Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
Executive Board Meeting
April 27, 2011
Dept. Ag. Trade & Consumer Protection
Madison, WI

The April 27, Executive Board meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Steve Erickson.

Board members in attendance were: Drs. Jessica Daul, Steve Erickson, Robert Zukowski, Peter Gaveras, K.C. Brooks, Bob Klostermann, Zach Janssen, Tom McKenna, Randy Schuett, Dale Kressin, John Been, Daryl Buss, Paul McGraw, Tom Whitten, Phillip Johnson, Tom Howard and Student Representative Ryan Wallace.

Guests and staff in attendance were: Dr. Dave Rhoda, DATCP Secretary Ben Brancel, Colleen Johnson, ACS Investments, Sarah Young and Kim Brown Pokorny.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January Ex. Board minutes. Motion passed.

The following membership applications were approved:

Full members: Drs. Katie Davis, Rosamond Elliott, Cassandra Fowler, Lance Fox, Megan Miller, Robert Moore, Christina O'Neill, Kimberly Peacock, John Rathje.

Student members: Kaitlyn Inhoff and Chantal Lussier.

A motion was made and seconded to drop members in arrears. As the Ex. Board provided outreach to these individuals, common responses were that employers forgot to send the dues in, or they moved out of state. It is anticipated that some of these individuals will rejoin.

SCAVMA Report – Ryan Wallace shared that 40 students attended the SCAVMA Symposium. Upcoming events include an auction, picnic and blood drive. He also mentioned that they are reviewing applications for externships/educational experiences.

Special guest -- DATCP Secretary Ben Brancel, discussed the budget challenges and the re-assigning of programs and staff to meet the budget constraints. Furthermore, the anticipated raw milk bill was discussed. Long-term he sees veterinary opportunities as it pertains to international markets. In addition, residues in meat and milk, you are "guilty until proven innocent" as it pertains to food safety.

President's Report - Dr. Erickson reported a Logo Task Force has been appointed to work on updating the WVMA logo. The Task Force is a diverse group, a representation of the different audiences the WVMA is providing outreach to. WVMA leadership met with Dean Buss to discuss the Budget and Public Authority proposals. Kim, Drs. Klostermann and Erickson – met with part of the WVTA leadership to discuss and provide feedback on their structure, challenges, opportunities and SOPs.

Executive Committee Report – Dr. Erickson
The following recommendation was approved: WVMA to nominate Dr. Griffiths for the AVMA State Advocacy Committee, At-Large position.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Howard
A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report as presented.
A motion was made and seconded to approve the 990 report as presented.

Budget & Auditing Committee Report
Investment Advisor – Colleen Johnson – Gave a global update on the economy and suggested that the WVMA invest in the equity market at 20% equity and 80% bonds (fixed income). A motion made to approve a 20% equities investment of reserve funds based on the recommendation of our financial advisors and also hold annual reviews with the Executive Board, and Budgeting and Auditing on an alternating 6 month period. A motion was made and seconded. After discussion, an amendment was made to the motion – the amendment to cap investment at 40% on the reserve fund. Amendment was seconded and passed. A vote was take on the amended motion and passed.

This investment policy will go back to the Budget and Auditing for implementation.

Recommendation approved by the Ex. Committee - WVMA will upgrade its server every 5 years, if necessary, and individual computer stations every 3 years, if necessary.

A motion was made and passed to upgrade all the computers/software in the office (3 PCs and one laptop).

Legislative Committee Report –Drs. Klostermann/Kim
The WVMA continues to work on providing input into the VE Rules revisions process. The Ex. Board voted to support the following:

DIRECT SUPERVISION: The VEB Rules Review Subcommittee reviewed VE 1.02 (5) relating to the definition of direct supervision and considered if clarification was needed for each situation covered in VE 3, VE 6 and VE 7. The subcommittee made and then withdrew its recommendation to use the following American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) definitions of direct, indirect, and immediate supervision in VE 1.02 (5) pending statutory changes.

> *AAVSB Supervision-related terms are defined as follows:*
> *(i) **Supervising Veterinarian** means a veterinarian who assumes responsibility for the professional care given to an Animal by a person working under his or her direction. The supervising veterinarian must have examined the Animal at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires consistent with the particular delegated animal healthcare task.*
> *(ii) **Immediate Supervision** means the supervising veterinarian is in the immediate area and within audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the patient.*
> *(iii) **Direct Supervision** means the supervising veterinarian is on the premises where the Animal is being treated and is quickly and easily available.*
> *(iv) **Indirect Supervision** means a supervising veterinarian need not be on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the Animal.*

***WVMA POSITION*:** Support adoption of the AAVSB definitions of direct, indirect, and immediate supervision pending statutory changes.

