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President's Corner

Despite my busyness with Kentucky agricultural activities, the ACVPM has been able to move forward due to the efforts of numerous Diplomates and especially our EVP! Enormous applause goes to Dr. Dave Dreesen for his efforts to move our College forward over the past months despite some health issues. Dave needed to maintain correspondence with all the candidates taking the examination (amazing how much e-mail that produces), while managing numerous changes to the Constitution and By-Laws which needed to go to the membership for voting. I hope that you were able to vote electronically for these changes on our new website!

Welcome to Dr. Russ Currier as our soon-to-be EVP. Dave is trying to make this transition as easy as possible on Russ and the ACVPM. For your information, Russ had planned to take the Epidemiology Specialty examination in Hawaii, but he agreed to attend the Executive Board and Examinations Committee meetings instead. He also will assist the Examinations Committee in Columbus to see first hand how well the process and new location work.

PLEASE note that we have changed our General Membership meeting DAY at the Honolulu AVMA to **Sunday afternoon** at 3:00PM in the Mauka Room, Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa Hotel. I hope that you will plan to attend and visit with your colleagues afterwards. For your information, your executive board will be meeting on Friday this year.



SPECIAL THANKS to:

- The EVP Search Committee with Drs. Peggy Carter (Chair), Ron Warner, Paul Nicoletti, and Paul Sundberg. I greatly appreciated their efforts to find the best person for ACVPM.
- Dr. Malcolm Roberts for his diligent work on certification of formal training programs in veterinary preventive medicine and public health.
- Dr. (Col) Bill Courtney for his efforts as Internal Affairs Committee Chair, working on numerous changes in the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Dr. Wondwossen Gebreyes for his expertise as Credentials Committee Chair; summarizing all 43 applications and ensuring their proper review.
- Dr. Gary Bowman and The Ohio State University for hosting the examination in Columbus at the College of Veterinary Medicine student computer lab.
- Our webmaster Joe Adam, who produced a new website while moving to a new job in New England.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Dr. (LTC) Dan Holland. Dr. Tom Murnane stated that Dan is this first veterinarian to die in combat since the 1940's.

Thanks for your continued support.
Mooving forward,
Patty Scharko

In memoriam—Dr. (LTC) Daniel Holland

Dr. Daniel Edward Holland (43), beloved husband, father, son, and brother, died May 18th, 2006 while serving his country in Iraq. Daniel was an Army veterinarian, assigned to South Plains District Veterinary Command at Ft. Hood, TX. He and three other soldiers along with an Iraqi interpreter were killed by a roadside bomb near Baghdad while on a humanitarian mission to aid the people of Iraq. Daniel is survived by his wife Sheryl, son Garrett, and daughter Rachel, parents COL (Ret.) and Mrs. Herbert S. Holland, Jr., parents-in-law Bancker and Lana Cade, brothers, and sisters.

He entered Oklahoma State University on an ROTC scholarship, transferring after three years to the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. His dreams were realized when he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army in 1984 and when he received a DVM degree in 1988. He and Sheryl Patton were married in August 1985 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Daniel had many interests, but his favorite times were spent with his wife and his 'munchkins,' helping them develop their love of animals and the outdoor life.

LTC Holland's 21-year career in the military included tours in Germany, Bosnia, Honduras, and Haiti, where he was able to use his Master of Public Health degree. His love for animals and his compassion for people of all nations were profound. For this reason the family requests that memorial contributions be made to The Christian Veterinary Mission www.christianvetmission.org (206-546-7569) or any fund that supports wounded soldiers. Daniel was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Wednesday May 31, following a noon funeral Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels, TX. Daniel will be remembered for his warm and outgoing personality, his love of God and family, his dedicated service to our great country, and the way he always made people laugh when it came time to say goodbye, because he'd smile and say 'Glad you got to see me!' He will be greatly missed.



"Daniel was an outstanding soldier, commander, leader and mentor. He led by example, truly committed to the Army and his Soldiers. LTC Holland will be greatly missed by the Veterinary Service, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Holland family."

