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President's Corner

Want a good book to read? Pick up *Good to Great* by Jim Collins. He spent 5 years researching publicly traded companies that have, for at least 15 years, beaten general stock market trends by an average of 7 times. One thing that struck me about his research was that he used similar companies as his experimental “controls” and looked for key differences that led to the formers’ success—at least an attempt at an experimental design!

One of his overall conclusions was that the biggest hindrance to being a great company is being just a good company. If you are “good enough” you don’t question yourself and try to find out how to become “great.” The complacency trap is easy to fall into.

What did these companies do to become great? They assembled the best people possible, confronted brutal facts even when they really didn’t want to, focused on what they do best, had the discipline to carry out the plan even when they were tempted not to, used technology as a tool—not a reason—to accelerate themselves into growth, and built momentum through a steady, relentless transformation instead of trying for a dramatic revolution.

So, what does that have to do with the College? Last July you approved a budget that included money for an ad hoc committee to address the issues accelerating and limiting membership and growth. The committee met in May and spent the better part of two days talking through the things needed to take the College from good to great. We owe a debt of gratitude to Niall Finnegan, Patty Scharko, David Dreesen, Leon Russell, Terry Lehenbauer, Jerry Torrison, Kimberly Orr, Peggy Carter, and Gary Bowman for their work. Their report will be the primary topic of discussion during the Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia and the subsequent annual membership meeting. (Assemble the best people possible, confront the brutal facts, and focus on what you do best).



The report is not going to be the end of the process. It has to be studied. The recommendations have to be carefully considered and debated. Not everyone will agree. That is good—and part of the growing process. But once a direction, with incremental steps to get to the goal, is decided, the real work must begin. It will take an effort that is active, not passive. The College will start using new tools and new techniques to offer new opportunities for individuals to attain Diplomate status as well as offer new services to the membership. The real fun will have begun. (Have the discipline to carry out the plan and use technology as a tool for growth).

As Jim Collins was interviewing people from the “great” companies, they were puzzled that Collins seemed to be searching for that moment of revelation that started the company’s transformation. When did the light go on? They each said that it was more of an ongoing process than one transforming idea. Similarly, the ad hoc committee’s report will serve as a series of guideposts to help the College through the next 3 to 5 years. The process will take measured, disciplined steps. Each step will help to build momentum. Each step will help to build the College. (Build momentum instead of trying for a dramatic revolution).

If you’re curious and want to learn more, then you’ve taken the first step toward being part of the process. Read the ad hoc committee report. If you can’t come to the annual meeting, watch the web site and the membership listserv for information, Executive Board minutes, and updates. React. Share your thoughts on the ACVPM membership web site. It is your College. It needs your input and participation to go from good to great.

The last two years as your President have gone fast for me—primarily because of help and support from the Executive Board, your Executive Vice President, Dr. Dave Dreesen, and you, the membership. For all of that, I am very thankful and grateful. I’m also very thankful that you’ve given me the opportunity to work with your leadership and to serve the College. I expect that I’ve gotten more than I’ve given. I hope that we can talk more in Philly!

—Dr. Paul Sundberg

Notes from the President-Elect

I have always held the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine in the highest regard and I am proud to be a Diplomate. I prepared for the boards while on maternity leave and will never forget how 'high' I was after receiving my acceptance letter from the college! I hope that you can remember your time of Diplomate acknowledgement.

We are all busy people, but we have a common thread of ACVPM membership. They say, "Put a busy person to work on something that you want done." Now that I am immediate Past President of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, my schedule has permitted me to become more active in the ACVPM. In May, the ad hoc Membership Coordinating Task Force convened in Kansas City to discuss key issues for the future of our specially board. The next few years are important for the ACVPM to meet and exceed the American Board of Veterinary Specialties requirements, re-evaluate the examination structure, and to build our community. The task force was critical to set our focus for the future.

My vision as President will be to continue to develop the ACVPM as a proactive force in veterinary preventive medicine, particularly in agriculture and bioterrorism. I look forward to serving the membership through the Executive Board leadership team. We are very fortunate to have a committed Executive Vice President who meets daily requests and ensures that the examination process works as smoothly as possible. But we need YOUR involvement! Please consider joining one of our committees: Internal Affairs, Membership and Public Relations, Continuing Education, and Publications. Contact me at pscharko@uky.edu if you would like to participate.

—Dr. Patty Scharko



Ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee Notes

In July 2003 the Executive Board discussed certain initiatives originally identified in 2001 by a series of task forces. Many of the 2001 recommendations were accomplished through committee work. However some were not, perhaps because a few of the issues exceeded the mandate of a single committee. Examples include credentialing requirements and approval of graduate study programs in veterinary public health and preventive medicine.