SURGERY: The Rules Review Subcommittee approved a revised definition of "surgery" as follows:

VE 1.02 (1) "Surgery" means any procedure in which the skin or tissue of the patient is penetrated, pierced or severed for therapeutic purposes, ~~other than giving injections~~. except for activities identified in s. 453.02 (2). ***Surgery does not include giving injections or simple dental extractions that require minor manipulation and minimal elevations.***

The subcommittee further determined that a wording changed in 7.02 (4)(c) would allow CVT's to perform non-surgical extractions. The subcommittee deemed it necessary to add the word "simple" in front of the word "extractions" in VE 7.02(4)(c) and to define simple as "extractions that require minor manipulation and minimal elevation**."**

VE 7.02(4) Veterinarians may delegate to certified veterinary technicians the provision of the following veterinary medical services under the direct supervision of the veterinarian when the veterinarian is personally present on the premises where the services are provided:

(a) Administration of local or general anesthesia, including induction and monitoring.

(b) Performing diagnostic radiographic contrast studies.

(c) Dental prophylaxis and ~~extractions~~.simple extractions that require minor manipulation and minimal elevation.

***WVMA POSITION*:** Support the revised definition of surgery and wording change in VE 7.02 (4) (c) to allow CVT's to perform non-surgical extractions.

COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE VETERINARY MEDICINE: The subcommittee decided that more discussion and information is necessary prior to making any decision with respect to further clarification of the scope of practice of veterinary medicine.

WVMA POSITION: The WVMA supports the American Veterinary Medical Association model of including complementary and alternative veterinary medicine in the definition of veterinary medicine in order to clarify that these practices relate to the diagnosis and treatment of animals and, therefore, constitute the practice of veterinary medicine.

Veterinary medicine includes, but is not limited to: dentistry; animal psychology, theriogenology; surgery (including cosmetic); obstetrics; herbal medicine; homeopathy; applied kinesiology; ophthalmology; dermatology; cardiology; chiropractic/spinal manipulation; radiology; animal psychology; ultrasonography; embryo transfer or pregnancy, sterility or fertility evaluation; massage therapy, osteopathic therapy; energy therapies; ayurveda; aromatherapy; flower remedy therapy, acutherapy, acupressure, osteopathy; nutraceutical therapy; phythotherapy; nutritional therapy; acupuncture; laser treatment, naturopathy; physical rehabilitation and all other branches of specialties of veterinary medicine.

ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A VCPR: The subcommittee discussed whether there should be an expansion or clarification of rule provisions for establishing and maintaining a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR). There are two provisions in rule that address the VCPR:

- VE 7.06(1) is a general rule which reads: "Conduct in the practice of veterinary medicine which evidences a lack of knowledge or ability to apply a professional principles or skills."

- VE 7.06(10) which is more specific to drug distribution reads: "Selling veterinary prescriptions drugs without establishing and maintaining a veterinary-patient-client relationship."

***WVMA POSITION*:** The WVMA supports the current VCPR provisions, but believes that greater enforcement is needed.

INFORMED CONSENT: The VEB subcommittee agreed to delay discussion of modifications to Informed Consent due to the newness of this area of the rules.

***WVMA POSITION*:** The WVMA believes that it is the veterinarian's responsibility to supply information relating to the diagnosis of a condition, the prescribing of treatment and the provision of surgery. However, some CVTs are able to provide test results to clients and other appropriate information. Therefore, the WVMA supports the following modifications to Informed Consent:

- CVT may provide information to a client, based on the recommendations from the practicing doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) and established, written clinic protocols.
- A food and fiber DVM may treat an individual animal based on established, written, yearly protocols developed and agreed upon by the client. If treatment varies from established protocols, then informed consent must be obtained.

The WVMA helped sponsor Kim Wojteczko, a WVMA student member to the AVMA D.C. Legislative. Visit. Kim presented what she learned to the Ex. Board.

The WVMA continues to meet with and communicate with the Department of Regulation and Licensing to address the enforcement of unlicensed practice.

Veterinary Examining Board (VEB) Nominees – a public committee member nominee is still needed. WVMA registered in support for the three individuals we encouraged to submit an application to the VEB, Drs. Elford, and Wisely and Brenda Nemec.

