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At the organizational meeting of the Mississippi State Veterinary Medical Association (MSVMA), officers were elected; a constitution and bylaws were adopted (January 1906). The objective of the association was stated to be, “to promote good fellowship, to elevate the standards of veterinary science, to enlighten and direct public opinion regarding veterinary problems of state medicine and to protect the material interests of the veterinary medical profession.”

The need for protection of the livestock interests of the state from disease losses and from losses resulting from unscientific treatment by the untrained was recognized. Plans were made for securing legislation to create a State Board of Veterinary Examiners and a Livestock Sanitary Board with the State Veterinarian as a part of it. Though it did not pass initially, members of the MSVMA continued to pursue this legislation, and on March 28, 1914, House Bill 137 was finally passed by the State Legislature providing for the creation of a State Board of Veterinary Examiners and the licensing of the veterinary practitioner. HB 137, otherwise known as the Veterinary Practice Act, provided for five members on the Examining Board, two of whom were appointed by the Governor, and three to be elected by members of the MSVMA.

Since providing education to “elevate the standards of veterinary science” was one of the primary reasons why MSVMA was formed, a decision was made by the Board of Directors in 1954 to conduct two meetings of MSVMA. The first was in Jackson, Mississippi (January 17-18) and was designated the “48th Annual Convention.” A decision was made to change the “annual” meeting from January to mid-summer, so a second meeting was held in Biloxi (July 11-13).

The incorporation of MSVMA was discussed at a special meeting on April 20, 1956 in Jackson. The decision to incorporate was in large part due to the awareness by the members of various civil rights suits instigated around the country, particularly in the South. On May 25, 1956, an organizational meeting of the newly incorporated MSVMA was held in Jackson. Twenty years later on June 21, 1976, the Association was officially renamed Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA).

In November 2014, the MVMA Board of Directors revised the mission and purpose statement of MVMA to state: The mission and purpose of the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) shall be to promote the importance of the veterinarian as a medical professional in his or her role in protecting animal and public health.
The veterinary profession is constantly changing. Legislation pertaining to medical professionals and small business owners are in the forefront more and more these days. If you become aware of a problem or have issues pertaining to the veterinary profession, please do not hesitate to contact your district representative.
ADVOCACY REPORT

Fairness to Pet Owners Act: (H.R. 3174/S.1200)

This legislation is purported to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications. Veterinarians would be required to provide pet owners with a copy of their pet’s prescription, whether or not requested and prior to offering to fill or dispense the medication. The veterinarian may not require payment for the prescription or require the pet owner to sign a waiver or disclaim liability.

Please take a moment to contact your congressman and oppose mandatory prescription writing for veterinarians at http://avmacan.avma.org/avma/issues/bills/?bill=65764776

**Status:** Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah-3) introduced [H.R. 3174](#) on July 23, 2015, and it was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Mike Lee (R-Utah) introduced [S. 1200](#) on May 7, 2015, and it was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

Your AVMA Delegates

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Vice President

Dr. Jody Ray
Secretary/Treasurer
Being a member of the MVMA is more than just paying dues each year. It's peace of mind, knowing that someone is advocating for you... a sense of belonging to a community of like-minded individuals... being able to depend on your professional allies to provide help when you have questions... and staying up to date on the ever-changing profession you're passionate about.

**Advocacy**

- **Monitor** legislation affecting veterinary medicine in the Mississippi Legislature.
- **Speak** to news media on your behalf.
- **Educate** lawmakers and the public to veterinary views and concerns.
- **Impact** state legislation and regulation.
- **Update** veterinary community to new laws and regulations.

**NEXT STEP:** Learn about MVMA's [Political Action Committee (PAC)](mailto:info@msvet.org) on page 9.

**Community**

- **Build** your network of professional colleagues across the state.
- **Connect** with and learn from individuals in all disciplines of veterinary medicine.
- **Develop** your leadership skills by participating in MVMA Task Forces dealing with a variety of topics.
- **Get support** when you need it from the MVMA staff by phone or online.
- **Create** lasting friendships with fellow animal lovers.
- **Collaborate** on current topics via social media platforms (MVMA VetChat or Facebook page).

**NEXT STEP:** Join one of the task forces and get involved in the premier organization in the state for veterinarians.

**Education**

- **Gain knowledge** at the MVMA Winter Conference in February!
- **Save** $75 on your conference registration
- **Access** members-only informational resources at the MVMA website
- **Enhance** professional skills by participating in MVMA task forces and upcoming CE events.
- **Stay informed** of veterinary community activities through MVMA publications.

**NEXT STEP:** Register to attend the MVMA Winter Conference at [www.msvet.org](http://www.msvet.org).
Call for Nominations

The MVMA is now seeking nominations for the 2016 Annual Awards. As usual, the association will present the Young Veterinarian of the Year and the Veterinarian of the Year. Before the honorees can be selected we need you to nominate them. So please review the criteria and complete the form below for the deserving friend or colleague and send it in to the MVMA office by January 31, 2016. Once selected, award recipients will be notified and there will be a presentation during the Winter Conference on February 18-20, 2016. The nominator of the selected recipients will also be asked to attend the Winter Meeting to present the award.