President Paul Sundberg established a Membership Coordinating Task Force, composed of representatives from the pertinent committees, with the goal of reviewing the current needs of the College and creating a plan of action to accomplish those needs. The committee met in Kansas City on May 1-2. Participants included Niall Finnegan (Immediate Past President, Chair of Ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee), Patty Scharko (President Elect), David Dreesen (Executive Vice-President), Leon Russell (ACVPM Representative to American Board of Veterinary Specialties-ABVS), Terry Lehenbauer (Continuing Education Committee), Jerry Torrison (private swine veterinary consultant), Kimberly Orr (Chair, Membership Committee), Peggy Carter (Chair, Internal Affairs Committee), and Gary Bowman (Chair, Examination Committee.) After the Membership Coordinating Task Force convened, the group renamed the committee to the Strategic Planning Committee due to the wide-ranging nature of the discussion.

After a brainstorming session, the committee grouped the ideas into three main areas and assigned to each area a list of possible initiatives. The three areas were:

1. UPHOLDING STANDARDS- credentialing, preparing the candidates, recertification, continuing education, and examination/ meeting ABVS requirements
2. MISSION ADVOCACY- outreach and recruitment
3. ONGOING MEMBER FUNCTIONS- website information, information on listserv, review committee structure

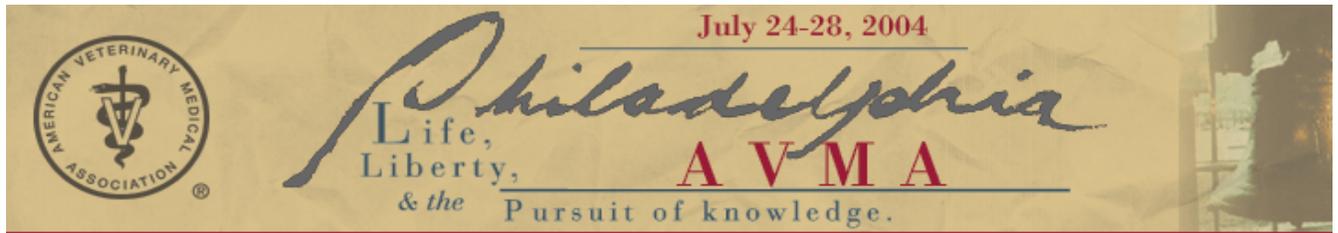
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The following draft recommendations will be more fully discussed during the ad hoc committee meeting, the Executive Board meeting and the general membership meeting, all in Philadelphia.

1. Task a committee to develop a process including the needed tools (checklists, scoring mechanism) for residency program approval
2. Develop educational support to assist a wider variety of applicants to prepare for the examination process and continuing education opportunities to improve Diplomate skills in anticipation of a recertification requirement
3. Examine the concept of having one basic exam for all candidates and then a choice between five specialty area exams (similar to ACVIM, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine)
4. Develop and implement methods to actively reach out to external audiences (medical, public policy makers, commercial/industrial players) to inform them of the role of veterinary preventive medicine
5. Identify potential diplomates, intensifying our efforts within the following populations: state and Federal public health veterinarians (NASPHV), veterinarians in state agriculture and public health departments, academia, CDC, CVM, FDA employees, USDA FSIS/APHIS, graduate residency programs (MPH etc.), practitioners, and non-career military
6. Review and revise as necessary College committee makeup, structure, and charge, including the possibility of sunseting or adding additional committees as appropriate
7. Examine College membership services

—Submitted by Patty Scharko and Niall Finnegan



Annual ACVPM Meetings

Note: All meetings will be held at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

DATE		MEETING	LOCATION
Tuesday	July 20 th	Examinations	Regency B
Wednesday	July 21 st	Examinations	Regency B
Wednesday	July 21 st	Examinations Committee	Regency C1
Thursday	July 22 nd	Examinations Committee	Regency C1
Friday	July 23 rd	Examinations Committee	Regency C1
Friday	July 23 rd	Epidemiology Specialty Exam	Regency C2
Saturday	July 24 th	Executive Board Meeting	Regency C1
Monday	July 26 th	Epidemiology Specialty	Regency C2
Monday	July 26 th	General Membership	Regency A

Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed to represent the ACVPM in the College information booth at the annual AVMA meeting in Philadelphia this summer.

Please contact Dr. Kimberley Orr at kimorr@aol.com, to select a time, or stop by the booth to sign up for a time when you arrive at the convention.