WVMA continues to stress the importance of the Dept of Regulation and Licensing working with the WVMA on an Informed Consent video.

The WVMA is hosting four Dog Breeders and Sellers Licensing Meetings. A meeting will be held in each of the four inspection quadrants.

Residue Task Force – Dr. Rhoda
The following statements and messages were approved by the Ex. Board, per the recommendation of the Task Force as part of the training materials:

Mindset Shift Statements:

- Both meat and milk are food products and should be treated as such
- VCPR includes animal ID, drug usage oversight and records!
- The symptom is drug residue, the disease is lack of VCPR.
- Protocols: This is how you want treatment given in your name, in your absence.
- Identification of "problem cow" -- where inappropriate drug usage is likely happening when there is not likely to be effective, successful outcome.
- VCPR oversight of both prescription and non-prescription drugs

WVDL Report – Dr. McKenna
Have been busy with the budget process and public authority issues.

Report from SVM – Dean Buss

The early spring of 2011 has certainly been a politically eventful one in Madison, as you know from innumerable local and national news reports about protests at the Capitol and related events. It is important to note that SVM programs of instruction, patient care, and other activities were not affected, despite the fact that many proposed changes in state law would have very significant impacts on our personnel. We are very appreciative of their professionalism and commitment to our students, patient and clients, evident throughout this stressful time. We look forward to the time when the budget processes will be completed, though we know that we will be dealing with severe state budget reductions, regardless of the outcome of the budget, administrative structure, and policy questions now under discussion. The story of Braveheart, the dog rescued from a Kentucky dumpster by the rescue organization "One Starfish Rehoming Connections" and presented to UW Veterinary Care for treatment, provided a notable respite from political and budgetary debates. The story quickly "went viral" on social networking sites and created immense interest internationally. In the face of a steady diet of gloomy and contentious news throughout the world, this story touched everyone in a deeply personal way. At the time of this writing, Braveheart is making good progress in the home of a foster family, and we hope that progress continues! The story of Braveheart certainly raised public awareness of veterinary medicine, not just for the professional skills we can provide, but for the empathy and caring that is such an important characteristic of veterinary medicine. I hope that all of you shared our renewed pride of being a part of a wonderful profession, as we need to hold that pride closely in the face of the many stresses and challenges that we face, individually and as a profession.

Student Advisory Committee – Sarah Young

WVMA will be taking treats to the SVM for finals week. At the next meeting, the newly elected student committee members will be in attendance, May 2. "Vets to Vet School" luncheon series – Dr. Been and Dr. Bryn Bruss were the guest speakers.

Personnel Committee - Dr. Johnson

Health insurance premium renewals have seen a significant increase. So. The WVMA is currently going through underwriting to access other options.

Staff reviews will take place in May.

President's History Project – Dr. Johnson

All presidents have responded at this time and we will be making edits to the book. It will be available via electronic copy.

Best Practices Update – Dr. Johnson

There has been a lot of changes at Impromed -- Butler Schein has purchased a portion of the company. Right now, Best Practices is on the back burner. They are still interested in the software.

Nominating and Procedural Committee – Dr. Johnson

The following recommendation was approved: if a members lives outside Wisconsin, but works in Wisconsin, OR if they live in Wisconsin, but work outside WI; that they be given the choice to decide if they want to be a full member, or out-of-state member**.** Only full members have voting rights.

The following recommendation was approved that all three candidates' – Drs. Doug Kratt, Tom Gilligan and Dean Peterson be placed on the ballot at the annual meeting in October for the House of Delegates position.

Bylaw recommended changes, approved by the Ex. Board:

Bylaw 2, Section 1: last sentence: The treasurer shall be appointed by and serve at the will of the executive board. ~~and be reviewed annually with a maximum term of five years.~~

Bylaw 5, section 2: remove the "WVMA representative to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory"

A recommendation was made and approved to approve the following whistle blowers policy.
Whistleblower Protection Policy

The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA), requires directors, officers and employees to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As employees and representatives of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Reporting Responsibility
This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable employees and others to raise serious concerns internally so that Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association can address and correct inappropriate conduct and actions. It is the responsibility of all board members, officers, employees and volunteers to report concerns about violations /of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association's code of ethics policies or suspected violations of law or regulations that govern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association's operations.