*—BG Michael Cates
Chief, US Army
Veterinary Corps*



Annual ACVPM Meetings

All meetings* will be held at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa

DATE/TIME	MEETING	Room
Thursday Jun 15 th	Examinations	*
Friday Jun 16 th	Examinations	*
Thursday July 13 th 8am-5pm	Examinations Committee	Eha
Friday July 14 th 8am-5pm	Examinations Committee	Eha
Friday July 14 th 8am-5pm	Epi Specialty Examination	Ekolu
Friday July 14 th 7am-5pm	Executive Board	Elima
Sunday July 16 th 3pm-5pm	General Membership	Mauka
Monday July 17 th 12pm-2pm	Epidemiology Specialty	Ekolu

*This year the examinations will be given at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Columbus, Ohio.

Help Wanted

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

Please contact Dr. Dave Dreesen, EVP, 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

[Note: The AVMA has adopted an “improved” online session finder that makes it extremely difficult to find out what’s going on...]

<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Agroterrorism (Cosponsored by ACVPM and AAFHV)	July 15 th	AM, PM
Animal Welfare	July 17 th	AM, PM
Avian Influenza Posters	July 16 th	AM, PM
Biosecurity	July 15 th	PM
Contemporary Topics	July 18 th	AM, PM
Emergency Response	July 15 th	AM, PM
Emergency Response	July 17 th	AM, PM
Emergency Response (Cosponsored by ACVPM and AAFHV)	July 18 th	AM, PM
Emerging Issues	July 16 th	AM, PM
Emerging Issues	July 18 th	AM, PM
Environmental Response	July 17 th	AM, PM
Epidemiology/Microbiology	July 17 th	AM
Human/Animal Bond	July 18 th	AM, PM
Human/Animal Bond	July 19 th	AM
Molecular Diagnostics	July 18 th	PM
National/International Programs	July 15 th	AM, PM

—Members in the News

Casey Nominated for Promotion to Brigadier General



—Dr. (Col) Theresa M. Casey

On 25 May 2006, the President nominated Dr. (Colonel) Theresa M. Casey to the Senate for appointment in the rank of Brigadier General, the first member of the Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps to be so nominated. The Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps includes both clinical and research oriented specialties from Aerospace Physiology to Social Work, including Public Health, the specialty in which Air Force veterinarians are employed.

Dr. Casey is currently the Deputy Command Surgeon, Air Combat Command (ACC), Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. In this role, she assists the Command Surgeon who is responsible for the health of ACC's global team through worldwide medical contingency operations, and a comprehensive, community-based health care system. She is also the U.S. Central Command Air Forces and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces deputy surgeon, responsible for providing medical services to deploying Combat Air Force forces.

Dr. Casey began her career as an Air Force public health officer in 1982, following her graduation from Oklahoma State University. In addition, she obtained her Master of Public Health degree in 1989 from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and became a Diplomate of the College in 1990. She has held faculty positions at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine where her responsibilities included classroom instruction, career development course publication, and faculty enhancement programs. She has served at two Major Command headquarters, and was the Joint Task Force SHINING HOPE Surgeon. She has been a squadron, air expeditionary group, and two-time medical group commander. She is married to John LeHew, IV, and has three children, Courtney, Katie, and John.



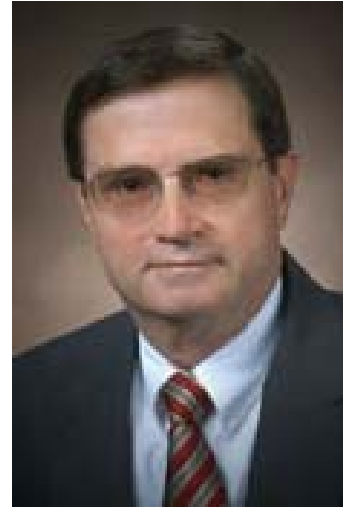
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Hoblet Named Dean at Mississippi State

Dr. Kent Hoblet has accepted the position of Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University. He began his new position in June. Dr. Hoblet had been a faculty member in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine at the Ohio State University since 1983. He had served as Chair of the Department since 1991.