AVMA Sessions of Potential Interest

Date	Time	Section	Topic
Saturday, July 24 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Cloning: Progress, Problems, Potential, and Ethics
Saturday, July 24 th	Morning	Food Safety	Antimicrobial Resistance: A Laboratory Perspective
Saturday, July 24 th	Afternoon	Food Safety	Education Efforts in Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials
Saturday, July 24 th	All Day	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Infectious Diseases
Sunday, July 25 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Enabling Effective Careers in Ecosystem Health and Conservation Medicine
Sunday, July 25 th	Morning	Food Safety	Preharvest Food Safety and Security
Sunday, July 25 th	Afternoon	Food Safety	Food Safety Education Initiatives
Sunday, July 25 th	Morning	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Infectious Diseases: West Nile Virus
Sunday, July 25 th	Afternoon	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Threats and Biological Risk Management
Monday, July 26 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Lessons Learned in Distance Education
Monday, July 26 th	All Day	Food Safety	Antimicrobial Resistance
Monday, July 26 th	Morning	Public Health Medicine	Veterinarians in Public Health: Now and in the Future
Monday, July 26 th	Afternoon	Public Health Medicine	Education and Training Opportunities in Public Health for Veterinarians
Tuesday, July 27 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Advances in Disease Surveillance
Tuesday, July 27 th	Morning	Food Safety	The Public Health Significance of Pathogens in Animal Feeds
Tuesday, July 27 th	All Day	Public Health Medicine	Health Security—Local to Global
Wednesday, July 28 th	Morning	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Infectious Diseases

**Congratulations to Dr. John Herbold
and also to Dr. (Lt Col) Peggy Carter,
newly selected President-Elect
and College Counselor.**

A Letter Home

Ten years ago today, I graduated from Veterinary School (U. of MO) and I thought I would share with you how I celebrated the occasion. I got up at 6:15am, put on my ballistic helmet and flak vest (a requirement here at Camp Anaconda in order to go outside) and went to the shower trailer to shave and brush my teeth. It was a nice cool morning for a change, so the combat gear wasn't as uncomfortable as normal. I came back to my room, got dressed and went out with one of my food inspectors to tour the dining facilities and central food storage facility servicing Camp Anaconda and its 15,000 troops.

I had lunch at one of the dining facilities and then went off with one of my veterinary officers and a technician to bleed a fox and hedgehog for Leishmaniasis testing (a nasty parasitic disease that can cause ulcers on the skin or damage to internal organs in humans and animals). On the way to the site where these animals had been trapped we heard an explosion in the distance followed by the attack sirens, which means to take cover. We hunkered down in the Air Force preventive medicine trailer (the folks doing the Leishmaniasis survey) for about an hour waiting for the "all clear." On our way again, we ran into a soldier who informed us that one of the military working dogs and its handler had been injured in the mortar attack. We rushed to their location and fortunately; the only injury sustained was a slight cut on the handler's foot. They were both in a housing trailer which was approximately 30 ft from where the mortar exploded. Several pieces of shrapnel cut through the trailer like a knife through melted butter... it's amazing that neither handler nor dog were killed. A 4-inch piece of shrapnel cut through the wall leaving a hole that continued through a wall locker and out the other end of the trailer. The handler told us that his dog was normally in his kennel in that corner of the room, but today he was lying on the handler's bed with him while he was watching a movie. This was fortunate because a piece of shrapnel came through the wall of the trailer where the kennel sits and cut through the kennel. We checked the dog and he was fine.

On the way to dinner tonight, I realized it was my 10 year anniversary (hard to believe so much time has already passed) so I celebrated with my soldiers by dining on a somewhat leathery (the Army standard) piece of ribeye steak, fried shrimp, fried potatoes, a pseudo-green (as my warrant officer calls the lettuce here) salad, and a big bowl of chocolate ice cream with strawberry sauce and nuts at the dining facility--not a bad feast for being 6000 miles away from the nearest Outback Steakhouse.

I am now awaiting a helicopter flight back to Baghdad tonight so I can return to my Headquarters after almost 2 weeks on the road visiting my teams in northern Iraq. I never thought I would celebrate this milestone in my professional career by being a "combat veterinarian." It has been an interesting and rewarding day, and for that matter, 10 years. I have to admit, I am just as proud and excited about my chosen profession today, as I was that warm Missouri spring day when I received my diploma. Although I'd rather be home with my family, I am proud to be using my God given skills in such a noble and honorable endeavor for the sake of our service men, women, and dogs over here in Iraq. Thanks to all of you who have supported and encouraged me throughout these past 10 years and more recently, this deployment, especially to my parents and new wife Debra. I love and miss you all very much. I hope this email finds you well and happy.