No Retaliation
It is contrary to the values of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association for anyone to retaliate against any board member, officer, employee or volunteer who in good faith reports an ethics violation, or a suspected violation of law, such as a complaint of discrimination, or suspected fraud, or suspected violation of any regulation governing the operations of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. An employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment.

Reporting Procedure
The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association has an open door policy and suggests that employees share their questions, concerns, suggestions or complaints with the Executive Director. If you are not comfortable speaking with the Executive Director or you are not satisfied with his/her response, you are encouraged to speak with the Chairperson of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association's Personnel Committee. The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association's Executive Director and/or Chair of the Personnel Committee, has the responsibility to document and investigate all reported complaints.

Compliance Officer
The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association's Executive Director and/or Chair of the Personnel Committee, is responsible for ensuring that all complaints about unethical or illegal conduct are investigated and resolved. The Executive Director and/or Chair of the Personnel Committee, will advise Board of Directors of all complaints and their resolution and will report at least annually to the Treasurer on compliance activity relating to accounting or alleged financial improprieties.

Accounting and Auditing Matters
The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association's Executive Director and/or Chair of the Personnel Committee shall immediately notify the Audit Committee/Finance Committee of any concerns or complaint regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls or auditing and work with the committee until the matter is resolved.

Acting in Good Faith
Anyone filing a written complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.

Confidentiality
Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

Handling of Reported Violations
The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association's Executive Director and/or Chair of the Personnel Committee, and will notify the person who submitted a complaint and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation. All reports will be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

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A recommendation was made and approved to implement the following SOP: Obituary notices will be printed in summary, in the WVMA newsletter. A link to full obituary will be provided.

A recommendation was made and approved to allow the WVMA Executive Committee to temporarily approve the new member applicants at the end of every month. Full approval will be pending the next full Ex. Board meeting and vote. This will allow the new member applicants the ability to receive member benefits immediately.

The following recommendation was made and approved: The HOD alternate delegate position opening will be announced in the WVMA newsletter in November and December, the year prior to the position needing to be filled. In addition, it will be posted on the members' only section of the WVMA website. Interested candidates need to submit a letter of interest to the WVMA office by February 1st of the year the position needs to be filled. The Nominating and Procedural Committee will review the letters of interest and made a recommendation to the Executive Board by the April meeting.

The following recommendation was made: The WVMA President-elect position opening will be announced in the WVMA newsletter in April, of every year. In addition, it will be posted on the members' only section of the WVMA website. Interested candidates need to submit a letter of interest to the WVMA office by May 15th. The Nominating and Procedural Committee will review the letters of interest and made a recommendation to the Executive Board by the June meeting.

Budget & Auditing Committee Policy SOP recommendations:

- The WVMA have a reserve of no less than 50% of the annual budget.
- Unless there is an expressed purpose for the reserve, the reserve will be kept at current levels and interest income will be put into the operating budget.

The Nominating & Procedural Committee made and seconded a motion to support these policies. The Ex. Board approved these recommendations.

Awards & Recognition Committee – Dr. Daul

The next newsletter will be asking for award nomination candidates.

Public Education & Marketing Committee – Dr. Janssen

The NBC Proposal did not have enough participation to implement. WVMA continues to work with the Invisible Fence company on Project Breathe. The WVMA received nice media pick-up on the Pet Hall of Fame winners. All members are encouraged to use the Client E-newsletter – forward it to clients. The committee is looking into updating the traveling display, it has been used a lot and needs to be freshened up. The committee is working on two color books – one for small animal and one for food animal.

DATCP Report – Dr. McGraw

The dog seller licensing rule (ATCP 16) has navigated its way through the legislature and has an effective date of June 1, 2011. The division is working with the WVMA to develop regional meetings for veterinarians concerning their responsibilities and the new intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection under this rule. For more information contact Dr. Yvonne Bellay, 608-224-4888 or Yvonne.bellay@wisconsin.gov

Recertification seminars for veterinarians performing caudal fold tuberculosis tests on cattle in Wisconsin are scheduled around the state beginning in late May. For more information, contact Margie Proost 608-224-4877 or Margaret.Proost@wisconsin.gov

Fair and exhibition season has already started. Health requirements for fairs are included in all premium booklets distributed to exhibitors. As a remember ATCP 10.83(3) requires a certificate of veterinary inspection for all swine, including in-state swine, at a fair or exhibition. The CVI must include the following statement or something similar from the veterinarian issuing the certificate: "I have inspected the herd of origin and there has been no apparent disease present in the herd for the past 30 days". For more information contact Melinda Young 608-224-4874 or Melinda.young@wisconsin.gov

Dr. Don O'Connor will be retiring June 17th after over 24 years with the division. Dr. O'Connor has been involved in a number of disease control and eradication efforts during his career. These include: Pseudorabies, EIA, Salmonella enteriditis, avian influenza, CWD, Wisconsin Tested Flocks, Pullorum, cattle and farm-raised deer tuberculosis just to name a few. His major program responsibilities are being temporarily assigned to the following staff while we wait on legislative decisions on future budgets.