Dr. Hoblet received his DVM from The Ohio State University in 1971. He moved on to work in private practice in Ashland, Ohio for 12 years. He returned to the University in 1983 and received his MS in 1984. During his tenure in the Department, Dr. Hoblet had served as Extension Veterinarian, Dairy Cattle. He oversaw the expansion of the Department in all three locations (Columbus, Wooster, and Marysville). The faculty of the OSU Large Animal Services in Marysville joined the Department in 1994. Since that time, a new facility has been built and faculty numbers have expanded to five. Dr. Hoblet also worked to strengthen the Department's working relationship with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and adjunct faculty from various private practices creating additional learning opportunities for students. Under Dr. Hoblet's leadership, the VPH-MPH degree in conjunction with the OSU School of Public Health was created. In addition, Dr. Hoblet had been active in international outreach activities including his work with the AERI-Linkage project in Egypt. Under Dr. Hoblet's leadership the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine had grown and achieved great success in several areas.



—Dr. Kent Hoblet



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Secure funding for loan repayment program!

BACKGROUND

Please contact your Congressional Representative immediately (call her or his office or e-mail a letter) and urge their support for Representative Mark Kennedy's (MN) amendment to the 2007 House Agriculture appropriations bill. This amendment will provide funding for the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) in the House bill (an amendment is necessary because the Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee did not allocate money to the program in its portion of the bill). Though the NVMSA has been passed into law the program will not be initiated unless Congress decides to fund it. This is our last chance for fiscal year 2007 funding from the House!

AVMA POSITION

Attaining federal funding for the NVMSA is the highest priority for the AVMA.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The NVMSA places veterinarians in practice shortage situations such as rural areas, inner-city areas, governmental public health, and disaster-response positions. The NVMSA provides veterinary educational loan repayments.

WHY AVMA SUPPORTS THIS LEGISLATION

To remedy the shortage of veterinarians in rural areas, inner cities, government public health practice, and disaster-response situations. To mitigate the growing disparity between veterinary educational debt and veterinary income, particularly the income earned in underserved areas of veterinary medicine.

The House Appropriations Committee did not include funding for the NVMSA, but Representative Kennedy is seeking to add money for NVMSA as an amendment to the House's bill. This is our last chance to get funding for the NVMSA from the House for fiscal year 2007. We are cautiously optimistic that the Senate will include funding for the NVMSA in its version of the FY07 spending bill, which has yet to be released.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Please let your United States Representative know that Representative Mark Kennedy's amendment for NVMSA funding is essential. Both calls and e-mails are encouraged! For more information, please contact Dr. Robert Nichols at (800)321-1473 or rnichols@avma.org.

ACVPM Examination June 15-16 at The Ohio State University



Results should be available by the end of July!



From the Desk of the EVP

It's been a busy time here at the "World Headquarters" of the ACVPM. Spring has sprung and the hot days of a Georgian summer are fast approaching.

First and foremost has been the multifaceted work of putting together the finishing touches on the Board Certification Examination which was held in Columbus, Ohio at The Ohio State University on June 15 & 16. On behalf of the Exam Committee and the Executive Board, we extend our sincere thanks to the administrators of the College of Veterinary Medicine at OSU for the invitation to conduct the exam in their student computer laboratory and most especially to ACVPM Councilor Dr. Gary Bowman for coordinating the process. This has allowed the College, finally, to use computers for the essay and communication sections of the exam—no more illegible hand-written papers to grade. We had 43 candidates take the examination. Results will not be known in full, and candidates will not be notified of the results, until after the Exam Committee and Executive Board meetings in Honolulu. For various reasons, 16 candidates who qualified to take the exam deferred until next year; so, we should expect a large turnout for the 2007 exam – date and location yet to be determined pending how well things went at OSU.

Another 'job' that keeps us busy is trying to cajole, beg, and plead—or similar descriptive adjectives—to get everyone to pay their 2006 dues and to keep their contact information current. We still have over 25 members who have yet to pay their dues, for many of whom we do not have a current address or e-mail address. We would like to close the books soon on FY 2006 and need to get all the income justly due. It is easy to keep current the information we have for you in our database. Simply go to the web site (note that it is newly designed), log in with your log-in name (generally your e-mail address) and password (if you don't have one, first try the default 'ACVPM') and 'Go' to the Member's Only page. You will see the prompt symbol to go to the 'Active Members List' and once there, find your name and click on the name. When you are finished editing your record, be sure to select 'Save' before leaving your edited database. For problems, contact Joe Adam, ACVPM Web Master at <webmaster@acvpm.org>.

