APVMA
October Newsletter
Updates from the Board

Happy Fall APVMA Members!
Your APVMA E-board has been hard at work during this past month. The president has been diligently to secure a location for our 2021 symposium. The vice president is currently working on forming a relationship with Volunteers Around the World to build a platinum level sponsorship. The treasurer has been working on organizing our funds and answering emails about membership. The secretary has been updating our new listserv and working on the getting new newsletter elements. The webmaster has been continuing our daily posts.

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Hello APVMA Members,

I don’t know about you, but my first month of classes has been packed. It has been full of studying, work, exams, activities with my university’s Pre-Vet Club, and a ton of meetings. One great aspect about the last month, is that I have gotten to meet so many of you wonderful APVMA members through skype, emails, texts and phone calls.

Over the past month the APVMA Delegates program has really taken off, from 3 at the beginning of September to 14 now, we are so lucky to have the opportunity to get to know you all. For those that are in the program, I hope that it is turning out to be rewarding and truly a great leadership experience. For those out there that still want to get involved there is still plenty of room left open.

In the month of September much happened in the way of symposium organization. The team at Virginia-Maryland and Virginia Tech have been working hard to make sure that all of the lectures are engaging and are going to really impact your veterinary journey. The president of Virginia Tech’s Pre-Vet Club, Allie Gonley, has been working tirelessly to make sure that our social event on Friday night is a big hit. Be on the lookout for a link to registration website, as registration should go live on November 4th.

In addition to working on this year’s symposium we at the APVMA are looking into the future as well. Over the past month we have had multiple candidates voice their interest in serving on our Advisory Board of Trustees. If you have an advisor that you would like to nominate there is still plenty of time, just send their info to me at americanpvmapresident@gmail.com. I have also been working to secure our location for the 2021 symposium and the 2022 symposium. If your school has any interest in hosting a future symposium, just let me know because we would be honored to work with your program!

Before I close, I would like to congratulate everyone who hit submit on this year’s VMCAS. I know it wasn’t easy, and I am sure you poured a lot of your heart into your application, and for that you all deserve a pat on the back!

Love and Peace,

Sam
APVMA DELEGATE WANTED!
Do you know a leader within your club that would be interested in putting their skills to the test on a national level? Beginning this year, the APVMA is starting an all new delegate program.

What's in it for you?
- A National Leadership Title
- A Discounted Symposium Registration Rate
- An Amazing Opportunity for Leadership Experience
- Providing your Club with a Voice on the National Level
- Recognition at the National Symposium
- Offer Topics and Ideas for what you want to see at the Symposium
- Get your Foot in the Door for APVMA Executive Board Positions

What are we looking for from you?
- One Delegate to Represent each Pre-Vet Club
- A leader and game-changer who can get information out about the APVMA
- Someone who will check in regularly and report back to their APVMA Executive
- Someone with innovative ideas about the future of APVMA
- A good communicator who can work with representatives from other clubs

Want More Details?
Email President Sam Johnson at americanpvmapresident@gmail.com
Scholarship Applications are OPEN NOW!!

Click here to apply!

Our 2020 APVMA National Symposium

Our National Symposium is being held on February 28-29! Mark your calendars and get ready for registration at the end of next month!

Registration will be open in the beginning of November! Be on the look out!
Attention the APVMA is still looking for a host for the 2021 Symposium!

Do you know of a Vet School that would like to show off their campus to close to 800 students? If you know of any vet school that would like to host the 2021 APVMA Symposium, please let Sam Johnson, the APVMA President, know at americanpvmapresident@gmail.com

We are very flexible with our Symposium Hosts and we will do all that we can to accommodate them. This is a great opportunity for vet schools to meet prospective Pre-Vet students.
Website Highlight

Want to know more about what's going on in the veterinary world? AVMA posts alerts and news on important information that you might find interesting!

Click Here for more information!
Did you know...during the gray squirrel's fall catching season, when the critters bury nuts and seeds in hundreds of scattered caches to serve as emergency winter landers, a typical squirrel shows a 15% increase in the size of its hippocampus- the memory and emotion center of the brain- compared to the rest of the year?

Source: Reader's Digest
My journey to becoming a veterinarian began when I was 2 years old, when my Springer Spaniel, Ted, had some radiographs taken of his shoulder following an injury. The vet could see that I was fascinated by the images and took his time to explain to me what he had found. From that moment on, I devoted my life to working towards a career in veterinary medicine.

