

ISVMA Membership Renewals Due June 30

ISVMA membership renewals are due in the office on June 30, 2006. Dues renewal packets were mailed to all current ISVMA members during the first week in May. If you have not received yours in the mail, you can renew your membership by using the [online application form](#) or call the ISVMA to request verification that your packet was sent to the right address. Members can pay by check or credit card. Call our office at (217) 523-8387 if you need assistance or wish to renew by phone.

Current memberships expire on June 30, 2006. If members are more than 30 days delinquent in paying their dues, their memberships will be put into suspended status. While in suspended status, members will receive no benefits of membership (including all publications, emails, member access to the website, member assistance from staff, and member discounts).

Do not have an interruption of member benefits and services. Renew today!

ISVMA Membership Approaching Milestone - Please Help Recruit!

At the end of 2003, the ISVMA had approximately 1200 veterinarian members. The ISVMA Board of Directors adopted a long-range plan in May 2004 which, among other things, established a goal of reaching 2000 ISVMA veterinarian members before July 1, 2007.

At the beginning of the current renewal period, ISVMA membership exceeded 1950 members! Unfortunately, every year during the renewal period we lose members to attrition (mostly members that have moved out of state). The only way to maintain our current membership numbers and reach the goal of 2000 members is to recruit new members!

If you are in a practice with colleagues that don't belong to ISVMA, please take the time to explain to them that the benefits of membership are both individual and collective. The ISVMA is a strong advocate for the veterinary profession and is the only organization that represents veterinarians in the State of Illinois and protects their license to practice.

Our membership is up 70% for a reason: ISVMA is an association that members can count on! ISVMA programs and services are consistently delivered with a standard of excellence that our members should expect.

Please help recruit a new member this year. You can check on a colleague's membership status by checking online at the ISVMA's useful [Find A Veterinarian](#) search function. If a veterinarian is not listed on this search tool, they still haven't discovered the value of ISVMA membership!

Encourage a colleague to join (and remember to join your 2006 graduate members for FREE) by visiting the [ISVMA online application form](#).

ISVMA Member Promoted at AVMA

The AVMA announced on May 26 the promotions of Dr. Elizabeth Curry-Galvin as director of the Scientific Activities. Dr. Curry-Galvin has been with the AVMA since June 1996, when she was hired as assistant director in the Scientific Activities Division. She is staff consultant to the AVMA Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents and Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee and has represented the AVMA before government agencies and related professional, scientific, and industry groups. Prior to joining the AVMA, Dr. Curry-Galvin served as technical services veterinarian for Sandoz Agro in Des Plaines, Ill., and worked at a small animal practice in Palatine, Ill.

AVMA Executive Vice President Bruce W. Little expressed confidence in Dr. Curry-Galvin's selection as the Scientific Activities Division director. "As an integral member of the Scientific

Activities Division, which oversees development of science-based policy in the areas of public health, regulatory veterinary medicine, animal agriculture, pharmaceuticals, biologics, aquaculture, environmental health, disaster and emergency preparedness and response, and others, Dr. Curry-Galvin is uniquely qualified to serve as the division's director," Dr. Little said.

Veterinarians May Submit Theft, Loss Reports to DEA Online

Veterinarians who need to report the theft or loss of controlled substances to the Drug Enforcement Administration may now electronically submit DEA Form 106.

The DEA requires all registrants to notify their local DEA field office, in writing, of any theft or "significant loss" of any controlled substances within one business day of discovery of the theft or loss. The registrant must complete a DEA Form 106 when reporting the theft or loss.

The electronic version of DEA Form 106 can be found online at the DEA's Diversion Control Program Web site, www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov. If the circumstances surrounding the theft or loss are known at the time of discovery, veterinarians may fill out the form online through a secure connection and then submit it electronically to DEA headquarters.

Veterinarians may also submit DEA Form 106 by completing the form online, printing it, and once signed, mailing it to the local DEA field office. Another option would be to print the form and complete it by hand or typewriter. The DEA recommends not using this method, however, because errors are more likely to occur when completing the form.