Tuberculosis - Dr. James Meronek, 608-662-0600; james.t.meronek@aphis.usda.gov
Poultry – Dr. Myron Kebus, 608-224-4876; Myron.kebus@wisconsin.gov
Swine – Dr. Darlene Konkle, 608-224-4902; Darlene.konkle@wisconsin.gov

Report from Executive Director – Kim Brown Pokorny

WVMA Committees/Task Forces have been busy since January. There have been 26 committee meetings during that time.

Industry/profession meetings attended: Ag Coalition, DATCP Emergency Planning Monthly meeting, WLIC Board of Directors, NIAA meeting in San Antonio, Chancellor's Reception, UW-Platteville Public Policy Class to discuss PAMTA, PDPW Executive Board of Directors Meeting, to name a few.

The WVMA Newsletter has been renamed to the WVMA Voice.

The WVMA nominated Dr. Nigel cook to serve on the AVMA Model Animal Welfare Curriculum Group. Dr. Cook has been named a member of that group.

WVMA is planning a Legislator Reception to be held at the SVM and WVDL. Date is June 8. The event will be educational and a way to celebrate 250 years of world veterinary medicine and 100 years of veterinary science at UW Madison.

Membership & Member Services Committee – Dr. Whitten

The following four recommendations were approved:

Recommendation: WVMA begin a member benefits program for WVMA members that would include Lands' End, ScriptSave Prescription Drug Savings Card, The Payroll Company, AVIS car rental and Staples.

Recommendation: WVMA gather information and initiate the creation of a foundation.

Recommendation: The WVMA facilitate a student day encompassing mock interviews, roundtable discussions on topics pertaining to business, work-life balance and finances with current veterinarians.

Recommendation: The WVMA run financial/business natured columns written by field experts that would be approved by the WVMA office prior to publication.

AVMA Report – Dr. Schuett

The AVMA played an instrumental role in the passage and funding of the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is designed to alleviate the nation's shortage of food-supply and rural veterinarians. The profession reaped the first benefits of these efforts last November when the USDA issued awards to 62 veterinarians that will help repay their veterinary school loans in return for providing veterinary services in areas experiencing a veterinary shortage. The awards totaled nearly $6 million.

While we are extremely pleased that the program has gotten off to a great start, there is still more for us to do. That's why we are asking you to help us answer a call from the USDA for volunteers to participate on two panels that will play a key role in the next round of awards.
The USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture is seeking volunteer veterinarians with food-supply veterinary medicine experience to serve on two selection panels.

The Nomination Panel will help determine which areas of the U.S. have the greatest need for more veterinarians. Membership in this panel is limited to government and university veterinarians, and nominations are due March 25, 2011. The Awards Panel will review applications and recommend veterinarians to receive up to $25,000 annually toward repayment of educational loans in exchange for a service commitment to practice in shortage areas. Nominations for the Awards Panel are due on June 1, 2011. The agency will provide $225 daily honorariums for eligible panelists. Those interested in applying must complete a questionnaire.

This is important work, and the application deadlines are approaching quickly. So if you have an interest in helping advance this valuable program, we encourage you to apply today for a position on one of these panels.

Heartland AVMA Council Candidates

Judicial Council (at large)	Linda Lord (Ohio)
Council on Education (Private Clinical Practice)	John Scamahorn (Indiana)
Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine (Public Health Agencies or the Armed Forces)	Mary Grace Stobierski (Michigan)

Council on Research (Veterinary Medical Research)	Harm HogenEsch (Indiana)
Council on Veterinary Service (Exclusive Food Animal)	Alan Sletten(Minnesota)
AVMA President-elect	Gary Brown (West Virginia)

Animal Welfare Committee – Dr. Gaveras
The committee is working on three guiding principles – elective procedures, abuse and neglect and zoonotic diseases.

Dairy Welfare Sub Committee – Kim
The committee is focusing on proper movement of down animals.

