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From Your Editor

Last week I started looking back through old issues of *News & Views*. As near as I can tell, I've been your editor for over 10 years! In that time, the College has undergone substantial growth, and the complexity of College operations has increased markedly. Fortunately, the College has been quick to capitalize on technology to help expedite its business. Instead of meeting once a year just prior to the annual meeting, the Executive Board now meets routinely by teleconference. The College committees generally meet by teleconference too. In between teleconferences, email traffic often flows at a continuous pace.

News & Views has followed the trend, changing from being printed and mailed to electronic dissemination as an Adobe Acrobat file to most members. The ACVPM monthly *eNews* is now well established and will likely replace *News & Views*. I believe this is a good thing for several reasons. First, keeping your *News & Views* timely has always been difficult. In today's fast-paced information environment, old news is... old news. The monthly *eNews* will definitely be timelier than *News & Views*. Second, obtaining contributions to *News & Views* has always been a problem. I am hopeful that with email and internet widely available, news items will flow more readily to the *eNews* editor. Finally, money is a big issue. The costs for printing and mailing *News & Views* have risen steadily over the years, and will continue to rise.

I believe it is time to put *News & Views* to rest and to fully embrace the electronic *eNews*. To those few who can't or won't accept electronic communications, accommodations will have to be made. Perhaps the EVP can them mail copies of the monthly *eNews*. Or better yet, a nearby Diplomat might be willing to demonstrate how to access the internet at a local library, opening up a whole new world.

Regardless, after over 10 years as your *News & Views* editor, I think it is time that I pass the hat on to someone else. If you are interested in the job, please contact the Pres or the EVP.

Best regards,
Kevin Grayson

ACVPM Welcomes 29 New Diplomates

Casey Barton Behravesh, DVM, DrPH
Atlanta, GA

Catherine McManus, VMD, MPH
Richmond, VA

Steven Baty, DVM, MPH
Ft. Bragg, NC

Edith Marshall, DVM, MPVM
Indonesia

Arlene Bucholz, DVM, MPH
Honolulu, HI

Larissa A. Minicucci, DVM, MPH
St Paul, MN

Ronald L. Burke, DVM
Bethesda, MD

Mickey G. Moppin, DVM, MVPH
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Bryan F. Buss, DVM, MPH
Lincoln, NE

Alexandra Newman, DVM, MPH
Albany, NY

Glenda Dvorak, DVM, MPH
Ames, IA

Katie A. Portacci, DVM, MPH
Fort Collins, CO

Dawn C. Fitzhugh, VMD, MPH
Bethesda, MD

Melissa Resnick, DVM, MPH
Philadelphia, PA

Zimra Gordon, DVM, MPH
Stamford, CT

Susan Rollo, MS, DVM
College Station, TX

Anne E. Hessinger, VMD
Marysville, OH

Brett J. Taylor, DVM, MPH
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Armando E. Hoet, DVM, PhD
Columbus, OH

Cynthia Thomas, DVM, MPH
Washington, DC

Stacy Holzbauer, DVM, MPH
Minneapolis, MN

Bruce Towne, DVM
Gowrie, IA

John Huntley, DVM, MPH
Albany, NY

Ingrid Trevino, DVM, MPH
Springfield, IL

Cynthia Johnson, DVM, MS
Denver, CO

Katherine Waters DVM
St. Paul, MN

Steven Just, DVM, MS
Morris, MN

Mary Anne Wenck, DVM, MPH
Australia

Eric Lombardini, VMD, MS
Washington, DC



Job Analysis Update

The Job Analysis workgroup (George Moore, Charlie Pixley, Marguerite Pappaouanou, Ken Petersen, Ken Hall, Malcom Roberts, Bob Lavan, Cris Young, Danelle Bickett-Weddle, and John Sanders) has been hard at work for the last 10 months with the staff of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). We're happy to report that the group has recently finished creating the pilot Job Analysis survey and are on track to survey the entire membership sometime this spring.

If you were not at the 2007 ACVPM general membership meeting, you may be wondering why the College has spent \$33,500 on a job analysis. The primary reason is that the American Board of Veterinary Specialties requires one; but in addition, the Executive Board anticipates other significant benefits from the survey, including changes to our certification and examination process.