Scott D. Bormanis
MAJOR, VC



Notes from the Executive Vice President

The ACVPM meetings in conjunction with the AVMA Convention in Philadelphia are listed elsewhere in the *News & Views*. We urge you to come to the ACVPM General Membership meeting which is to be held from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in Regency A of the Loews Hotel on Monday, July 26th. We have several interesting items on the agenda. Dr. Barbara Masters, Acting Administrator of USDA FSIS will present a short briefing on "Identification and Traceability of Food Animals." Also, giving us a few brief comments will be the Acting Director of the FDA, Dr. Lester M. Crawford. How's that for name-dropping? In addition, the Membership Coordinating Task Force Ad Hoc Committee will make a report. As your EVP, I can honestly tell you that you will be quite pleased by what this committee has accomplished. Based on their efforts, the College will have a well-developed strategic plan. There are going to be changes coming up in your College, including requirements for CE credits to maintain Diplomate status. Now that I have your attention—this requirement by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) of the AVMA will be for new Diplomates starting in 2005 or 2006 at the earliest. You will, in all probability, be grandfathered and not required to maintain certification by obtaining continuing education credits. More on this as it develops.

This is your last call to send me the details on any significant awards or honors you may have received since May of 2003. We would like to post these on the Convention Display and in *News & Views*. These must be sent to me by June 18 at the latest. I'm still waiting on some good action photos of our Diplomates in "action"; also for the display. These should be sent to me (evp@acvpm.org) in high resolution (the higher the better) JPEG format.

Another item to bring to your attention is the note from the ACVPM Webmaster, Joe Adam, which can be found in this issue of *News & Views*. On a few (certainly not a lot) occasions, we have received comments from Diplomates saying they do not want all the List Serve messages we send; even though we think they are of value. Thus, through the new ACVPM E-News, you can sign up for one or more of the three formats of E-News we will distribute weekly via the List Serve. Read the note from Joe and then simply go to the ACVPM Web Page and sign up for what you want.

I do want to emphasize that we will be posting current information of interest to Diplomates in these E-News newsletters. So, before you opt out, give the new format a chance and see if you like what we have to offer. Your comments will be helpful.



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We currently have 40 candidates (32 new and 8 repeat) who will be taking the ACVPM board certification examination in Philadelphia. Last year 43 sat for the exam. Again, we urge you to “ask a buddy to join” as they say in civic organizations. You are the College’s best recruiter and sales person.

Thanks to the dues increase from \$75.00 per year to \$100.00 a year and continued frugal spending, our budget will be in the ‘black’ again this year. The ABVS requires that specialty colleges maintain savings equal to one year’s budget. We are presently short by some \$15,000. However, this may be the year we can begin adding to our reserves.

The “ACVPM World Headquarters” office, as your *News & Views* Editor, Dr. Kevin Grayson, named our humble abode, has been no less useful than if we had an office on 5th Avenue. Though it is only a large room next to an insurance agency, in a building shared by the “Main Street Garage,” it is more than serving its purpose and, probably, saving your EVP from a lot of grief from an exasperated wife who was tired of her dining room table serving as a collection site for ACVPM material. We both thank all of you for allowing your EVP to have a separate office.

My personal congratulations to our new President-elect, Dr. John Herbold, and our new Councilor for 2004-2007, Dr (Lt. Col.) Peggy Carter. Both have served the ACVPM for a number of years and will be great additions to your Executive Board. I also look forward to working with Dr. Patty Scharko, your President for 2004-2006. Dr. Scharko has recently served as President of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Her experience with the AABP and leadership will be most helpful to the ACVPM.

Don’t forget to contact Dr. Kimberly Orr, Chair of the Membership and Public Relations Committee, to volunteer for an hour or so at the ACVPM booth and display at the AVMA convention. She can be reached at <kimorr@aol.com> or stop by the booth to sign up.

See ya’ll in Philly!

Dave

Notes from the Web Master

We are in the process of moving to a new style of List Serv messages. As part of the change, we will be limiting the distribution to no more than one a week. We will break the ListServ into three sections (**ACVPM Enews**, **ACVPM Job Postings** and **ACVPM EPI Enews**). After the transition, you will be able to select which 3 Newsletters you wish to receive (one, two or all three). If you are **submitting** a job posting, please ensure that it does not expire with 3 weeks of your initial email.

I will be compiling a list of member's names and email addresses to enter into the new system. If you so choose (as some of you have already done), you can sign yourself up. There is a signup box on the main page of the ACVPM website where you can enter your email address and you will then be taken to a new page where you can confirm your choice(s) of Enewsletters and enter your first and last name. This will help us keep up with the 600+ email addresses and allow you to take control of what newsletters you will receive in the future.

The new Enewsletters are an opt-in system. This means you can subscribe and unsubscribe at any time by simply typing in your email address in the box at the bottom of the main page. If you are subscribing to a Enewsletter, you will receive an email asking you to click on the provided link to ensure that you really want to join the list.

After I have completed importing the current addresses, you will receive 2 ListServ emails. One from the old system stating that the transition is complete and instructing you that you should have received a second email from the new ListServ. The new ListServ uses formatted HTML (and text) pages so there will be a noticeable difference!