Voting for the numerous Constitution and By-laws changes proposed by the Internal Affairs Committee and approved by your Executive Board is on line, also at the Member's Only page. You can also vote at the same time for the new officers that are up for election: President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and one Councilor. The Epidemiology Specialty members are also voting for a new Secretary.

We are also putting together the agendas for the Executive Board and General Membership meetings to be held in Honolulu in July. During the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, Dr. John Glisson of the Poultry Diagnostic & Research Center at the University of Georgia will bring us a short up-date on Avian Influenza from an unbiased (i.e., non-governmental



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or industry) out-look. This should be of considerable interest to all. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the locations and times for all College meetings. Meeting information for the College, the AAPHV, and the AAFHV can also be found on the web page under ‘2006 Convention News’.

It would be helpful to me and to Webmaster Joe Adam, to hear any comments you might have, pro or con, concerning the web page, and the E-news, E-jobs, and occasional E-flash that we send out. If we don’t know how we are being received, it is difficult to make improvements or changes. Just a short e-mail will suffice to let us know you are receiving these and if they are serving some helpful purpose. The web page and these electronic communications take a great deal of time and effort to maintain and keep current—so let us hear from you!

The College will end the year in a very good financial condition. Thanks to all of you who approved the dues increase a couple of years ago, the College can operate in a sound fiscal condition. This is going to allow the College, in the coming fiscal year, to conduct an in-depth membership job analysis which will be used before we have a psychometric analysis done on our examination process to make certain we are testing candidates on what ACVPM Diplomates do in their every day professional activities. While this is being required by the AVMA’s American Board of Veterinary Specialties, it is also something that we, the College, must do to continue being recognized as a leader in veterinary preventive medicine and public health.

As you are probably aware, I am stepping down as your EVP August 1st due, primarily, to chronic, nagging health problems. Your Executive Board has hired my long time friend and colleague Dr. Russell Currier to replace me. Russ and I spent two days together recently at the “World Headquarters” initiating this change-over.

I end with a brief note of the sadness we all feel in the loss of our fellow Diplomat Dr. Dan Holland from injuries received in Iraq. Our sympathies go out to his family and his many friends. More information on Dan is available elsewhere in this issue.

All the best. – and I’ll see ya on the beach at Waikiki.

Dave

Currier Selected Next EVP

Dr. Russell Currier will be assuming day-to-day management of the College effective August 1st, 2006. He will have an office in Des Moines. Russ has been a diplomat of the college since 1979 and retired from the Iowa Department of Public Health two years ago. He brings a great deal of experience to the ACVPM from 29 years at the department plus over six years service at the CDC, first as an EIS Officer and later as a staff epidemiologist. Russ also served in the US Army Reserve and retired in March 1999 after 22 years of service. He received his DVM and MPH degrees from the University of Minnesota and practiced large animal medicine in Hartford, Wisconsin before entering graduate school.

Russ recently stated, "I hope to bring energy to the ACVPM and to expand the membership rolls. Dr. Dave Dreesen has accomplished two of his three goals of establishing a website and getting the college on a sound financial footing. Both have been accomplished and Dave has a great start on the third goal of improving membership. I plan to focus on this important goal initially and continue to promote and market the college."

Dave Dreesen was Russ's first supervisor at the Georgia Department of Health in 1969. Russ notes that there have been many parallels in their careers so it was natural that he takes over once again for Dave. "If I might paraphrase Thomas Jefferson on taking over the duties of US Ambassador to France from Ben Franklin, "I am succeeding him because no one can replace him.' Accordingly it is with a profound sense of admiration and affection that I assume Dave's job and I hope I can uphold the standards and accomplishments he has brought to the College's operations."

Given these changes in staffing and with the AVMA meeting coming up, please note this is a time of transition for the next few months, and feel free to contact either Russ or Dave for assistance. Russ's contact information is provided below.

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Epidemiology Specialty News

Dear Epidemiology Specialty Diplomates:



The ACVPM Epidemiology Specialty is doing great. After a year as President I realize, more than ever, the importance of committees to the Epidemiology Specialty. The Credentials Committee, Drs. Sam Groseclose (Chair), Eric Ebel, and Kay Burkham, has approved the applications of seven candidates to sit for the Specialty examination in July. The Examination committee, Drs. George Moore (Chair), Sue Trock, and Colleen Bruning-Fann, is busy writing the exam and preparing to administer it July 14th in Honolulu. The Nominations Committee, Dr. James (Rick) Riddle (Chair), Mark Starr, and Roger Gibson, has just prepared an election ballot for Epidemiology Specialty Secretary.