The effects of globalization have had a major impact upon the art and science of veterinary preventive medicine and public health. Increased international transit, environmental degradation, and societal disruption have increased the impact and exchange of pathogens between animals and humans. The work of Diplomates has changed in response to these pressures, and will continue to change to meet the public health challenges of the future.

Because the ACVPM encompasses a broad array of expertise in this rapidly changing professional environment, the College needs a periodic survey that identifies and quantifies what current Diplomates believe are the knowledge, skills and abilities required of a new Diplomate.

This information is essential for:

1. Deciding upon appropriate exam content so that we have an objective standard for determining who is qualified as a Diplomate and who is not.
2. Projecting what educational process is needed to prepare future Diplomates so that we can influence institutions of higher learning through our residency certification program. In short, information from the Job Analysis is needed to guide the business of the College, and to help the Executive Board lead the ACVPM into the future.

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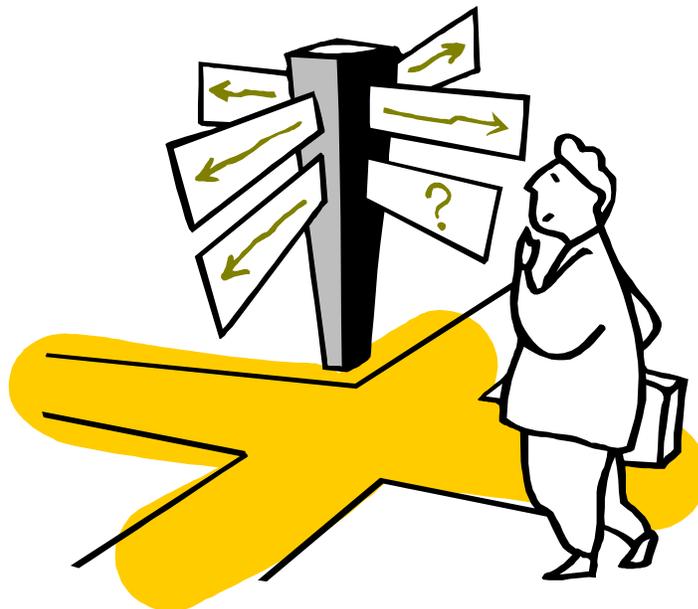
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Work on the Job Analysis began with a preliminary survey in December 2006, the results of which are published elsewhere in this newsletter. Then, in February 2007, the ACVPM awarded a contract to NBME to guide us through our first Job Analysis survey. The workgroup met on a snowy March weekend in Baltimore and created a list of task domains, competency statements, and work contexts. Since that time, the group has met periodically via the internet to complete the survey.

Soon, the NBME will administer the survey to a select group (drawn from ACVPM Diplomates, potential Diplomates, and potential employers of Diplomates). After the survey results are compiled, the workgroup will either confirm that the survey successfully measures the knowledge, skills, and abilities of an entry-level Diplomate, or will adjust the content in preparation for the final survey.

When you receive your survey invitation, you will be directed to an on-line location to complete the survey. Please take the time to carefully consider your answers and provide any additional comments you may have. The results of the survey will make a powerful contribution to the work of the College for several years to come.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Gackstetter, Kevin Grayson, and Peggy Carter