If you did not receive the second email (the new ListServ test message) then please go to the main page of our web site and enter the email address you wish to use for the ListServ. If you wish to change the current email address on file, unsubscribe with your current email address and enter your new one.

Your comments concerning this new system will be helpful to us.

—Joe Adam, ACVPM Computer Support



Epidemiology Specialty News



The Epidemiology Specialty will hold its annual meeting at the AVMA meeting in Philadelphia, on Monday July 26th. Last year we found it beneficial to have a shorter officers' meeting and a longer general membership meeting. Thus, we are requesting that the officers and committee chairs meet at 11:30, followed by the full Specialty membership from noon until 2 p.m. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Two ACVPM members will be taking the Epidemiology Specialty examination this year. The exam will be administered on Friday, July 23rd, by Dr. George Moore, Examinations Committee chair. Please continue to encourage your ACVPM colleagues to consider applying for possible membership in our Specialty. Dr. Moore and his committee members are still finalizing the examination, and would appreciate receiving any of your suggestions for essay questions prior to June 25th. You may send your topics/questions to him at gemoore@purdue.edu.

Dr. Wayne D. Schlosser, with the Food Safety and Inspection Service, was recently elected as the incoming Secretary for the Specialty group. We thank Dr. David R. Smith, from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, who served as Specialty Secretary for the previous 2 years. Dr. Smith has been extremely helpful during his tenure, particularly with a membership survey to determine member needs and interests. We hope that he will be able to continue serving the Specialty in the future.

There will be a number of issues to be discussed at the Philadelphia meeting. We will likely continue our long-standing discussion of the appropriate structure for the Specialty, in light of various possible models from other specialty organizations. There has also been considerable discussion by the Credentials Committee of specific requirements for Specialty candidates, that may require changes to the by-laws. Please send any additional suggested agenda items to Dr. David Smith at dsmith8@unl.edu.

We will also need to establish committee assignments for another year. Current committee members are:

- Credentials: Dr. Eric Ebel (chair), Dr. Sam Groseclose, Dr. Kay D. Burkman
- Examination: Dr. George Moore (chair), Dr. Linda Schlater, Dr. Sue Trock
- Nominations: Dr. James R. Riddle (chair), Dr. Terry Lehenbauer, Dr. Mark Starr
- Continuing Education: ?????

A number of these committee members have served for many years, so we encourage Specialty members to ask about joining a committee. You can express your interest at the meeting, or if you will be unable to attend, please send me an email at mxe04@health.state.ny.us. Also, I'd appreciate hearing from current committee members who wish to continue to serve.

In summary, please join us at noon on Monday July 26th at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel for the Epidemiology Specialty membership meeting (even though your conference agenda will say 1:00 p.m.) For officers and committee chairs, please come by at 11:30. Hope to see you all there!

—Dr. Millicent Eidson

Legislative Alerts

Veterinary Research Study

The National Research Council is conducting a study on the national needs for research in veterinary science. The study will identify national needs for veterinary research in the fields of public health and food safety, animal health, and comparative medicine. Based on a review of the published literature and data provided by stakeholders, the committee will summarize current and past research activities and project future needs for research in veterinary science. The committee will identify the national capacity (expertise and number of scientists, specialized facilities, program funding, institutional capacity) required to conduct the research needed.

The committee is requesting data or other information that could address the CURRENT CAPACITY and FUTURE NEEDS in your discipline(s) (as they relate to research in veterinary science) for:

1. Facilities—labs, classrooms, animal housing, specialized containment facilities.
2. Human resources—numbers of persons in your discipline(s), employment opportunities, excess numbers or unfilled needs for specific types of scientists.
3. Education—current and future capacities to accommodate students and post-docs, availability and adequacy of support for students and post-docs, adequacy of the pool of potential students, etc.
4. Research support—availability, adequacy and source(s) of research support for investigations in your discipline(s) relevant to veterinary science.
5. Research areas of critical importance to veterinary science and your abilities to address these areas based on 1 - 4 above.

If possible, please provide the following information about your response:

1. Source(s) of information - member surveys, published data, etc.
2. Year(s) when data were collected.

Please note that any data you provide to the Committee will be placed in the Public Access File in accordance to Section 15 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

To be most useful to the committee, your responses should be provided not later than 20 June 2004.

