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On January 25, the Women's Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative hosted Dr. Annette Jones, the California state veterinarian. Dr. Jones has been an influential leader in the food animal health and safety realm. Here are the top ten unique skills Dr. Jones has found helped her to be a good leader:

1. Respect others
2. Be fearless – don't be afraid to fail
3. Nurture vision – always think about the next step
4. Manage change, and manage how uncomfortable change can make people feel
5. Don't think less of yourself, but think of yourself less often - be confident but humble
6. Be able to empathize, but also set boundaries
7. Be a decision maker
8. Develop trust with those around you
9. Don't be afraid of confrontation
10. Be happy, and prioritize work-life balance

Keep an eye out for information about our upcoming speaker, AVMA CEO Dr. Janet Donlin!

Have questions about legislative issues, or just something about the political process in general?

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or ask us on Facebook. We will answer the top questions in our next newsletter.

Legislative News

Sorting through the red tape to help you be a better veterinarian

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The CVMA and Legislative Day by Roxana Bordbar

As students, our academics take up so much of our time to the point where we are mostly just trying to stay afloat with all of our schoolwork. This often makes it difficult to see the big picture of our or even think about life after veterinary school! Thus, we so rarely think about advocacy for the profession and how it can affect our future selves. Furthermore, the opportunities for advocacy and working in policy as a student are often few and far between, which makes this even more difficult.

However, this year the CVMA plans on giving a group of students from both UC Davis SVM and Western School of Veterinary Medicine just this kind of opportunity in the form of "Legislative Day". Although plans for this day are still in the works, it is certainly something to get very excited about. This will be an opportunity for students from both veterinary schools to travel to our state capitol in Sacramento and subsequently go to the offices of some of our most prominent politicians, sitting down to speak with them or their staffers. This will serve the purpose of getting our voices heard regarding specific legislation that has the potential to affect our profession and our livelihoods. This event has the potential to make a huge difference because politicians are used to hearing from lobbyists; however, it is not often that they encounter students who feel so passionately about their careers and stand up for it on such a profound level. Without a doubt, this will make an impression on them.

The CVMA will generously fund a group of about ten students from UC Davis SVM to attend this once-in-a vet school event on April 5th! If you are a student who is interested in attending this, be on the lookout for e-mails regarding it. It will surely be an unforgettable day and one that will truly make an impact on all of our futures!



CVMA News

Agriculture Committee by Ethan McEnroe

The CVMA Agriculture Committee met last October to discuss a number of agricultural issues. The meeting agenda included a variety of topics ranging from antibiotic use in honey bees to the recent New World screwworm outbreak affecting the critically endangered Key deer in Florida. However, the main focus of the meeting was on the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) and Senate Bill 27 (SB 27).

As of Jan. 1, 2017 the VFD law went into effect. It requires a non-verbal veterinary prescription for medically important antimicrobial drugs administered to food-producing species through feed and water. This means that all beekeepers (bees are the only insect classified as a food-producing animal), cattle ranchers, dairyman, poultry farmers, etc., will have to have an active VCPR in order to get their VFD

SB 27 is a California specific law that becomes effective January 1, 2018 and imposes restrictions above and beyond that of the VFD. SB 27 requires a veterinary prescription for medically important antimicrobial drugs administered through feed and water but also through injection, orally, topically and intramammary. This eliminates over-the-counter sales of medically important antimicrobial drugs.

The VFD and SB 27 will reduce the amount of antimicrobial drugs administered to food-producing species and prohibits their use for growth promotion or increased feed efficiency.

These two laws were passed in an effort to combat antibiotic resistance while preserving the ability of veterinarians to control, prevent and treat disease.

Political Action Committee by Lauren Taylor

The CVMA-PAC is a bipartisan political action committee whose purpose is to bring attention to legislative issues of importance to the veterinary profession and generate outcomes that coincide with the consensus of the veterinary community. To accomplish this goal, the CVMA-PAC backs supportive politicians, takes stances on relevant legislation, and educates policymakers about the importance and scope of veterinary medicine. CVMA-PAC invites veterinary students from both UC Davis and Western University, yearly, to participate in their annual board meeting.

Recent CVMA Legislative Success

Blocked

- ♦ Introduction of sales tax on veterinary services
- ♦ Permission for laypersons to use a dental scaler on animals without veterinary supervision

Passed

- ♦ Standardization of state standards for medical professionals
- ♦ Retain authority for RVTs and veterinary assistants to administer controlled substances to a patient

CVMA Leadership Forum Meeting Summary by Laura Weintraub

The month of January was permeated with many political transformations. With so many changes, many people are looking for ways to be involved and make a difference. With all of these calls to action, I had the chance to take part in the California veterinary community. As the Women's March was proceeding at our state capitol, I had the opportunity to represent the class of 2020 and UC Davis SVM at the CVMA January Leadership Forum. Veterinarians, RVTs, and veterinary students from all over the state came to discuss pertinent legislation that is impacting veterinary medicine in California.

The House of Delegate's role is to set an agenda for the Board of Governors to discuss further action. This year, the primary concern had to do with the legalization of marijuana and its impact on veterinary medicine. In summary, although it is legal, we must act as though it is not. Federal law takes precedence and until it is legalized federally, veterinarians are not recommended, in any form, to be involved with marijuana or marijuana products, in-

cluding hemp. The ramifications of being involved are severe including potential loss of one's controlled substance license, which is federally controlled. The Board of Governors plans to create an official CVMA statement on the matter and recommend to the AVMA to take a clear position. Furthermore, there is a plan to change the federal scheduling of marijuana from a schedule one drug to a schedule two drug. Other schedule one drugs include heroin, LSD, and ecstasy and have almost no research capacity. The recommendation to change to a schedule II drug would allow research on marijuana so veterinarians can provide accurate information about therapeutic uses, therapeutic doses, and toxicity.

Overall, the CVMA is advocating year round for veterinarians across the state and for the continued improvement of veterinary medicine. Their work is invaluable and I am very grateful to have a part in the discussion.

Student Representatives

CVMA Student Representatives:

Roxana Bordbar—Senior CVMA Rep
Michael Hung—Junior CVMA Rep

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2019: Michael Hung & Megan Richman
2020: Laura Weintraub & Esther Yang

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