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Annual Awards

Dr. Roger Krogwold,
Helwig-Jennings
Award



Dr. Lyle Vogel,
Distinguished
Diplomate Award



Annual Awards

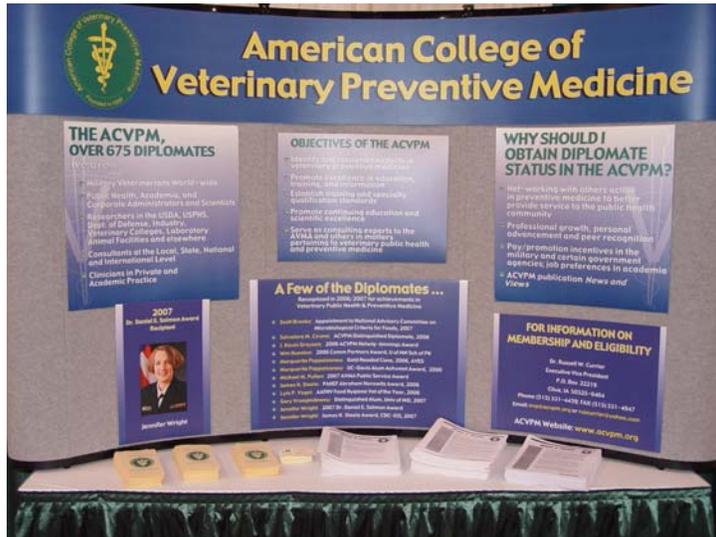


Dr. Gary Bowman,
President's Award



Outgoing committee
chairs, Dr. Jimmy
Villiard (Membership
& Outreach), Dr.
Paul Garbe (Contin-
uing Education), and
Dr. Michael
McElvaine
(Credentials)

Scenes from ACVPM Events in Washington, D.C.



Preliminary Membership Survey Results, December 2006

Who is your employer?

Employer	Number	Percent
University/teaching	53	14.6
University/extension	6	1.6
State/Federal public health	78	21.4
State/Federal environmental health	5	1.4
State/Federal animal health	46	12.6
State/Federal diagnostic services	0	0
Air Force	19	5.2
Army	71	19.5
Industry	26	7.1
Private practice	11	3.0
Self-employed	21	5.8
Other	28	7.7
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What percentage of your time do you spend on the following activities, including supervision or administration? Design/conduct disease surveillance, design/conduct outbreak investigation, design/conduct health promotion programs, design/conduct research, design/conduct food safety/security programs, write/enforce regulations/policy, teach, design/deliver extension programs, design/deliver occupational health programs, provide clinical health care, and other.

The following employment categories spent 25 percent of their time on this task (those in bold represent response by 10 percent of employment category).

- a. Design/conduct disease surveillance: University/teaching, **PH practice**, **AH practice**, Air Force, Private practice, Self-employed.
- b. Outbreak investigation: **University/extension**, **PH practice**, AH practice, Self-employed.
- c. Health promotion programs: University, PH practice, AH practice, Army.
- d. Research: **University**, PH practice, **EH practice**, AH practice, Air Force, Army, Industry.
- e. Food safety/security: University, PH practice, EH practice, **Air Force**, **Army**, Industry.
- f. Write/enforce regs/policies: PH practice, **EH practice**, **AH practice**, **Air Force**, **Army**, **Industry**, Self-employed, Other.
- g. Teach: **University**, AH practice, Army, **Industry**.
- h. Extension: **University/extension**, Industry, Other.
- i. Occupational health: University, PH practice, Air Force, Army, Industry.
- j. Clinical health care: University, PH practice, AH practice, **Army**, Industry, **Self-employed**.
- k. Other: University, PH practice, **EH practice**, Air Force, Army, Industry, Self-employed.

Annual Budget

Activity	A-1.1a			Variance
	2006 Actual	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	
AVMA/USAHA Meeting				
AVMA hotel	4,813	2,000		
AVMA/USAHA Exec. Brd. Travel	5,301	9,000		
	\$10,114	\$11,000	\$ 16,291	A \$ 5,291
Salaries				
Incoming EVP		\$18,750	18,750	B -
EVP	16,992	4,500	4,500	C -
Computer specialist	6,750	7,200	8,641	1,441
	\$23,742	\$30,450	\$ 31,891	\$ 1,441
Office Operations				
Office rent & utilities	3,494	3,900	3,597	(303)
Telephone - DSL	1,157	1,500	2,102	602
Conference calls	TBD	500	-	(500)
Newsletter printing	731	2,100	583	(1,517)
Other printing	1,027	1,100	3,355	2,255
Postage & shipping	1,006	1,500	1,984	484
Supplies & equipment	890	2,500	2,543	D 43
Awards & certificates	298	1,000	474	(526)
Refunds	337	0	2,738	2,738
Legal fees	0	0	150	150
Insurance	8,286	8,300	8,378	78
Administrative support	1,773	1,500	1,416	(84)
Web page maintenance	3,020	1,000	820	(180)
Accounting & Auditing	853	2,100	1,250	(850)
Contributions	0	0	3,415	3,415
Travel - Other	0	0	2,266	E 2,266
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	109	109
Paypal Expense	0	0	568	568
Bank Charges	0	0	71	71
Dues & Subscriptions	0	0	150	150
Miscellaneous	1,514	1,500	26	(1,474)
Certificate of Deposit	20,000	0	-	-
	\$44,386	\$28,500	\$ 35,994	\$ 7,494
Total without cert of deposit	\$24,386			
Committees				
Examinations (2006, 3 meetings)	15,118	15,000	16,325	1,325
Strategic planning	0	3,000	-	(3,000)
Credentials	0	0		
Membership	0	0		
Standards & recognition	0	0		
Publications	0	0		
Internal affairs	0	0		
Nominations	0	0		
Historian	0	0		
Epidemiology specialty	1,410	1,200	108	(1,092)
Job analysis/psychometric	0	19,000	18,110	(890)
	\$16,528	\$38,200	\$ 34,543	\$ (3,657)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$94,770	\$108,150	\$ 118,720	\$ 10,570