For inquiries, please contact

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Pet Safety and Protection Act

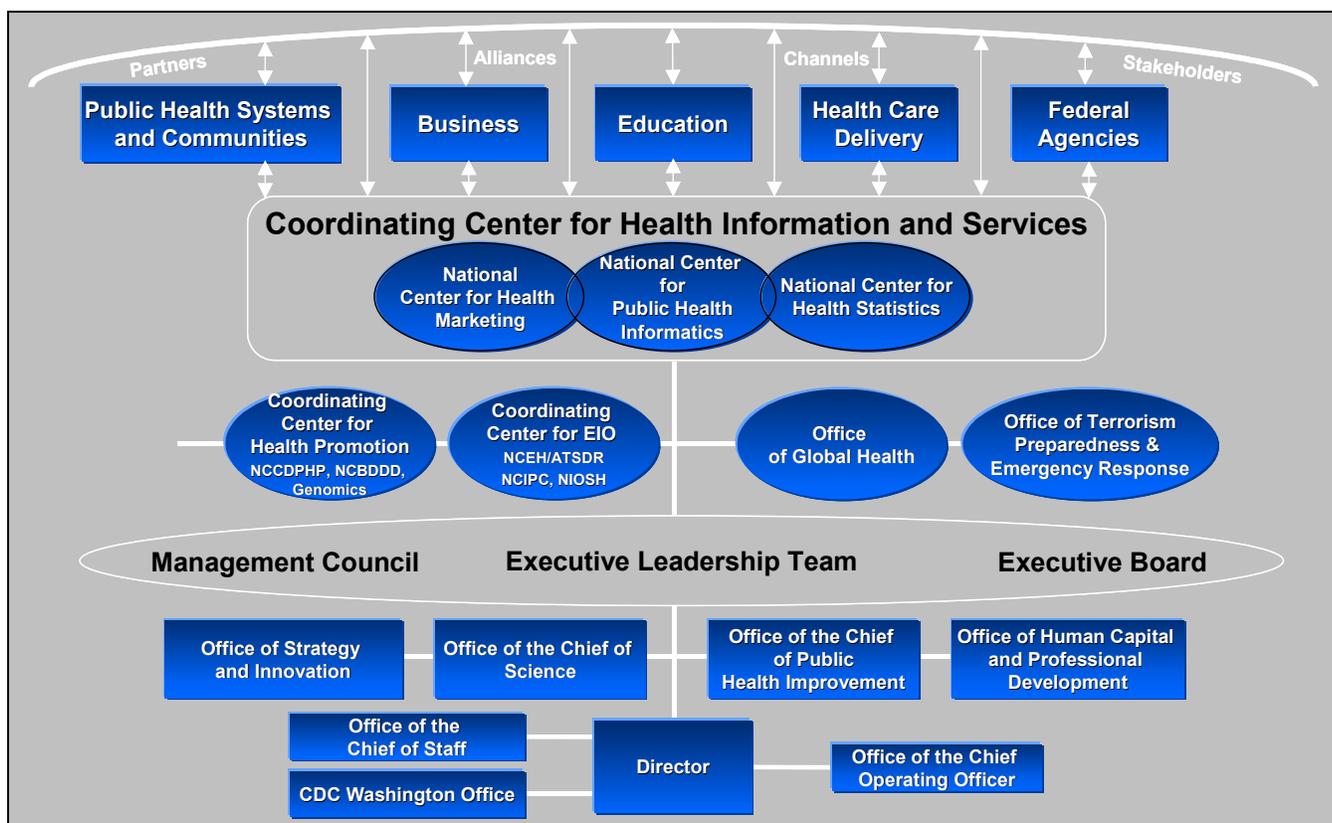
On April 26, 2004, Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) once again introduced the "Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2004," S. 2346. The bill is based upon the false assumption that dogs and cats are routinely stolen and sold to research facilities.

S. 2346 would: Ban research facilities from obtaining dogs or cats from dealers who do not breed and raise the animals themselves. Make it more difficult, if not impossible, for research facilities to obtain unwanted municipal pound animals that would otherwise be euthanized. Disallow private shelters from choosing to make animals available for research. Limit the ability of individuals to donate dogs or cats to research facilities (only animals bred and raised by an individual and owned for not less than one year could be donated).

S. 2346 currently has no co-sponsors and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Please contact David Talbot, at 202-857-0540, for more information.

CDC Undergoes Reorganization

CDC director Dr. Julie L. Gerberding has announced that the agency will undergo a strategic reorganization, the first major revamp of CDC in 20 years. "We are not making major structural changes at CDC," she said in a later interview. We are making the minimum number of organizational changes we feel are necessary to accomplish new strategies." A flowchart for the scheme is shown below.





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COMMENTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Colleagues,

This is my last message as the President of AAPHV. It's been fun (except for scrambling to write these quarterly messages)! Like most individuals, there was more that I wanted to do. But I found myself and others busy solving or at least reacting to public health crises. We have updated the web site and are in the process of getting it loaded on the ACVPM web site. We are also in the process of reviewing our position statements and revising existing and considering new ones. This will be one item for the July agenda. We have re-instituted the Student Public Health Award and the plaque will be given to the Student at the General Meeting of the ACVPM in July. The membership brochures have been revised and updated. We have several exciting public health sessions at AVMA this year.