If circumstances surrounding the theft or loss are not yet available, the DEA recommends that initial written notification be submitted on company letterhead to the DEA by fax. If the investigation takes more than two months, updates should be provided to the DEA. Once all facts are determined, the veterinarian must submit DEA Form 106 in a timely and accurate manner.

In contrast, when accountable losses of controlled substances occur as a result of breakage, spillage, outdating, or other damage, veterinarians should submit DEA Form 41: Registrants Inventory of Drugs Surrendered. Veterinarians are not required to immediately notify DEA of accountable losses.

Veterinarians have two options when it comes to disposing of controlled substances that they were able to recover. They may contact their local DEA field office and receive permission to dispose of the controlled substances, or send the controlled substances to a firm registered with the DEA as a reverse distributor, which handles returns and disposals.

If the controlled substances are not recoverable, then veterinarians must document the circumstances of the damage in their inventory records. Two individuals who witnessed the breakage must sign the inventory records and indicate what they witnessed.

To learn more about submitting information to the DEA on theft or loss of controlled substances, see JAVMA, Oct. 1, 2005, page 1045, posted online at www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/oct05/051001g.asp.

For questions regarding the electronic DEA Form 106, contact the DEA's Registration and Program Support Section at (202) 307-4295.

ISVMA Executive Director Selected for Leadership Position

Peter Weber was asked this week to serve on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). He will serve a three-year term starting in August.

ASAE is the membership organization and voice of the association profession. Founded in 1920, ASAE now has more than 22,000 association CEOs, staff professionals, and industry

partner members. ASAE believes associations have the power to transform society for the better. Their passion is to help association professionals achieve previously unimaginable levels of performance. Specifically, ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership produce more than 75 learning experiences each year, publish Associations Now Magazine and the Journal of Association Leadership, provide thousands of web-based tools and resources, help members connect in 13 professional interest sections, conduct future-focused and market research, host ASAE & The Center's Annual Meeting & Exposition and the Springtime Exposition, and act as the voice for and advocate of the association profession.

About the Photo in This Issue...

The Cinnamon Teal is a small dabbling duck with a Pan-American distribution. Unlike most North American dabbling ducks, the Cinnamon Teal rarely breeds in the midcontinent prairie-parkland region.

This duck inhabits mostly freshwater or brackish wetlands, including the highly alkaline waters of the Great Basin. Large flocks are uncommon most of the year, but during migration small groups of fewer than 30 individuals often mix with other ducks.

Cinnamon Teal are seasonally monogamous, with most pairs forming before arriving on breeding areas. Females lay 4 to 16 eggs in a well-concealed nest near water in rushes, sedges, and grasses, or sometimes over water in dense bulrushes or cattails. Males remain with their mates until late incubation, and guard females and sometimes sites within wetlands near the nest. After breeding, molting males form small flocks on nearby wetlands or perform molt migrations to large marshes with abundant emergent vegetation. Females perform all brood-rearing duties, and usually remain with their young through fledging. Cinnamon Teal begin fall migration earlier than most other North American ducks. Males and unsuccessful breeding females begin southward migration in late summer; most successful females and young birds follow in early autumn.

An omnivorous species, the Cinnamon Teal feeds primarily by dabbling in shallow water. Social feeding, in which groups of birds follow each other, dabbling in the water stirred up by the bird in front, occurs throughout the year. Seeds are common in the diet in all seasons and provide a high-energy food source. To meet the protein costs associated with egg production, females increase their consumption of aquatic insects, snails, and zooplankton from spring migration through laying.

Accurate continental population estimates are unavailable for Cinnamon Teal because most birds reside outside regions where extensive breeding and wintering population surveys are conducted. Available data suggest a population size of 260,000 to 300,000 for *A. c. septentrionalium*, making the Cinnamon Teal one of the least abundant dabbling ducks in North America. Populations currently appear to be stable throughout most of the North American breeding range. Even less is known about the status of South American populations.

The Cinnamon Teal is an exciting find in Illinois. In my years of actively chasing rare species in the state, I have yet to see one of these beautiful ducks in Illinois.

I photographed this drake Cinnamon Teal at Patagonia State Park in Arizona in January 2006.

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