Grievance Committee – Dr. Brooks/Dr. Zukowski
Have only had one case so far, this year. Most cases people have already contacted a lawyer or the DRL. Once that happens, then we cannot send it through the Grievance Committee.

Public Health & Food Safety Committee – Dr. Zukowski

Recommendation approved by the Ex. Board:
In accordance with the American Association with Bovine Practitioners, the WVMA supports the use of products or procedures that positively impact food safety as well as the health, well-being and productivity of the animal. These products or procedures must be based on sound science and must have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate regulatory agency.

Whereas the WVMA encourages client education on the uses and potential dangers to food safety, accidental exposure, and potential abuse of each prescription product or product used under the guidelines of a veterinarian.

Whereas the WVMA recommends that only trained on-farm personnel have access to prescription products or products used under the guidelines of a veterinarian.

It is resolved that the WVMA strongly encourages education of animal owners and public officials as to the risks and dangers of the illegal use of any product labeled for use in veterinary species in humans for any reason.

Background:
Illegal and dangerous use of veterinary products in people is reported in Wisconsin and other states on a regular basis. Many veterinary products are available for over the counter sales and/or are used on a daily basis in veterinary medical clinics and farms. This creates a potential for illicit use of these products by humans.

The best way for veterinarians to avoid abuse of veterinary products by people is to educate animal owners and public officials about the potential use and dangers of these products. Below we have provided three examples of humans illicitly using veterinary products.

- **Prostaglandin F2$_\alpha$ (examples: Lutalyse®, Estrumate®):** This drug is used on a daily basis by veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and on-farm personnel to synchronize the estrus cycles of cattle for breeding purposes. This drug has been, in several instances, been used in people in attempt to abort an unwanted pregnancy. The Wisconsin State Journal on 3/25/2010 posted one example where a man added prostaglandin F2$_\alpha$ to his girlfriend's beverage in attempt to induce abortion. Prostaglandin F2$_\alpha$ will not induce abortion in people and has severe side effects when administered to people. This man was charged criminally with attempted first-degree intentional homicide of an unborn child and first-degree reckless endangerment.
- **Ketamine:** Ketamine is a dissociative drug used to induce anesthesia. This has the same effect in a person, which has made it a veterinary drug abused by people. There are countless references available regarding clinic theft and human abuse of ketamine.

- **Clenbuterol (Ventipulmin®):** Clenbuterol is a bronchodilator used by veterinarians to alleviate respiratory distress. Clenbuterol has a history of abuse by bodybuilders and now is illegally used by many to lose weight. Multiple references can be found by news organizations.

Veterinary Technician Committee – Dr. Daul

The WVMA Ex. Board has asked the committee to develop a survey to be sent to all licensed CVTs in Wisconsin. The following survey recommendations were approved:

Proposed questions:

1. From where do you receive communications on new, proposed changes or changed rules and laws pertaining to veterinary medicine?

2. Where do you prefer to obtain your continuing education (CE)?
    a. In Wisconsin
    b. On-line
    c. Outside Wisconsin
    d. Other – please explain

3. Employment
    a. I am a licensed, practicing CVT in the following areas:
        i. Small animal
        ii. Food animal
        iii. Equine
        iv. Industry
        v. Academia
        vi. Other, please explain:
    b. I work:
        i. Full-time
        ii. Part-time
        iii. Other, please explain

4. I am a member of the following associations pertaining to veterinary medicine:
    a. WI Veterinary Technician Association (WVTA)
    b. WI Veterinary Practice Managers Association (WVPMA)
    c. National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)
    d. Other, please list:

5. The most important benefits of being a member of a professional association are *(select all that apply)*:
    a. Continuing education
    b. Advocacy
    c. Networking/social
    d. Information source
    e. Other, please explain:

6. What would allow you to be a more essential member of the veterinary medical team? Please list and describe.

The following recommendation was approved:
To post the Veterinary Technician's presentation on the WVMA website – two versions, one with final gain opportunities – members section only and one version that does not contain the financial information for the homepage – public access.

Professional Education Committee – Drs. Nussdorfer & Kressin

Convention speakers are almost finalized. We have a strong program set-up again this year. The WVMA office is working on selling exhibitor booths.

The Practice Management Institute and Winter Retreat went well in February. There were close to 400 people at the Winter Retreat.

The WVMA Ex. Board meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held on June 15 at the SVM.

WVMA Mission*: To advocate and promote veterinary medicine, while enriching animal and human health.*