like to thank those of you who were approached about possibly serving on the Board of Regents, candidates are being confirmed and will be announced via email, website and the Slate of Officers mailing in late August. Plan to review each candidates' brief biography and answers to questions regarding their past involvement in the ACVO. In addition to candidate(s) for Regent, an ABVS Representative and ABVS Alternate Representative will be up for vote. One of your esteemed colleagues has submitted for Emeritus Membership, I'm sure he would appreciate your vote if you deem the request appropriate.

Please contact the Nominations Committee Chair, Dr. Bob English, or Stacey at the office, if you would like to offer yourself for nomination. Candidates will need to be confirmed by early August.

ANNUAL CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

With the fall quickly approaching, several ACVO and ABVO committees will be looking for individuals interested in serving on their committee. We have updated the [volunteer interest form online](#) and welcome you to submit one now, before the conference meetings occur. Alternatively, you may submit this form any time throughout the year. ACVO Committees with open invitation include: Basic Science Course, Ethics, Genetics, Governance, Journal, and Public Relations. ABVO Committees include: Credentials, Residency, Exam and MOC.

Please know that all submissions are reviewed and sometimes it takes a couple repeats to be asked to join if you're aiming for a specific job. Thank you for your interest and time!

[/vaf-cocktail-party/](#). (The price will increase to \$35 after August 1st).

The VAF needs your help! We are so grateful for all of the auction/raffle items donated by diplomates in past years. If you are interested in making a contribution, please contact Jen Gazdacko at vaf@hannahstreet.com or 401.780.0900.

Thank You Sponsors: The VAF is grateful for the support of Eye Care for Animals, Stokes Pharmacy & VCA (\$5,000 Hero Sponsors); Associate Veterinary Clinic (\$2,500 Best Friend Sponsor); Acrivet, Ocu-Glo, VCA/Dr. Jamie Schorling and Veterinary Eye Care (\$1,000 Companion Sponsors); BluePearl Veterinary Partners, Dan Scott & Associates, Inc., Iridex; MedVet Medical & Cancer Centers for Pets; Animal Eye Clinic at Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center and Royal Canin (\$500 Supporter Sponsors).

www.VisionforAnimals.org



Residents' News

Don't forget to submit for the Manuscript Award by August 1st, you could win \$500!

Consider submitting for the ACVO Manuscript Award this year and it could earn you \$500 in cash. This contest was created to replace the presentation award at the conference, but has had relatively low submissions in the past couple years. We would like to encourage you to try as there are three awards each for \$500 for the best in three categories

ADHOC, 'MOC WEBSITE' COMMITTEE

The ACVO Regents approved an ad hoc committee to work with the current MOC, to create messaging for development of a new ACVO Maintenance of Certification-only website; the goal is to create information for the public to better understand the reasoning behind an MOC and why it is important for the public and Diplomates. The site will also focus on ... [Read full article.](#)

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee has published a couple surveys as of late; we would like to thank you for your participation. In an effort to continually fine-tune the Service Animal event, the PR Committee will be reviewing your feedback on both this survey and the possible vendor bulk-purchasing program at the end of July. Please expect an email with further information once the material has been reviewed and decisions are made.

If you haven't yet completed the vendor bulk-purchasing program survey, and might be interested in a reduced cost bulk buying program through the ACVO, [please complete these quick questions before it closes on Friday the 24th.](#) If you are NOT interested in the program, we would be equally interested in the reason why so that we may either consider modifying the proposal or terminate it if the level of interest doesn't warrant the program. [Read full article.](#)



Georgina Newbold '14

"I Love Ophthalmology!"

STUDENT AWARDS & REQUESTS

Thank you, ACVO Members, for supporting the Journal Student Award program each year. This is part of ACVO's outreach to veterinary students annually. This spring, 19 veterinary students were awarded a free subscription to the VO Journal to begin in 2016. This accounts for approximately \$2,000 of ACVO's Journal subscription payment annually. The office receives many notes of thanks each year

which [we frequently post on the ACVO site](#), this link will be updated in 2015 as we receive the notes and photos. [If you have a student who received an award, please encourage them to drop us a note and/or photo.](#) Again, the students say THANK YOU for your support of this program!

[Read full article.](#)

ABVO News

Submitted by Stacey Daniel

of manuscripts.

[Please read this submission information](#) if you are interested, the due date is this summer.

Residents' Workshop

ACVO CONFERENCE

Be sure not to miss this year's Workshop at the conference, admission is complimentary with your reduced-fee general registration. Drs. Dineli Bras and Terah Webb, have generously offered to present, "ECP in Canine and Feline Glaucoma; Surgical Techniques".

Description: Patient selection and surgical techniques to perform endoscopic cyclophotocoagulation (endolaser; ECP) in small animals will be discussed in details. The course will highlight step by step surgical procedure, techniques, and different protocols according to each patients needs. Pre and post-operative medical management, and an overview of the surgical outcome over a 10-year period in which we have been utilizing the endolaser will be provided. Additional usages of the endolaser will also be presented.

[More information...](#)

Please update your portal

This is just a friendly reminder to update your resident portal information so the ACVO or ABVO can contact you in a timely matter. This also applies to recent past residents who are sitting exams. Your portal contact information will always be accessible to you to update, please keep it current in order to receive important notifications. Contact the ABVO office if you need assistance signing in.



NEW ABVO MEMBER

Congratulations to Dr. Ian Herring, ABVO's newest member, his term will begin this fall. We also thank Drs. Cook and Maggs who offered, and were elected to a second term to further stagger the terms of this new board. We appreciate over 200 members who voted on the process, and thank you for your patience as we work out the hiccups of this online process.

If you are interested in throwing your name into the 'hat', nominations will open again in May 2016. Thank you!

EXAM COMMITTEE

ABVO is in the throes of testing 39 candidates this year! We will know in early August how many new Diplomates can be congratulated by the ABVO. Please note that the current bylaws now allow new Diplomates to use their ACVO credentials as soon as they receive their pass letter. The office will be in touch with them formally to clarify this policy and to identify which trademarks they may use. ACVO also extends a complimentary membership through the end of the year to new Diplomates, if you are a mentor please encourage them to accept the offer. (The Exam Committee will place a report in the business meeting agenda regarding the results for all Diplomates to peruse regarding all stats.)

Special kudos go out to the Exam Committee Chairs for orchestrating a Herculean effort, moving the exams from NC State to Minnesota; thank you Drs. Metzler and Rankin for all your hard work!

ABVO DIPLOMATE MEETING

ABVO will again plan to host a meeting immediately following the ACVO Business Meeting in Coeur d'Alene. Make sure to stay if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss and/or contact the Chair, Dr. Mark Nasisse, via email prior to the meeting.

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