I have always loved being outdoors, and I grew up riding (and falling off) horses. I helped out at my local stables, teaching youngsters to ride and take care of the horses. I still have my own horse, named Skye, and we love the freedom of trail riding together, often joined by my 2 Springer Spaniels.

A lot of my early hands on experience came from lambing 1400 ewes indoors on a local farm, under the watchful eye of the shepherd, who has been so willing to share his immense knowledge and experience with livestock. I learnt skills I have used in my professional career – how to move cattle safely, how to spot lambs who are not doing so well so that they can be given life-saving colostrum by stomach tube, how to help an ewe give birth who has tangled twin lambs. The sheep work became a job for life as I was regularly asked to help with duties such as shearing in the early summer time, dipping the sheep to prevent ectoparasites, and drafting them in for routine foot care.

I got to know other local farmers in the community, and I was lucky enough to be offered a job milking cows for another local farm. Again, this was great experience, as I learnt how to identify and treat cows with mastitis, and how to spot foot problems and treat lame cows. I could not wait to finish school for the week so that I could get out on the farm at the weekends.

When I finished school, I attended the Royal Veterinary College in London for my veterinary training. I made friends for life there and five years flew by.
As a newly qualified veterinarian I worked mostly in cattle and equine practice. There were many challenges, and I filled my days with cow caesareans on wet, windy Welsh hillsides, uterine prolapses, dealing with colicking horses at all hours of the day and night, sick alpaca crias, sick cows, stitch ups, lameness assessments, flock and herd health planning, and on call work for a busy small animal hospital. I experienced firsthand the devastating personal and economic losses associated with bovine tuberculosis, a disease that still remains far too prevalent in the UK.

My early years in practice provided me with invaluable experience and enabled me to set up my own company and work as a locum (relief) vet when my mother sadly passed away 2 years ago. The flexibility of working as a locum meant that I could spend time with my family during this difficult time. My career has now evolved into a senior small animal role with a special interest in surgery and dentistry, and I am starting a new Head Vet role in the coming few weeks. I have a strong mentorship role in practice, and I am always willing to provide support for my less experienced colleagues.

I was privileged to travel to Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park last year with Loop Abroad, where I was involved with teaching US pre-veterinary students. I spent some time travelling to the Great Barrier Reef, travelled round South Island New Zealand and even skydived when I was over there, it truly was the trip of a lifetime.

My advice to pre-vet students: get plenty of animal handling experience so that you really feel comfortable handling both large and small animals. Learn to trust your instincts. Ensure your first employer is happy to support a newly qualified veterinarian, and do not be afraid to seek help when you need it. And most of all, enjoy the variety and the immense capacity for lifelong learning offered by a career in veterinary medicine.
Club of the Month

Iowa State's Pre-Vet Club

President:
My name is Allison Wallace and I am the president of Iowa State Universities’ Pre-Veterinary Club! My species of interest is exotics and I recently applied to veterinary school a couple weeks ago. My picture is from one of my exotic internships where I got to work with sloths! I am a senior in animal science and am originally from Mundelein, IL. Besides being president, I am an animal science peer mentor, a community adviser for our on-campus apartments, a teaching assistant for our animal anatomy lab, and am part of the honors program. In my spare time, I enjoy playing volleyball, running, fishing, spending time with my friends and family, and petting any animal that allows me to!

Vice President:
Sydney Paris is majoring in animal science at Iowa State University and currently working at a small animal clinic and the ISU ICU Equine ER. After vet school Sydney is hoping to work in a mixed animal clinic, while also working in the pathology field and spend her spare time helping rescue animals. Sydney enjoys spending time with her family and just being active in the great outdoors.

Club Highlights
As a club, we are able to plan a multitude of pre-veterinary events because of our large executive team! We have over 20 executive members that plan events based on their chair interest, including small animal, large animal, exotics, equine, clinical skills, and more! Some of the events that we attend annually are Neuter-A-Tom, where we go down to Des Moines and help neuter cats for a day. We also go to either Omaha or Blank Park Zoo and get to meet the veterinarians, as well as take a behind the scenes tour. In the Spring, we get to help the veterinary students in the Equine NICU foal.

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