Greetings,

What a year it has been! This is the last newsletter that you will be receiving from the 2014-2015 APVMA Executive Board, and we would like to take the time and thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve the APVMA and its members. We appreciate your involvement in the APVMA, and we hope that you will all continue to take advantage of the opportunities that membership offers. Thank you again for a great year!

Run for a Position on the APVMA Executive Board

Serving on the APVMA Executive Board is a prestigious leadership opportunity and a great way to get involved with the APVMA! Executive officers serve a 1-year term that lasts from national symposium to the following year’s symposium, and the team consists of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Webmaster. Responsibilities of the different executive officers can be found in the constitution here, and you are welcome to email the current executive officers with questions about their respective positions!

Election Process:

- APVMA member must be nominated by another individual at the President’s Meeting during the National APVMA Symposium
- After nominations, the candidate must prepare a brief statement about him/herself and what the candidate would contribute to the organization (including a photo is optional)
- Elections will take place on Saturday evening during the final banquet dinner, where candidates will have the opportunity to give a short speech (no more than 5 minutes long) before APVMA members vote
- If elected, new executive board members will attend a mandatory meeting following the banquet dinner conclusion
What Is the President’s Meeting?

When is it?—The annual Presidents Meeting will preside as the first scheduled event on the first morning of the Symposium, which is Saturday morning.

Who can go?—It will consist of the APVMA Executive Board, National Advisor(s), and a Representative from each club and non-club affiliated organization.

What is it about?—The presidents meeting is when we discuss any revisions to the APVMA constitution and/or by-laws. It is also when nominations for the executive officer positions and symposium host are taken. Also discussed at the meeting is a recap of the progress of APVMA by the executive board and future plans for the organization, as well as any other topics that any representative would like to address about APVMA.

*Note that if you wish to run for an officer position, you must attend the presidents meeting.

Considering Hosting the 2016 APVMA National Symposium?

Requirements to submit a bid to host:

- Club must be in good standing with the APVMA
- Club must be nominated at the President’s Meeting during the National APVMA Symposium
- After nominations, the candidate must submit a brief statement outlining what the club has to offer as a host for the National APVMA Symposium (1-2 paragraphs)
- Elections will take place on Saturday evening of the symposium during the final banquet dinner, where candidates will have the opportunity to give a short presentation (5-7 minutes) about what the club has to offer as a host

**Things we would like to see in the presentation:**
- Evidence of strong support from the club and advisor(s)
- Evidence of administrative support from a representative of the host institution
  - Conference resources for lectures and labs, housing abilities (hotels or other), and benefits to APVMA members to attend the National APVMA Symposium at that host institution
Don’t forget to apply for our great scholarships offered!!

The American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association offers scholarships and awards each year at the annual National Symposium. The APVMA Executive Board will decide and reward however many applicants they see fit. The 2015 scholarships and awards will be announced at Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine this year. All of the scholarships and awards can be found at [http://apvma.org/awards--scholarship-applications.html](http://apvma.org/awards--scholarship-applications.html).

A short description of some different scholarships and awards offered this year are as follows:

**Outstanding Club Community Service Award**
This award is given to one or more APVMA pre-veterinary clubs that promote interest in veterinary medicine. This award recognizes the outstanding work a pre-veterinary club has done the past year within their own community. This is a non-monetary award and applicants must be a member of APVMA or part of an APVMA pre-veterinary club.

**Outstanding Senior Award**
This award is given to one senior that exhibits leadership, community service involvement and outstanding achievements over the course of his or her 4 years of college. This applicant must hold a senior status at his or her institution in order to apply for this award. This is a non-monetary award and applicants must be a member of APVMA or part of an APVMA pre-veterinary club.

**APVMA Scholarship Award**
This award is given to any number of qualified applicants in the amount of $500. These applicants will be awarded based on a demonstration of involvement within the community, how they stimulate interest in veterinary medicine and activities within their pre-veterinary club. This is a monetary award and applicants must be a member of APVMA or part of an APVMA pre-veterinary club.
2015 APVMA National Symposium
Hosted by Ohio State University
Registration Open on February 17th!!
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*Be sure to have your membership ID for registration. This was emailed to club presidents, main contacts and advisors; whom are responsible for distributing their club membership ID number to all other active members within their schools club.

If you are having trouble locating your membership ID number, please contact Meghan Smith (APVMA Secretary) at apvmasecretary@gmail.com

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Thank you to our sponsors

The APVMA depends heavily on the support of our sponsors. Without their support we would not be able to provide scholarships to our members, nor would we be able to achieve our goal of promoting and stimulating interest in veterinary medicine. We would like to recognize and thank the following individuals or organizations that support us.

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