The committees function because of the time invested by many individuals. My sincere thanks go to Dr. Linda Schlater for many years of service to the Examinations Committee and to Dr. Rick Riddle for his years serving the Nominations Committee. I am grateful to Dr. Colleen Bruning-Fann for joining the Examinations Committee and Dr. Bruce Burnham for joining the Nominations Committee. Dr. Wayne Schlosser has served for two years as the Secretary of the Epidemiology Specialty; his term of office ends in July. Wayne, thank you very much for your commitment to the Epidemiology Specialty.

Please plan to attend the Epidemiology Specialty meeting in Honolulu. The meeting is Monday, July 17th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM at the Ekolu Room of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa.

Did I say seven candidates for the exam? Wow! I can't be more pleased by the increased interest in the Epidemiology Specialty. The recent high number of Epidemiology Specialty applications is because each of you does important work, and you are great role models for veterinary epidemiology. Thank you.

David R. Smith, DVM, PhD, DACVPM (Epidemiology)



AAPHV Member Profile

The strength of the American Association of Public Health Veterinarians (AAPHV) is in the diversity of its members. All Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine are automatically enrolled in the AAPHV. An additional 78 public health veterinarians have elected membership in the AAPHV. Sixteen (21%) of these members are retired or have honorary membership status. Of the 62 members with regular dues-paying status, thirteen (17%) work in a federal government agency, seventeen (22%) are employed by a state or local government agency, eight (10%) work in an academic institution, four (5%) work for a non-governmental organization and five (6%) are active duty military members. The category for type of veterinary public health service is unavailable for fifteen (19%) members.

As we attempt to communicate more regularly with our members, it is extremely helpful for us to have your current e-mail address on file. To-date, we are still lacking e-mail addresses for approximately one-third of our membership. Please forward any updates to your contact information or verify your e-mail listing with Kristy Bradley, AAPHV Treasurer, at kristyb@health.ok.gov; phone: (405) 271-4060.



Hugh Mainzer

At the AVMA meeting in July, Hugh Mainzer will complete his two year term as President. Thank you Hugh! John Sanders will become President for the next two years. We will be looking for nominations for a new President-Elect at the July 17th meeting from 8:30 to 11 am. These will be an interesting years with many opportunities for veterinarians to become more engaged in the area of public health. Your officers would like feedback from the members on which direction you would like to see the organization during, and what the organization can do for its members and how can we recruit more. Thanks again to Hugh for his service- John Sanders.

Food supply veterinarian Delphi Study Results

During the recent year several AAPHV members and leaders participated in a Delphi panel study concerning one of 13 different sectors of food supply veterinary medicine profession. The work, led by Dr Bruce Prince at Kansas State University, has been

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completed. “There is an extensive final report written on this and related studies. To read about the results, please go to the following website: http://www.avma.org/public_health/fsvmc/fsvmc_toc.asp. Chapters 2 to 11 address the results of the different Delphi panels.

Results of the Delphi and related studies are also being reported in a three-part series of articles in JAVMA. The Delphi study results will be presented in the July 1st issue. Related studies are in the June 1st and 15th issues. That will provide the broader results across the 13 panels.”

Public Practice sessions at the Honolulu AVMA Convention

The **Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine** of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine has organized a full day session entitled **Career Transitions for Veterinarians to Public Health Practice** for Sunday July 16. The seminar is being co-sponsored by the USDA-APHIS, the FDA, and the AAVMC Task Force on Public Health.

The United States is facing a critical shortage of veterinarians in the public health arena, including the public practice areas of food safety and food security, infectious and zoonotic diseases, population medicine, and biomedical research. Federal, state and local agencies have, or will soon have, a severe shortage of veterinarians interested and trained in public health. Although veterinarians in private clinical practice have many of the knowledge, skills and aptitudes to serve in public practice, they are often unaware of how to make the transition to public practice.