What is left? We are still in desperate need of volunteers who will obtain a display board and organize participation at the AVMA booth and at other meetings. This activity has been lacking and we have missed opportunities to gain new members and to interact with other colleagues. We also need a better way of communicating with each other, to share information, and to share information with others. The mission of any association should be to provide a forum for discussion among its members and as a support/resource for its members. We need to do better.

The Annual Meeting this year at AVMA will be at a different time. It has been increasingly difficult to get good attendance and allow people time to get to Alumni receptions or the ACVPM meeting. So... the annual meeting will be on **Tuesday morning, 7-8:30 (July 27) at the Marriott Courtyard, Salon 1**. We are going to use part of our budget for a continental breakfast. Food always entices participation.

What's ahead? AAPHV will be in good hands when Hugh Mainzer takes over as President in July. Katherine Feldman is our new Secretary. We have always been in good hands thanks to Bob Garrison's (our treasurer) constant vigilance for the newsletter, finding lost members, and bailing me out over these last 2 years. Bob has truly kept the Association going. Special thanks to John Sanders for revising the web page and tracking down the old documents and making revisions. Also, thanks to Kris Carter for working on the Position Documents with help from Katherine Feldman and Larry Barrett.

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—AAPHV Newsletter

My final thoughts: This Association is a diverse group of individuals working in different roles and in many complex issues of public health. This makes the Association rich with ideas and expertise and strong in possibilities. It has been a pleasure working with everyone.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

ALERT ALERT ALERT—ADDRESS CHANGE ! I've moved recently to the Kalamazoo, MI area, so here's the new address for questions, comments or dues payments:

Dr. Bob Garrison

Treasurer, AAPHV

P.O. Box 354

Mattawan, MI 49071

My new e-mail is rdg1500@earthlink.net. As always, if you have questions about your dues status or other membership issues, contact me.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

WELCOME to our newest members:

Dr. Nelva Bryant-Gibbs, Hanover, MD

Dr. Steve Just, Morris, MN

Dr. Martha Littlefield-Chabaud, Baton Rouge, LA

Dr. C. Patrick Ryan, Granada Hills, CA

PHVCC CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES, MARCH 11, 2004

In attendance: Bob Garrison, Mary Torrence, John Herbold, Mira Leslie, Russ Currier, Hugh Mainzer, Katherine Feldman, Larry Barrett. Minutes taken by Katherine Feldman.

John Herbold--APHA SPIG:

John (JohnHerbold@yahoo.com) expressed concern that the Veterinary Public Health SPIG (Special Interest Group) of APHA is no longer functional. To keep it breathing, someone needs to be the point of contact and to gather information for a quarterly newsletter. However, the SPIG is also offered space at the annual meeting and can plan a ½ day of programming at the annual meeting. It was pointed out how difficult it is to man a booth at other meetings such as the AVMA.

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There was concern that there are so many groups to join that joining may not be high on the priority list of some public practice veterinarians. However, the potential to have great influence is there, so we should use it. APHA is a large, national organization and has huge impact on public health. There should be enough public practice veterinarians in APHA to organize a session.

Veterinarians who are members of APHA may be involved in the epidemiology or environmental health SPIGs and there has been some bureaucratic or administrative obstacle to joining more than one SPIG.

John Herbold is the editor for the newsletter. The newsletter is a quarterly electronic newsletter that really requires only one article and is an excellent forum in which to bring up ideas for discussion. The APHA is recognized by the national political leadership as a voice to be listened to. With so many public practice groups represented in AAPHV, issues can be packaged through APHA. How can we leverage what we're doing everyday and bring it to a different audience? An example of an appropriate issue is the feral cat issue – want to present both sides. New ideas might include 1. confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs),. 2. Because of influenza, there is an ongoing discussion as to whether Iowa poultry and swine CAFOs should be located close together. The chance for virus reassortment is of low probability but high consequence. 3. Polarization of antibiotic use between human and animal medical communities. 4. HPAI in south Texas – misinterpretation of risk communication to humans by the press, 5. Exotic animals – should they be regulated by the feds or by the states? What does it portend for wildlife ecology, domestic livestock, etc.?

We want to capitalize on the energy evidenced at ICEID regarding veterinarians in public health (Jim Hughes asked all veterinarians in the audience to stand during the opening plenary, and also held a reception for public health veterinarians).

Russ Currier will try to garner support among the NASPHV.

Please contact John Herbold if interested in providing a newsletter article or getting involved.