Activity	2006 Actual	2007 Budget	A-1.1a 2007 Actual	Variance
Dues	74,983	75,000	66,890.00	(8,110.00)
Interest & misc.	70	0	4,575.56	4,575.56
Exam fees	18,450	17,000	26,584	9,584
TOTAL INCOME	\$93,503	\$92,000	\$98,050	\$6,050
Income	93,503	92,000	98,050	6,050 A
Expenses	94,770	108,150	118,720	10,570 B
INCOME OVER EXPENSES	-\$1,267	-\$16,150	-\$20,670	-\$4,520

2007 Budget over 2007 Actual Variance Explanations

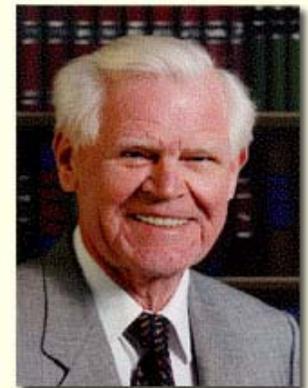
A: The **increase in income** is due to **Interest Income** of \$4575.56; the **decrease** in actual **Dues** received of \$8,110, and the **increase** in actual **Exam fees** received of \$9,584.

B: The **increase in expense** is primarily due to the overspending regarding **AVMA Meeting** which was **over budget** by \$5,291. During the FY of 2007 the Board approved an expense related the "Jim Steele Bio". ACVPM contributed approx. \$3000. Additionally, the EVP traveled to meet the former EVP, which was not included in the budget. Thus, approx. \$2,266 was expensed to coordinate the transition between the former and incoming EVP.

In Memoriam, Hans P. Riemann

Hans P. Riemann, charter Diplomate of the college and professor emeritus at the University of California Davis died March 6, in Denmark. Many ACVPM Diplomates knew Dr. Riemann well through his involvement in the Master of Veterinary Preventive Medicine program at Davis, which he founded. He spent most of his career at Davis, between the years 1964 and 1990. Following his retirement, he remained active as a research professor of food safety and epidemiology.

An authority on salmonella infections, Dr. Riemann was author of more than 200 publications in the areas of microbiology, food safety, and epidemiology. He is perhaps best known for his book *Foodborne Infections and Intoxications*, now in its third edition. In addition, he was a founding editor of the journal *Veterinary Epidemiology* and he co-authored the first text on veterinary epidemiology, *Epidemiology in Veterinary Practice*. Throughout his career, Dr. Riemann received many awards, the most notable of which was a knighthood conferred by Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, in 1999.



Diseases in Nature Call for Abstracts

The James H. Steele Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man will hold its 58th annual meeting at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas, April 22-24, 2008.

The annual conference focuses on zoonoses topics of interest to health professionals in the Southwestern United States. On behalf of the planning committee, I invite you to submit an abstract for either an oral or poster presentation at the conference. Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2007. Session topics this year include Bacterial Zoonoses, Parasitic Zoonoses, Arboviral Diseases, Rabies and other Viral Zoonoses, Zoonoses of Captive Animals and Wildlife, and Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness.