The one-day session that the CPCVM is planning will provide veterinarians with an introduction to employment opportunities in public health, training programs that will prepare them for public practice jobs, the nontechnical competencies required for success in public practice, and insights from Human Resources about the application process for public practice jobs. The first portion of the seminar will feature representatives of agencies who will describe examples of current employment opportunities, salaries, necessary skills and education, and prospects for employment within their respective agencies. The second portion of the seminar will discuss practical considerations for making a transition to public practice.

The seminar will not only serve veterinarians interested in making the transition to public practice, but will be a recruiting forum for participating agencies. Typically, 10,000 members of the veterinary profession attend the AVMA Annual Convention, including 4,000-5,000 practicing veterinarians, leaders in the veterinary profession, and members of the veterinary academic community. The anticipated audience will comprise veterinarians interested in making the transition to public practice as well as veterinarians in academia who will “take the word back” to the veterinary colleges where the next generation of veterinarians is being trained.

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In addition to the seminar just described, there are a number of other sessions of interest to public practice veterinarians. On Monday July 17 there is a session on **Infectious Disease and Control**, and on Tuesday July 18, there is a session on **Why Veterinarians Should Consider Public Practice**. See the 2007 AVMA Convention program for a full listing.

Veterinary Public Health in Action



During the summer of 2005, the CDC partnered with Georgia 4-H to hold a poster contest. Each student participant was asked to create a poster with guidelines for hand washing while visiting an animal exhibit at the fair. Winners were given cash awards, had their posters displayed at the Georgia State Fair and have been invited to attend a press conference with CDC director Julie Gerberding to take place June 26, 2006. Winning posters can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/4hcontest.htm>.

January 23, 2006 was the first Veterinary Student Day at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The event began the evening before with a reception to welcome the students. The following day students learned about careers for veterinarians in public health through attending talks, visiting an exhibit hall, and participating in interactive outbreak sessions. Nearly 300 veterinary students and faculty members from veterinary schools around the country attended the program.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working to finalize a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the New Georgia Aquarium. The partnership seeks to enhance research and education primarily in the areas of conservation and ecology.



The 2006 annual James Steele award for distinguished veterinarians in public health was awarded to Drs. Katherine Feldman and James Kile. Both were former Epidemic Intelligence Service Officers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Katherine Feldman is currently at the University of Maryland and James Kile is with the USDA.

“The Steele award recognizes outstanding contributions of current or recent former EIS Officers in the investigation, control, or prevention of zoonotic diseases or other animal-related human health problems.”

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The Association of Schools of Public Health and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges is seeking opportunities to foster collective efforts between the two associations and their respective institutions are planning to co-sponsor a Joint Research Education Symposium at the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention in Atlanta in the spring of 2007.

US Surgeon General mobilizes USPHS Commissioned Officers for new Public Health Response teams

Following the release of the recent White House Publication, *The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned*. The US Department of Health and Human Services has begun the task of organizing, training, equipping, and rostering those health professionals serving as officers in the United States Public Health Service into pre-configured and deployable teams. There are multiple response teams involved in the emerging concept of operations - five clinically oriented Rapid Deployment Force teams, ten command/control Secretary's Emergency Response Teams, five Applied Public Health Teams - designed to assist and augment disrupted state/county/local essential public health delivery infrastructure, and five Mental Health Teams (MHTs). USPHS commissioned corps veterinarians will be serving in a variety of operational and leadership roles on these teams. Your outgoing AAPHV President has been selected to lead one of the 50-75 person Applied Public Health Teams, which have been envisioned as "deployable public health departments" and will be managed under the auspices of CDC. For more insight and information, please contact CAPT William Stokes, Chief Professional Officer of the USPHS Veterinary category.

President's message:

Steps Forward – Steps Back

As I write my final missive as AAPHV president, I feel that I must apologize for my many shortcomings. I feel that I have not succeeded, during my stewardship, to elevate the importance of the organization and to motivate its membership to produce evidence based public health guidance with the AAPHV 'brand'. During the last year, I have eschewed the quarterly "round table conference calls" for a several reasons—most notably because of the emergencies, interventions, and day job activities that have kept many of us occupied - but also because I felt that these calls were not leading to any perceptible change in what or how we were practicing Public Health as veterinarians. We did not have the structure to serve as the authoritative forum for the establishment of needed standards of practice. My "mea culpa" should not, however, be construed as failure or despair. In fact, I have grown personally and professionally from the experiences. Do I feel that AAPHV has become irrelevant? To the contrary, it is more important than ever for this group to sit down with ACVPM leadership and chart a sustainable course of operational enhancement as well as financial support.

