



## Illinois Academy of Veterinary Education

Dear ISVMA members:

I would like to advise you of an exciting new addition to the ISVMA educational program. We are reinstating the Illinois Academy of Veterinary Education, an organization dedicated to strengthening professional knowledge in our state.

The mission of the Illinois Academy of Veterinary Education is to promote the advancement of veterinary practice knowledge for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. To be considered for membership, one must meet an elevated CE requirement (significantly above the minimum Illinois requirement), be of good moral character, and exhibit professionalism within and outside of the workplace. Applicants must also be licensed to practice in Illinois, and be ISVMA members in good standing.

Specific continuing education requirements are at least 50 (fifty) hours per calendar year for veterinarians, and a minimum of 20 (twenty) hours per year for veterinary technicians. Not more than 50% of these hours can be obtained through online, audio/videoconference, or self-study courses; a majority of the hours required must be obtained by face-to-face means. All continuing education that is submitted must meet the guidelines stated in the Illinois Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act Rules. If the CE is presented by an approved provider, it will be counted towards the applicant's requirements.

Upon completion of the first year (February 1, 2018) new members will receive a framed commemorative certificate, suitable for display. Yearly markers will be added to the certificate for subsequent years of membership. ISVMA will also send a press release to your local newspaper. Names of members will be listed in the Epitome once yearly, and will be posted on the ISVMA webpage as well. Members will also be invited to a special CE/social event exclusively for Academy members.

First year membership (includes cost of framed certificate) is \$75 for veterinarians and \$50 for technicians. Subsequent yearly renewals are currently planned to be \$50 for DVMs and \$30 for CVTs. Please call the ISVMA office, or contact Dr. Michelle Gundlach at [michelle@isvma.org](mailto:michelle@isvma.org) for more information on this exciting opportunity to elevate your level of practice and achieve recognition for your efforts.

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