January 8, 2020

Dear VVMA Member:

Thank you for being a member of your professional association. Each year, in accordance with the bylaws, VVMA has a membership meeting at the Virginia Veterinary Conference. The bylaws of the Association, Article II, Section 1 and 2, read as follows:

Section 1. Number: At least one meeting of the membership of the Corporation shall be held each year, the exact time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Corporation may be held at any time upon the call of the President and shall be held upon the written request of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors or upon the written request of twenty members of the Corporation.

Section 2. Notices: Notice of all meetings of the Corporation shall be given by mailing and/or electronic means to each member at least fifteen days prior to said meeting, and such notice shall state the date, time, place and general purposes of such meeting.

Accordingly, you are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association will be held at 9:00 A.M. on the 28th of February, 2020, at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Virginia.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 1, paragraph D1, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Dr. Melinda McCall and Dr. Jason Bollenbeck, co-chairs; Drs. Rebecca Beamer, Nathaniel Burke, Laura Chretien, Edward Fallin, Sherry Gard, Benjamin Halsey, Chris Hussien, Jessica Kraft, Lauren Maxey, Stuart Morse, Rachael Nuzzo, Ashley Powell, Cheryl Simpson-Freeman, Samuel Tate, Brett VanLear, Garrett Wood, Larry Younger and student member, Julia Zuercher, proposed the following slate of officers for the vacancies of the Association:

Dr. Jay Margolis
Dr. Terry Swecker
Dr. Martin Betts
Dr. Brian Neumann

President
President-Elect
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer

Article XII, Section 1 reads: The Board of Directors may amend or alter or repeal the provisions of the By-Laws of this Corporation by a majority vote at any regularly called meeting thereof. Any action of the Board of Directors taken as to the By-Laws shall be reported to the membership of the Corporation by its Secretary as directed by the Board of Directors. Please see following page for 2019 bylaw amendments.

If you have not already registered for the conference, please do so TODAY! Online registration is available on the website at www.vvma.org/vvc. Should you have any questions, please call the VVMA Office at 1-800-YES-VVMA (800-937-8862).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Martin Betts, D.V.M.
VVMA Secretary-Treasurer

AVMA REPRESENTATIVES
Erin Casey, DVM
Delegate
Katie Rohrig, DVM
Alternate-Delegate

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Robin Schmitz

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
Talya George
BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE XV | DEFINITION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5. The term of office of the aforesaid Directors in Sections 2 and 3, shall be one (1) year, except for the Directors-at-Large. The Directors-at-Large shall serve for three (3) years. Directors-at-Large may serve multiple terms but will be limited to two consecutive terms unless the board of directors is unable to find a replacement.

Section 6. The members of each of the aforesaid local chapters, the Food Animal Academy and the Virginia Equine Practitioners, shall elect one Director to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The term of office of these Directors will be for three (3) years. Directors may serve multiple terms but will be limited to two consecutive terms unless the local association, allied group or the board of directors is unable to find a replacement.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Jay Margolis | PRESIDENT

Dr. Jay Margolis graduated from the University Of Tennessee College Of Veterinary Medicine in 1989. He completed an internship in companion animal medicine and surgery at the Veterinary hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced companion animal medicine and surgery in Pennsylvania until founding the Northern Virginia Veterinary Associates with Dr. Alinspan in 1992. After the acquisition of multiple animal hospitals in VA and NY, Dr. Margolis co-founded Venture Veterinary Solutions. He is a member and past President of the NOVA Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Margolis, as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hops Center for Advanced Veterinary Medicine facilitated the creation of a second location in Rockville, MD and the subsequent sale of both locations to BluePearl Veterinary Partners. When not working, Dr. Margolis enjoys spending time with his wife, two daughters and their dogs, Sophie and Connor.

Dr. Terry Swecker | PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Terry Swecker graduated from the VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine in 1984. After graduation, he worked in a mixed animal practice in Troutville, VA for two years. He returned to the College in 1986 to pursue a PhD and nutrition residency. He joined the faculty in 1990 and is currently a Professor in Large Animal Clinical Sciences and the Director of the Teaching Hospital. He has served as an at-large Director for the WVMA in the past. Dr. Swecker currently resides in Blacksburg, VA and the majority of his spare time is spent at the Pete Dye River Course at Virginia Tech.

Dr. Martin Betts | VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Marty Betts was born in California and spent many days of his youth at The San Diego Zoo and hiking the canyons east of San Diego. Dr. Betts began working for veterinarians in high school. He completed his undergraduate work at George Mason University culminating in a B.S. degree in Biology in 1976. He attended The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine receiving his DVM in 1981. Dr. Betts has practiced companion animal medicine in Virginia since graduation. Dr. Betts moved to Charlottesville and has been a partner in Charlottesville Veterinary Hospital since 1987. His service on several local boards include the Service Dogs of Virginia, The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA and the North Charlottesville Business Council where he served as President. He currently volunteers for Caring for Creatures, a no kill shelter in Fluvanna County. Dr. Betts has served as VWMA Secretary Treasurer since 2015.

Dr. Brian Neumann | SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dr. Brian Neumann is a native of Bethesda, MD and attended Virginia Tech as an undergraduate. He is a graduate of Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, VA. His veterinary interests include emergency medicine, geriatric care, and ultrasound. In his free time, he is very interested in scuba diving, fishing, Washington Redskins and Virginia Tech Hokies football, running, hiking, cooking and traveling. Dr. Neumann is the Medical Director of Caring Hands Animal Hospital in Alexandria, VA.