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AAPHV can and should be formally linked to both the US Animal Health Association and the American Public Health Association. These two groups represent the “mainstreams” of veterinary preventive medicine and public health. All AAPHV/ACVPM members deserve to have a larger stage and a broader network with which to interact and affect improvements in population well-being. Before we step into the arena, however, these umbrella groups need to know what expertise and experience that we bring for the greater good. To use the ACVPM proficiencies as a guide, we have done exceedingly well in the realms of infectious/zoonotic disease, agricultural sciences, and food safety. We also are doing ourselves proud in the domains of epidemiology and surveillance. Our “gap areas”, those where few PH veterinarians practice, remain in the emerging spheres of environmental and ecologic health as well as in applied public health policy and systems leadership. Thanks to our academic trailblazers and school associations-opportunities abound for veterinarians to train and research alongside other health professionals. We veterinarians are often the brightest and most popular folks in the public health classroom-yet somewhere in the translation we still remain unable to convince many in our own profession (let alone our physician colleagues) of the value of our expertise in analytic science, prevention, and health promotion. Our mission as practitioner, mentor, and teacher is to ignite the flame of ambition in ourselves and subordinates and to influence those above us. It is a tiring and continuous effort that requires the coordination of talented individuals coming together with a common purpose-to protect and improve global well-being. That is why I urge you to support incoming president- Dr John Sanders, Treasurer- Dr Kristi Bradley, Secretary- Dr Katherine Feldman, and health communication editor Dr Heather Bair-Brake as they re-invigorate AAPHV...Rest assured, I'm not jumping off the AAPHV ship. With child number two on the way in a few weeks, meaningful and challenging work at CDC, rewarding work on the ACVPM exam committee, and some great US Public Health Service commissioned corps responsibilities on the front burner (I've added another stripe to my sleeve on the photo above) and more in the wings—I'm just finishing a “watch”. I remain committed to leading and learning as a veterinarian and as a public health practitioner. I remain just a phone call or e-mail away as a resource and advocate for our profession.

In health and prevention,

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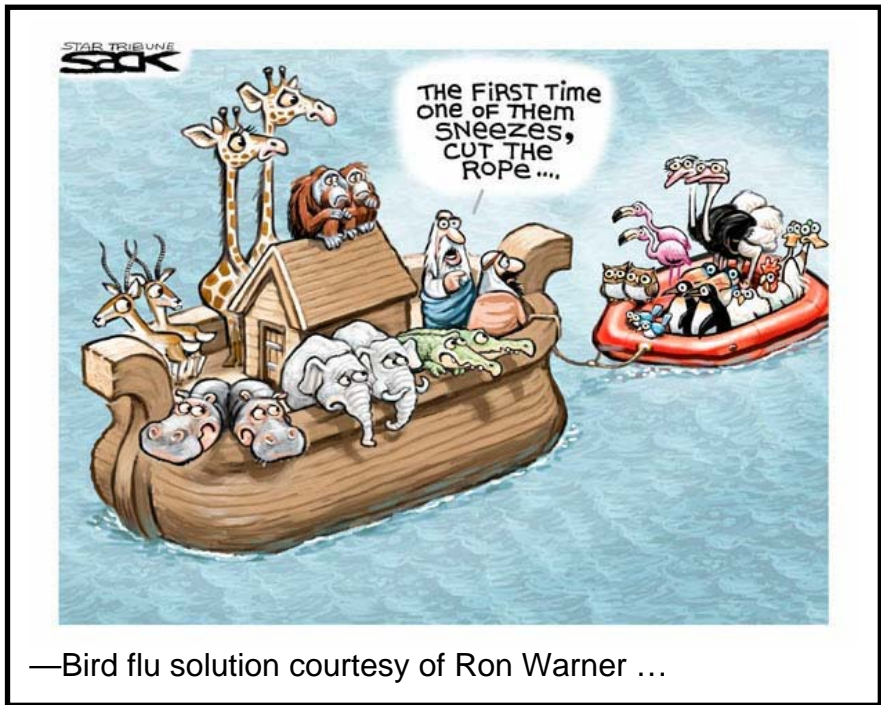
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