

UI-CVM Students Elect ISVMA First Year Class Representative

Justin Florey (Class of 2009) was elected last night by his classmates as the ISVMA First Year Class Representative. The election was conducted electronically. Students logged into an online ballot that listed seven candidates for the position. Each candidate prepared biographical information that was accessible to all voters.

Justin is from Sullivan, IL and attended Eastern Illinois University where he majored in Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Pre-Veterinary Medicine. He was a member of both the Alpha Epsilon Delta and the Beta Beta Beta honors societies, where he held the position of secretary in Beta Beta Beta. He managed a snake colony and conducted research on frog population distributions in Illinois under Dr. Steven Mullin. Also, he was a major participant in intramural athletics, and worked part time for Dr. Gregory Mauck at Kaskaskia Valley Animal Hospital in his hometown of Sullivan. Justin is currently active in many of the clubs and organizations provided by the college of veterinary medicine.

Justin will be an active student member of the ISVMA and plans to motivate his classmates and colleagues to stay active in the ISVMA both as students and throughout their veterinary careers. He knows the importance of being politically aware and active because of the impact of state laws and regulations on the veterinary profession. He strongly supports ISVMA because it is the one organization that represents the interests of veterinarians before the Illinois General Assembly and state regulatory agencies.

ISVMA has three additional class representatives:

- Teresa Lehnhardt (Class of 2008) who also serves as an ex officio member of the ISVMA Convention Planning Committee;
- Susan Heatter (Class of 2007) who is also an ex officio member of the ISVMA Board of Directors; and
- Jamie Youngs (Class of 2006) who was a member of an ad hoc ISVMA/UI-CVM committee to develop a student externship protocol.

The ISVMA Class Representatives are active and supportive members of the association. They have job descriptions outlining expectations for their positions and receive a \$1000 annual scholarship from ISVMA.

ISVMA Spring Seminar Series - [REGISTER NOW!](#)

The ISVMA Spring Seminar Series offers you and your staff an affordable opportunity to experience a nationally-recognized speaker addressing issues that are important to both your practice and practice staff. This year's seminar will be offered twice:

April 9, 2006 at the Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL (west-suburbs of Chicago)

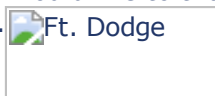
April 30, 2006 at the Northfield Inn & Suites in Springfield, IL

Charlotte Lacroix, DVM, Esq. will address three important issues that generate the most member inquiries to the ISVMA:

1. What Constitutes Good Medical Recordkeeping?
2. Internet Pharmacies, Drug Compounding and the Boogie Man - What They Have in Common.
3. Ethical Practice - It Ain't Easy and It's Getting Tougher.

ISVMA is fortunate to be able to give our members an opportunity to participate in a top-notch educational program with one of the most sought after speakers in the country. For more information and to register for this seminar please [click here](#). Registration is limited, so register early! This will be a very popular seminar series.

ISVMA would like to thank Ft. Dodge Animal Health for their sponsorship of the 2006 ISVMA Spring Seminar Series.



ISVMA Continues to Work on Veterinary Sales Tax Issue

Many ISVMA members sent thank-you emails to sponsors of two bills drafted by ISVMA to legislatively implement the policy changes negotiated with officials at the Illinois Department of Revenue (DOR) over the past several months. Despite several promises to implement necessary changes to clarify veterinary sales tax applications, the DOR has failed to enact any change in policy. Therefore, ISVMA is actively pursuing a legislative remedy.

ISVMA's proposal would eliminate the requirement for veterinary practices to hold retailer certificates if their retail sales did not exceed 3% of their annual revenues from the sales of service. Additionally, the amendment would clarify that products transferred incident to medical service and a valid VCPR would be treated as service (not retail) transactions. We are currently working with members of the Illinois General Assembly to adopt our proposal as an amendment to an omnibus revenue bill.

