



pennsylvania veterinary medical association

advancing animal welfare and human health while ensuring the vitality of the profession



## 2009 Committees and Taskforces

PVMA is always looking for members who are interested in volunteering for one of the Association's many committees and taskforces. The time commitment is modest—usually no more than 2-4 phone conferences per year. Most committee meetings are held in the evening via conference call and go no longer than 2 hours in length. That's an investment of 4-8 hours of your time per year to have input and make a difference for PVMA and the veterinary profession at large.

If you are interested in getting more involved in the issues affecting your profession, complete the form below and fax or mail it back to the PVMA office at 717-533-4761 or 12 Briarcrest Square, Hershey, PA 17033.

### Committees

#### Animal Agriculture Committee

Reviews and provides expertise and input on agricultural issues related to food production and safety, animal health and welfare, biosecurity, and veterinary medicine. Many members also serve as liaisons to other ag-related organizations.

#### Animal Law Taskforce

Monitors legislation and regulations related to animal law issues such as guardianship, non-economic damages, and pets as property. This Taskforce has developed the Association's position statements on these topics as well as a definition of pet. The Taskforce will continue its work to develop educational information for the public, veterinarians, and legislators on these important issues.

#### Animal Welfare Committee

Reviews and formulates positions on animal welfare issues such as feral cats, sow gestation crates, and equine slaughter and provides a forum where rational discussion can take place that balances science, ethics and compassion on these issues.

#### Communications Committee

Suggests story ideas and contributing authors for PVMA's *keystone veterinarian* magazine; reviews content before publication and provides input on content for the PVMA website and other member communications.

#### Equine Practice Subcommittee

This is a newly created subcommittee of the Animal Agriculture Committee. This subcommittee will review equine-related issues, legislation, and regulations on an as needed basis.

#### Industry Relations Committee

Develops new and review existing exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities to create a perception of a high return on investment for companies which support the Association and develop new initiatives and benefits for the PVMA Veterinary Industry Partner members.

#### Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee

Monitors and reviews state and federal legislation and regulations related to animal health and welfare, food safety and biosecurity, business, and veterinary medicine to determine if the Association should develop a position or provide input.

#### Member Services Committee

Evaluates existing and new services and products to identify if the service or product continues to be or would be beneficial to our members, offer some type of special incentive or discount to PVMA members exclusively whether or not the company can service all members equally, service all members across the state equally or only a specific geographic region, and provide non-dues revenue to the Association.

#### Governance Committee

Identifies potential candidates for office and future leaders for the Association and assesses board functions.

#### Ethics and Peer Review Committee

Reviews veterinary complaints against PVMA members to determine appropriateness of care and quality of treatment of the animal in question as a means to amicably resolve the matter between a client and veterinarian and circumvent the formal complaint process within the Bureau of Professional Occupations and Affairs and State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### Scientific Program Oversight Committee

Selects speakers and topics and develops and implements the Association's continuing education programs.

#### Public and Corporate Practice Veterinarians Committee

Reviews and provides input on issues specific to veterinarians practicing in the fields of biomedical research, public health, diagnostic laboratories, federal, state and local government, colleges and universities, pharmaceutical companies and distributors, and corporate practice such as VCA and Banfield Pet Hospitals and makes recommendations to the PVMA Board of Trustees on effective ways to represent this growing segment of the veterinary profession.

**Public Relations and Awards Committee**

Selects nominees to receive the PVMA annual awards, judges National Pet Week poster contest entries, and develops public relations campaigns and initiatives for the Association.

**Student Liaison Committee**

Develops programs and services that are of benefit to veterinary students and identifies ways the Association can support the student

body at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine.

**Recent Graduate Committee**

Identifies ways that the Association can increase its relevance to this membership segment, develops programs and services that would be beneficial, and increases the involvement of recent graduates in organized veterinary medicine.

**2009 PVMA COMMITTEES AND TASKFORCES**

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I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S): \_\_\_\_\_



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