

# AAV NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost here. Before we get into our busy summer season, and the kids get out of school and vacations start, I wanted to catch up on two important issues we have been talking about all year: our website and donations to the AAV.

Please take a look at YOUR website ([www.aav.org](http://www.aav.org)). You will find a clean, appealing, inviting home page. It is simple to navigate to anywhere in the site from this landing page. You can easily find information about publications, the conference, conservation, and AAV activities. Students and technicians have their own areas that are linked from the home page.

Kathy Lyon updates the site frequently so the front-page news and announcements are never out of date. The site has been designed to be easily navigated by doctors, technicians, researchers, and bird owners—basically anyone with an interest in avian medicine. You can feel proud when you direct clients to the website of our organization. Like all websites, however, it is a work in progress. We need more feedback.

Let us know if you like it, if you would add anything, and if the site shows up well on your computer. We would like more content in our student and technician areas. If you have ideas, please let Kathy know, or find one of us at the conference this summer.

The other issue that we have tried to emphasize this year is donations of time and money to our worthy causes. Almost every AAV committee needs more volunteers. Most committee work takes place during the year, so even if you cannot get to every AAV conference you can still contribute to our organization. All board members, including committee chairs, will be at the conference this summer. Please



find us so we can direct you to a committee that would be the best fit for you. Committee chairs and officers all started out as volunteer committee members. The work involved in most committees is very reasonable, and a small amount of input from many people makes our committees efficient and not nearly as time consuming as people may envision. We always need new faces and new ideas, so please consider joining and donating your time to the AAV.

Letters are being sent to some of our members to help kick-start the campaign to increase our research funding. Our goal is to make our research fund self-sustaining so that: (a) the monies used to pay for research come out of interest and not principle, and (b) we do not need to depend on conference proceeds to determine how much research we can

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fund the following year.

This is where our two big issues coincide. Besides finding committees and areas where we can use your time, our website also shows how we have spent our research dollars in the past. We welcome your participation in one or both areas.

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### ***Sponsors for 2009- The following members have donated sponsorships for veterinary students or technicians. AAV thanks them for their support and generosity.***

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The following are letters received from grateful students for receiving sponsorship.

To whom it may concern,  
I received the e-mail below and was pleasantly surprised. I just wanted to let you know the program is much appreciated. Thank you for this gift but most of all for allowing students to join at the discounted rate.  
Michelle Rivera  
DVM candidate class of 2010

Dear Adina Rae Freedman,  
This is a lovely surprise! I find this sponsorship a very good initiative and I will certainly sponsor a student myself in the future. It really makes us students feel welcome and supported, which is an extra drive to learn more about avian medicine and to go out there and contact other AAV members to gain some experience.  
Thanks again!  
Best regards,  
Roeland Van Wynsberghe

### ***Special Products for the AAV Member***

AAV prints two forms to assist you in your practice— a pad of 250 two-sided sheets of **Avian History** forms, and a two-copy carbonless form pad with 100 sets of our **Certificate of Veterinary Exam**. Also, you may purchase a set of six **In-Memoriam** cards to send to clients who have lost a pet, the card indicates that a donation has been made to avian research in the pet's memory.

Publication Order Forms are available on the AAV Website and in the *AAV Clinical Forum*. Fax your order to 817-599-0088.

## Annual Membership Meeting

The annual AAV membership meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, USA. Members are invited to attend and participate in all business that may be brought before the membership.

Agenda: Annual AAV membership business meeting, James Carpenter, DVM, President, presiding.

- I. Call to order
- II. Introduction of board and staff
- III. Report of Executive Board
- IV. New Business
  - a. Announcement of newly elected officers
  - b. Other
- V. Adjourn

### Nominations for 2009-2010

The AAV nominating committee's slate of officers for 2009-10 are:

Heather Barron, President-Elect  
Paul Welch, Treasurer

The individuals listed above have served the AAV in various capacities and have dedicated many hours towards the well-being of the AAV.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the annual membership meeting in Milwaukee, WI.



## AAV Clinical Forum Submissions

The Clinical Forum invites submissions related to clinical practice, case reports, and items of interest to practitioners. Submissions should be in Word format. E-mail as an attachment to:

AAVPublications@aav.org.

## Annual Dates to Remember

- 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO, August 8-15, 2009
- Annual Business Meeting. First Monday of the Annual Conference at 12:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS- If you do not plan to attend the annual Conference and Expo, and you paid extra to receive a hard copy and do not received one by the end of October of the same year, please notify the Central Office by fax or email.

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AAV Committees Need YOU!: The AAV offers a lot in terms of supporting research, scientific communication, avian conservation, and continuing educational opportunities. Did you know that most of this is accomplished by volunteer members? Your voice (and manpower) counts! Committees are the member's chance to have an impact on global avian health, welfare, and conservation issues. Please consider joining a committee today or attending a committee meeting at the annual conference. The standing meetings are open to all members including students. A list of committees and chairpersons can be found in the front of your membership directory or at [www.aav.org](http://www.aav.org), or contact the Central Office at [aavctrlofc@aol.com](mailto:aavctrlofc@aol.com).

## IN-MEMORIAM CARDS SHOW YOUR CLIENTS YOU CARE WHILE YOU DONATE TO RESEARCH

The AAV offers beautiful cards to send to your clients after the loss of a beloved pet. The cards are heavy weight, are on off-white card stock, and each has its own gold foil-lined envelopes.

You may purchase a set of six cards for \$30. Clients appreciate that you care and that you are contributing to the research that can save other pets.

At the same time, you are supporting the AAV research fund that was started in 1980. A list of studies receiving AAV grants is published on the AAV Web site.

You may contact the publications office directly to order these cards, or print out the publications order form from the AAV site ([www.aav.org](http://www.aav.org)).





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### **Conference Corner**

**30th Annual Association of Avian Veterinarians  
Conference & Expo**  
with the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians  
and the 16th Annual Association of Reptilian and  
Amphibian Veterinarians Conference  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**  
**Hyatt Regency Milwaukee**  
**August 8-15, 2009**

***Registration is now open! Save money if you register by June 26, 2009!***

**Be sure to purchase your tickets today for these great events!**

- Kick-Off Event at the Milwaukee Zoo.
- Conservation Field Trip to Horicon Marsh: Boats, Birds, and Biologists.
- Guest Program that includes a Milwaukee city tour and lunch at the famous Public Market.
- President's Reception with karaoke!

**Registration details may be found on the conference website: [www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav](http://www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav)**