Please check your email often during the next several weeks as ISVMA will update you on all important issues during the remainder of the current legislative session. It is likely that you will be asked to utilize the new Legislative Action Center to support our lobbying effort with letters and emails targeting key legislators and key votes.

ISVMA Members Utilize Legislative Action Center

In E-SOURCE Volume III, Number 14 sent on February 4, 2006 the ISVMA issued an Action Alert regarding the sales tax issue referenced in the preceding article. Members were asked to access the ISVMA Legislative Action Center to send thank you emails to the sponsors of our bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

One of the most important new features of the new ISVMA Website is the Legislative Action Center. We have incorporated powerful grassroots advocacy software called CapwizXC. This software will allow you to easily access information on key issues facing the veterinary profession in Illinois. You will also be able to look up your local elected officials and, most importantly, communicate with them through email, phone, fax or by printing and sending letters.

Nearly 200 members utilized ISVMA's new Legislative Action Center and responded to the Action Alert. However, there are 1448 recipients of the E-SOURCE newsletter and we hope to see greater participation in future Action Alerts. Please keep your eyes out for ISVMA Action Alerts and take a few minutes to respond! You'll be amazed at how powerful our advocacy effort will become if you take advantage of participating in the ISVMA grassroots advocacy program.

ISVMA Regional Meeting Information

The ISVMA Regional Associations are a great place to pick up high quality continuing education programs. In March 2006 there are some great options available:

The Mississippi Valley VMA Annual Meeting will be held March 1 & 2 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria, IL. The program includes outstanding programs for veterinarians and technicians with speakers including: Alice M. Wolf, DVM Diplomate ACVIM, ABVP; Edward L. Squires, Ph.D, Diplomate ACT (Hon.); Denise Tumblin, CPA; Amity Huskey, DVM; Mindy Blough, CVT; and Elizabeth VanWinkle, CVT. For program information, registration materials and meeting proceedings please [click here](#) or contact Dr. Michael Thomas at (309) 444-2311.

The Eastern Illinois VMA is hosting their Annual Meeting on March 2, 2006 at the Hawthorne Inn and Suites in Champaign, IL. The program includes Karyn Gavzer who will present on Life Stage Marketing and Senior Pets and Larry G. Adams, DVM Diplomate ACVIM, Ph.D who will present sessions on Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections, Renal Failure: Re-Emergence of Leptospirosis, and Management of Recurrent Urolithiasis. For more information or to register contact Dr. Sandra Manfra at (217) 333-5300 or Dr. Mary Welle at (217) 328-4143.

About the Photo in This Issue...

Of the neotropical orioles that may be seen in the southern U.S., the Streak-backed Oriole is one of the scarcest. It has not established a permanent foothold as have the Hooded, Altamira, Scott's and Audubon's Orioles.

The Streak-backed Oriole is similar to Hooded Oriole, in whose range it may occur. It's upper back is streaked lengthwise in all plumages (not barred side-to-side, as in the winter male Hooded Oriole). The bill is also thicker and straighter. The head of the male Streak-backed Oriole is deeper red-orange than the male Hooded Oriole. The

wings are black with two bold white bars. The tail is black with white corners. The female and immature are duller than male with yellow-orange on head. The immature lacks the black lores and bib present in adults.

The Streak-backed Oriole's song is generally similar to the song of the Northern Oriole. It includes an unmelodious warble and dry chattering. It also makes a series of clear wheet call notes.

The Streak-backed Oriole is a year-round resident from northwestern Mexico to northern Costa Rica and a casual visitor (usually fall or winter) to southeastern Arizona and southern California. It prefers arid and semi-arid scrubby open areas, brushy woodland and plantations. Head of male Streak-backed deeper red-orange than male Hooded's. Female and immature duller than male, yellow-orange on head; immature lacks black lores and bib present in adults.

I photographed this Streak-backed Oriole in Gilbert, AZ in January 2006.

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