Participants of this conference include physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, epidemiologists, microbiologists, virologists, parasitologists, entomologists, sanitarians, public health professionals, wildlife biologists, animal control officers, and other health care professionals involved in the diagnosis, investigation, and prevention of infectious diseases. The goal of the conference is to increase knowledge and awareness of emerging zoonoses within the medical and public health communities.

The Diseases in Nature conference serves as a forum for the presentations of research, epidemiological data, and other aspects of emerging and current zoonoses. There will be opportunity for discussion of the various topics that are presented. Selected papers may include individual case studies, outbreak investigations, basic and applied research projects, and surveillance program reports.

If you wish to submit an abstract, instructions and a sample submission form can be found on the DIN website. To visit our website just click [HERE](#)

<http://diseasesinnature.googlepages.com/callforpapers> .

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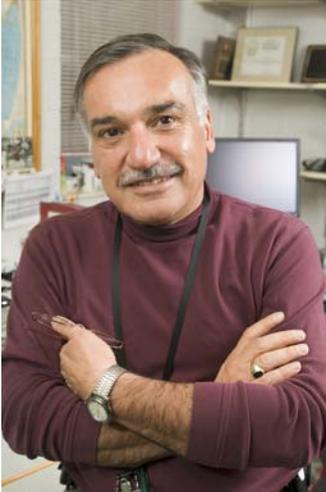
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Salman Receives International Prize



Professor Mo Salman has received the XII International Veterinary Congress Prize. The annual award recognizes outstanding contributions to international understanding of veterinary medicine.

A veterinary epidemiologist Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Salman is a professor and researcher in the Department of Clinical Sciences and the Department of Environmental Health and Radiological Sciences. He is an expert in infectious disease surveillance in animals.

Salman travels to more than 15 countries in the world to conduct research and to provide veterinary education. His programs help to rebuild or strengthen veterinary medicine and supporting government structures in countries currently or recently under great strife including Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Somalia. His work focuses on protecting animal health and providing animal health structures, education, and resources to promote economic stability.

Salman is the former director of the Animal Population Health Institute at Colorado State, which is devoted to encouraging collaborative, multidisciplinary research to improve the health of animal populations, to prevent and control infectious and other important diseases of animals, and to contribute to national and international animal disease policy making processes by providing a better understanding of disease epidemiology and pathogenesis.

Salman is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology. He is the former Chair of the U.S. Animal Health Association Committee on Foreign and Emerging Diseases. He participated in the peer review of the European Union's scientific review for the geographical assessment for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, and was elected to the European Food Safety Agency's Panel for Animal Health and Welfare. He chairs the Continuing Education Committee of the Association for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine and has authored more than 180 refereed journal articles.

From the Desk of the EVP

College activities after the AVMA meetings continue as we approach year's end. There have been a number of changes in procedures that could have an impact on most of you and I will highlight these for your information.

First, later this year dues notices will be posted via email on the internet and collection/submission of dues will be done through the Pay Pal system. For members who have not used this system or are not familiar with it, please consult the ACVPM website and the menu will walk you through it. Otherwise email me for additional details if you have difficulties. This system promises to reduce administrative chores incidental to the process and will establish an electronic record of payments and related bookkeeping tasks incidental to good organization management.

If you have extraordinary difficulty with the system, or are averse to using it and more comfortable with payment by check, then you are welcome to send a check as well. Overall it is my desire for the majority of members to pay electronically.

The second item is that we are requesting all applicants for the 2008 exams consider electronically submitting their applications. This includes sponsor letters and letters of reference that many of you may prepare. Much of correspondence is now done electronically and these submissions will be easier to manage and process through credentialing while saving on postage.

The third item is that the Executive Board has decided to no longer distribute the tri-yearly News and Views newsletter by mail such as has been done for past fall issues. If you still wish to receive all copies of this newsletter in hard copy, a limited printing will be done and sent to active and emeritus members on a subscription basis. The cost for printing, postage and handling will be \$15 per year. Please mail a check with your declaration of subscription to the EVP.

Finally, the website is under active review and revision, and we need a few images for the layout artist. Does anyone have a few nice photos of preventive medicine activities involving veterinarians around livestock or poultry? If you do and would like to share them, I welcome submissions for use as background images. Electronic photos are best [Power Point, PDF, jpeg, etc.].

