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My Two Cents

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“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

~ John F.

Kennedy



One good thing about the holiday season (I guess I shouldn't say that...there are a lot of good things about the holidays) is that there is more time between issues of Tidbits. I had a column on gratitude planned for this issue. Had a good bit of it written, too. I tossed it into the wastebasket. I'm still going to write about gratitude, but I'm going to come at it from a slightly different angle.

My rewrite is the result of something that occurred during the holidays. I was saddened to hear of the passing of Deborah Fenwick, the wife of Dr. Mike Fenwick, as were many of you.

Some of you may recall that I had written about Deborah in a previous column about the TVMA Auxiliary. As a brief recap, it was traditional for the wife of the TVMA president to serve as president of the Auxiliary. Being a bachelor, I had no sacrificial spouse to offer up. [Read more...](#)

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Power of Ten is a TVMA initiative designed to help recent graduates develop foundational skills in leadership, communication, and business.

*The 2024 Leadership Class is open to TVMA members who graduated with their DVM between 2014 - 2024.

For More Information: Contact Staci Corder at 931-438-0070 or staci@tvmanet.com.

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License Renewal Reminder

If your birthday is in the month of January, you may need to renew your license. [Click here](#) to see if your license is in need of renewal.



Welcome New Members!

Sixty new members joined during the month of December. [Click here](#) to see who and where they are. Please join us in welcoming all the new members!



Clinical Trial To Address Burnout: Enroll Your Practice



During the 2024 AVMA Veterinary Business and Economic Forum, researchers presented preliminary results from an AVMA-sponsored study addressing veterinarian burnout. [Click here](#) for the takeaways of the study. [Click here](#) or the image below to enroll your clinic to participate.

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DRAFT Updated AVMA Model Veterinary Practice Act Posted for AVMA Member Comment



The AVMA Model Veterinary Practice Act (MVPA) is intended to serve as a set of guiding principles for those who will be preparing or revising a state veterinary practice act under the statutes or codes of a particular state. For the past year plus, the Council on Veterinary Service (CoVS) and its Expanded Working Group (EWG) has been hard at work reviewing the MVPA and has completed DRAFT updates.

The AVMA is now inviting our members to comment on the updated DRAFT. Members are able to read through the **DRAFT MVPA**, then complete a **short form** to let us know what specific changes they would like to see and what their rationale is for those changes. Comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on February 14, 2025.

After the close of the member comment period, the CoVS and its EWG will work to reconcile comments received, make any additional updates to the DRAFT based on those comments, and will forward the updated MVPA to the Board of Directors for its consideration, prior to the Board sharing it with the House of Delegates for final approval.

Workforce: What is best for safe, quality animal care?



The past few years have been extremely challenging for veterinary practices and teams. We saw an increase in client demand early in the COVID pandemic, and practices have had team members leave at all levels, at least temporarily.

While we continue to face workforce challenges, veterinary patient demand is beginning to return to a pre-pandemic norm. As individuals and as a profession, we're in favor of solutions that ensure our practices are able to provide quality care for patients now and long into the future.

So what are the right answers? [Read more...](#)

AVMA's Fellowship Program

From recent veterinary school graduates to veterinarians with years of experience, every veterinarian possesses the skills needed to make a difference. The AVMA Fellowship Program is an unparalleled opportunity to shape public policy while enhancing your knowledge of the political process.



The AVMA is now accepting applications for the AVMA 2025 – 2026 Fellowship Program. This class of fellows will begin at the end of August 2025 and serve through August 2026. The deadline for applications is February 10, 2025. Fourth year veterinary students and AVMA member veterinarians are eligible to apply. Please visit [AVMA's website](#) for more information.

AVMA Volunteer Opportunities



Here are the AVMA Committee and Council volunteer positions available this year and in 2025. Please visit the Volunteer Opportunities section of the AVMA website to learn more. The list of vacancies includes incumbents whose terms end in August 2025 and are identified by an asterisk (*) next to their names. Please note that those individuals eligible for reappointment must still be nominated to be considered.

For those positions with the Nominations Due date listed as “Ongoing”, nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis until all positions are filled. The candidate's nomination form and resume must be received at least 30 days prior to the Board of Directors meeting at which the appointment is to be considered.

For positions expiring in August 2025, the deadline to submit nominations for Committee positions is March 1, 2025, and the deadline to submit nominations for Council positions is May 1, 2025.

REMINDER:

All Committee nominations must include the Nomination Form and a resume (2 pages maximum).

For Councils, a nomination is considered complete only when each of the following has been received: Nomination Form, Campaign Guide document, photo and 2-minute video. Complete nominations received by the May 1 deadline will be included in the Campaign Guide that is disseminated to the House of Delegates members prior to the HOD meeting. Nominations received after the May 1 deadline will require a nomination from the floor during the HOD meeting and must be received no later than 10 days before the HOD Session at which they will occur.

Please submit all nominations via email to OfficeEVP@avma.org.

If you have a question or would like to learn more about a specific entity, please contact AVMA at the above email address or at 847-285-6605.



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