(Related item from **Russ Currier**– highlighting another Iowa issue: On March 29 an all-day event, sponsored by the University of Iowa School of Public Health, will be held to address environmental health impacts of CAFOs. Representatives from numerous areas will be there including experts on air quality, antibiotic resistance, flu pandemics, policy and regulations, and the international perspective.)

Russ Currier--NASPHV:

- 1) The rabies compendium was finalized last fall and is now available through the MMWR and JAVMA.
- 2) The psittacosis compendium was also re-done last fall and is out with small changes so this might go to an every two-year review process.
- 3) The petting zoo compendium is NASPHV's real pride and joy – the first issue was out last summer and rough at the edges but at the recent ICEID there was a major overhaul and wordsmithing. Major changes include changes to the second appendix on disinfectants and a third appendix has been added on animals in schools. It is in final draft form and should be finalized in the near future. Revisions will be made every year for the foreseeable future.

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- 4) ZIP paper (zoonotic infection practices) on maintenance of aviaries in nursing homes and institutional settings is under discussion and on hold for now.
- 5) Jennifer McQuiston had proposed the idea for NASPHV to establish a compendium on infection control procedures in clinics, but this would require input from AAHA and others. The compendia are a tremendous amount of work, so this needs to be carefully thought out before a decision to proceed is made.
- 6) All of the NASPHV membership shares concerns regarding exotic animals and their importation and it is imperative to exercise more leadership on this issue. However, they recognize there is opposition from groups such as the pet industry and owners of exotic animals. It would be nice if this were addressed at the federal level instead of individual states dictating restrictions at the state level.
- 7) Incoming president-elect is Gail Hansen in Kansas.
- 8) NASPHV is pulling together a website of its own.
- 9) NASPHV's annual meeting will be held Sunday, June 6 in Boise, ID in conjunction with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists annual meeting.
- 10) Last, but not least – Russ turns 65 imminently, and has been at “this” for a long time. Though he's enjoyed the road, he may soon be retiring. But he's not off the hook yet: there is one more call in June in which he can participate.

Hugh Mainzer—CDC:

- 1) There is a re-organization underway at CDC with the Futures Initiative. Dr. Gerberding is looking at public health in new ways, and as Hugh learns more, he will pass on the information. If CDC is still accepting input through the Futures Initiative, everyone should put a plug in for veterinarians in public health.
- 2) Dr. Nina Marano has been appointed as Associate Director for Veterinary Medicine and Science within the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID). She did a great job during the recent International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases, and she may be in this position long-term.
- 3) CDC would welcome attendance at the upcoming EIS conference (4/19-4/23) in Atlanta at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia. There is no registration fee so attendees would only be responsible for hotel and travel. On 4/19 there will be the annual veterinary gathering and this year they will be honoring Patsy Bellamy as a great supporter of veterinary medicine through the electives for vet students. Patsy is retiring. In addition, Dr. Jay Levine may present on the new Master's program in veterinary public health at NC State.
- 4) CDC is trying to build partnerships with USDA, FDA, DOD, DHS, EPA, etc., and it is a good time to be in public health.

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Mary Torrence—AAPHV:

It is time to review and revise the position statements for AAPHV. If there are position statements from your organization that should be included, please send to Mary. She will circulate them for the July meeting and needs folks to review and update the statements.

Larry Barrett—California DHS / USAF public health:

1) Today, California is releasing today drinking water standards for perchlorate. This is the first time in 10 years that a new water standard is being published and CA is the first to publish a standard for perchlorate. Perchlorate has been found in lettuce in CA and in dairy cattle in TX. Because of this, people may start asking about perchlorate in their food.

2) The Department of Defense is putting heavy emphasis on food security at military installations. A contractor has been named to provide food security evaluations at military bases and work on this project is underway.

Next call: June 10th, 2004, 2:00 -3:30 P.M. EST.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

1. Clin Inf Dis 38:805-11, 2004. *Rickettsia parkeri*: a newly recognized cause of spotted fever rickettsiosis in the United States.
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3. Comp Cont Educ Prac Vet 25:936-65, 2003. American Association of Feline Practitioners 2003 report on feline zoonoses.
4. Emerg Inf Dis 10:483-6, 2004. First reported prairie dog-to-human tularemia transmission, Texas, 2002.
5. JAVMA 224:1105-9, 2004. Reports of zoonotic disease outbreaks associated with animal exhibits and availability of recommendations for preventing zoonotic disease transmission from animals to people in such settings..
6. J Clin Micro 42:1388-9, 2004. Concurrent infection in a dog and colonization in a child with a human enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli* clone.
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9. New Engl J Med 350:342-50, 2004. The detection of monkeypox in humans in the western hemisphere.
10. New Engl J Med 350:361-6, 2004. Tanapox infection in a college student.
11. Vet J 159:10-17, 2000. Inactivation of transmissible degenerative encephalopathy agents: a review.

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