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## *President's Message*

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How many times have you thought to yourself, "That's a really cool case. Should I write that up?" What about, "I wonder if anyone else has seen a case like this one?" I find myself asking these questions almost weekly. These are the cases we need to share with each other. And while it's great to have the Internet and VIN, nothing can take the place of reading a well-written case report that you can file away and refer to later. And with the limited number of peer-reviewed publications we exotic animal vets have to reference, how else can we learn from each other but by sharing information about interesting and unique cases we encounter? I invite you all to submit case reports for the AAV Conference call for papers and for publication in the Clinical Forum. The more we share with each other the better educated we all become.

## *Annual Dates to Remember*

- 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO, August 1-5, 2010
- 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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## **1st Annual Association of Avian Veterinarians Combined Conference & Expo with the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians**

San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina  
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## ***AVMA creates new Web-based externship locator to help veterinary students research educational opportunities***

(SCHAUMBURG, Ill.) April 20, 2010—

The nation's first, centralized Veterinary Externship Locator was announced by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The AVMA created the new computer program in an effort to help veterinary students find externship opportunities.

Most veterinary students take an externship—a short, off-site work/educational program—during veterinary school to augment their studies. Many veterinary schools require all students take at least one to graduate.

"Externships are important, real-world learning opportunities for veterinary students," explains Dr. Larry R. Corry, AVMA president. "Anything we can do to assist our students to find externships that interest and challenge them will help them develop into better veterinarians, which is a service to our members, veterinary medicine and also to the community."

While externships have grown drastically more popular over the past decade, students report they can be hard to find.

"The Veterinary Externship Locator is a great example of the AVMA being responsive to the needs of our members," explains Dr. Kevin Dajka, director of the AVMA Membership and Field Services Division, which created and oversees the new Veterinary Externship Locator. "Externships are increasingly popular among our student members because they help them learn to apply what they've learned in veterinary school, make friends and mentors, and also they help them develop career goals."

The new AVMA system links to existing state and veterinary school externship databases, and in states where state veterinary medical associations don't offer any externship assistance, the AVMA Student Externship Locator offers a "Find a Vet" tool to help students with the research to find an externship on their own.

## **Annual Membership Meeting**

The annual AAV membership meeting is scheduled for 12:45 p.m.-1:45,

Monday, August 2, 2010, at the Marriott, San Diego, USA. Members are invited to attend and participate in all business that may be brought before the membership.

Agenda: Annual AAV membership business meeting, Laurie Hess, 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 2010-2011**

The AAV nominating committee's slate of officers for 2010-11 are:

James M. Harris, DVM President-Elect  
Paul Welch, DVM, 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 Board invites nominations at this time for President Elect and Treasurer from among the general active membership.

Nominations must be:

- Sponsored in writing by ten current Active AAV members;
- Accompanied by the nominee's written consent to serve if elected and a list of all of the nominee's qualifications for office. Nominees must be current Active (veterinarian) members and have a history of no less than two years service to the AAV as a member of the Board of Directors, Committee Chair, or Committee Member. Nominations for these positions will be accepted from among the general current active membership by Adina Rae Freedman, CAE, Clerk and Executive Director, at the AAV Central Office, 5266 Fairway Woods Dr, #4011, Delray Beach, FL 33484 USA. Nominations must be received no later than May 20, 2010. Nominations MUST be sent "Return Receipt" or other confirmed delivery. Electronic mail will not be accepted for nominations. The nominees will be announced in the June 2010 AAV Newsletter, which will also contain a ballot for mailing. The newly elected officers will be announced at the annual membership meeting in San Diego, Ca, or in the July, 2010 Newsletter if no nominations are received from among the membership. Information regarding responsibilities and qualifications for the offices are available from the Central Office.

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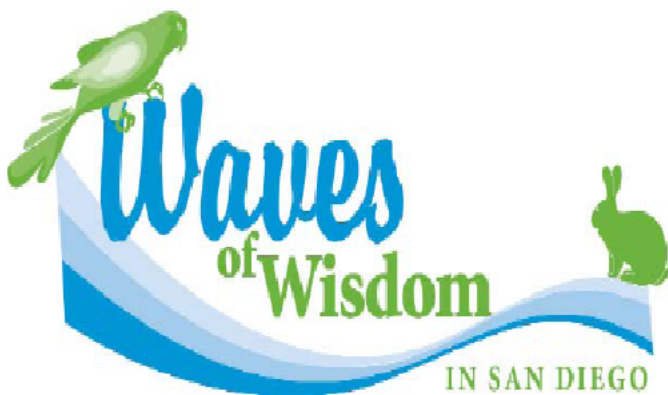


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- Round Table Discussions for AAV and AEMV.
- AAV practical labs on Tuesday.
- Great events: Kick-Off at Sea World, Ice Cream Social, Conservation Tour, Guest Program.
- Special sessions for Technicians and a private reception for all Students.
- The San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina hotel is discounted to a rate of \$177 per night for a single or double room. The average rate at this beautiful hotel in August is \$200-400! Student rates are only \$99!

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