Next year's exam will be Thursday and Friday, 12-13 June 2008 at The Ohio State University. The Epidemiology Specialty certification exam will be given at the AVMA in New Orleans on Friday, July 18, 2008. Please encourage your acquaintances and colleagues to pursue certification. Note the deadline for all applications has been moved up to 15 January 2008.

Please feel free to call my office or send email or a letter if you have issues to discuss or suggestions to offer for improved operations of the college.

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Epidemiology Specialty News



The Epidemiology Specialty held its annual meeting on July 15, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed through the Epidemiology Specialty listserv. Dr. David Smith completed his two-year term as President of the Specialty and Dr. George Moore started his second year as Secretary. Dave—many thanks for your leadership as President and for your continued support of the Specialty! Thanks also to Drs. Kay Burkman, Roger Gibson, and Sam Groseclose, who completed terms on the Credentials and Nominations Committees.

The Credentials Committee approved the applications of two candidates to sit for the 2007 Epidemiology Specialty exam. Dr. Susan Trock, Chair of the Examination Committee, administered the exam to the two candidates on July 13 and one of the candidates passed the exam. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Tiffany Cottrell of London to the Epidemiology Specialty! The Epidemiology Specialty now has 72 members, including 59 active members and 13 emeritus members.

The 2007 AVMA Convention included three “sold-out” epidemiology sessions that were taught by Epidemiology Specialty members and ACVPM diplomates. Drs. Wayne Schlosser, Lee Hannah, David Smith, and Alecia Naugle taught two basic “EXCELlent Epidemiology” computer workshops and Dr. Lee Hannah taught the prerequisite epidemiology lecture. Due to the great success of the sessions and requests for more advanced training, both basic and intermediate level “EXCELlent Epidemiology” computer workshops are planned for the 2008 AVMA Convention. The instructors will be: Drs. David Smith, Wayne Schlosser, Lee Hannah, Robert Wills, and Eric Ebel.

The last two months have been unusually busy for the officers and committees of the Specialty. The officers have been working on the annual and five-year in-depth reports to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties. The committees have been busy developing standard operating procedures and carrying out other committee functions. The current members of the Epidemiology Specialty committees are:

- Credentials Committee—Drs. Eric Ebel (Chair), Roger Gibson, and Thomas Kasari

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Examinations Committee—Drs. Susan Trock (Chair), Colleen Bruning-Fann, and Michael Sanderson

- Nominations Committee—Drs. Mark Starr (Chair), Bruce Burnham, and Marty Stebbins
- Continuing Education Committee—Drs. Terry Lehenbauer (Chair), Alecia Naugle, and Kimberly Orr

The Credentials Committee completed a review and revision of the Specialty's application materials and the Examination Committee updated the study references and exam information provided to candidates. The Continuing Education Committee has been busy planning an ambitious epidemiology continuing education program for the 2008 AVMA Convention. The program will include an epidemiology 'hot topics' session and an epidemiology poster session, in addition to the two computer workshops.

The next Epidemiology Specialty examination will be held on July 18, 2008 in New Orleans and the application deadline is **January 15, 2008**. Please encourage your veterinary epidemiologist colleagues to pursue certification in the Specialty. Application materials and procedures, exam information, and study references are posted on the Epidemiology Specialty website.

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Nominations for Councilor and President-Elect

PLEASE CONSIDER!

The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations (including self nominations) for Councilor and President-Elect.

“A councilor shall be an active member in good standing and shall have been a member of the College for at least three (3) years prior to being elected. Councilors shall serve as members of the Executive Board for three years.”

“The President-Elect shall be an active member in good standing. The president-elect must be an active member of the College for at least five (5) years immediately prior to election.” The President-Elect will serve a two year term then succeed to President for two years and then serve as immediate past president for two years.

Councilor positions are a great way to be more involved in ACVPM activities after having served on a committee. President-Elect nominees should have previous experience as a committee chair or in a Councilor position. For both positions, it is very important to be able to communicate electronically (e-mail) for Executive Board discussions and updates. Currently, the Executive Board meets during the annual AVMA and USAHA meetings to discuss college business.

Any questions or nominations should be directed to Patty Scharko, chair at pscharko@uky.edu or by mobile phone at 859-621-7604