CRITERIA:

**Young Veterinarian of the Year** - Individual must be a current member of the MVMA, have graduated within 5 years, be 35 years of age or younger, and demonstrated activity that has promoted and enhanced veterinary medicine within Mississippi.

**Veterinarian of the Year** - Individual must be a current member of the MVMA for at least 5 years and demonstrated activity that has promoted and enhanced veterinary medicine within Mississippi.

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**VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR**

Nominee________________________
Address________________________
City________________________State____ Zip____
Office Phone_____________________
Year of Graduation________________
Veterinary School________________
Specialty or area of practice_________
Local, state and national committees served on and positions held: __________________

Describe nominee participation in promoting animal health and welfare: __________________

Describe any other activity which should make this individual a good candidate for the Veterinarian of the Year: __________________

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Nominated by:____________________
Veterinarian Name________________
Phone__________________________

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**YOUNG VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR**

Nominee________________________
Address________________________
City________________________State____ Zip____
Office Phone_____________________
Year of Graduation________________
Veterinary School________________
Specialty or area of practice_________
Local, state and national committees served on and positions held: __________________

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Phone__________________________

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Please return this form to MVMA no later than January 31, 2016.
P.O. Box 395 - Clinton, MS 39060
Fax: 877-872-3731 E-Mail: msvetmed@gmail.com
In Memoriam…

- Dr. George W. Shannon, III - February 2015

- Dr. Daniel M. Thomas - May 2015

- Carolyn Cameron, wife of Dr. Robert Cameron - September 2015

- Campbell Dale, son of Dr. David Dale; grandson of Dr. Leon Dale - September 2015
As a veterinary leader, you know how important it is for our profession to impact public policy and awareness on animal health and welfare, zoonotic diseases, and small business issues. As veterinarians we speak more effectively when we speak collectively. One very effective way in which to ensure that our voice is heard is to support the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association’s Political Action Committee (MVMA-PAC).

**WHAT IS MVMA-PAC?**
MVMA-PAC is the nonpartisan political arm of the MVMA. Its primary purpose is to raise funds that are then contributed to campaigns of candidates running for public office in Mississippi. This is just one way that MVMA makes sure that the voice of Mississippi veterinarians is heard in our state.

Remember, when we pool our resources and support candidates who will listen to the concerns of our profession, the voice of the veterinary community becomes more powerful. MVMA-PAC’s strength comes from Mississippi veterinarians who contribute their resources, enabling the MVMA to educate and work with policy makers in our state. This allows our profession to speak out on issues of fundamental importance to veterinarians.

**HOW CAN YOU BE A LEADER IN MVMA-PAC?**
Choose a level of giving that is comfortable for you. Let us recognize you for the veterinary leader that you are. Fill out the form below and include it with your contribution.

**QUESTIONS?**
Contact the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association at 662-323-5057 or email us at msvetmed@gmail.com.

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**CONTRIBUTION LEVELS**
- PAC Backer ($200)
- Sustaining Member ($100)
- Contributing Member ($50)
- Member ($25)

Please send non-corporate checks only to MVMA-PAC, P.O. Box 395, Clinton, MS 39060. Thank you for your support!
February 18-20, 2016
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Cobie Rutherford
Extension Associate III
Animal & Dairy Sciences
Mississippi State University, College of Veterinary Medicine
Other presenters:

- Dena Lodato, DVM — South Paws Veterinary Specialists
- Jordan Karalunas, LVT — Oakland Veterinary Referral Services & Emergency Critical Care
## GENERAL SESSIONS

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- **Thursday, February 18 (4 hours)**
- **Friday, February 19 (8 hours)**

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The MVMA Winter Conference has been approved for 20 hours CE for Veterinarians, 8 hours CE for Veterinary Technicians.

CE hours will be posted to your MVMA online account at the conclusion of the conference.
If you need assistance accessing your account, please inform someone at the registration desk.
REGISTRATION FORM
2015 MVMA Winter Conference - February 16-20, 2016

Pre-Registration Deadline - February 1st

Name: __________________________________________
First Name for Badge: __________________________________________
Company/Practice: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City/State/ZIP: __________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________
E-Mail: __________________________________________

Select the description that best fits you:
Practice Owner           Associate            Technician            Retired            Staff            Other

Veterinary Pricing: Member¹/Non-Member

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PROCEEDINGS
Proceedings on CD-ROM included in Veterinarian pre-registration.
☐ Printed DVM proceedings booklet $50

CONTINUING ED

YOU MUST INDICATE SESSIONS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CE CREDIT (session codes above lecture topic on agenda).

Thursday, February 16
☐ GS-1 (2hr) ☐ GS-2 (2hr)

Friday, February 17
☐ SA-1A (2hr) ☐ SA-1B (2hr) ☐ SA-1C (2hr) ☐ SA-1D (2hr)
☐ SA-2A (2hr) ☐ SA-2B (2hr) ☐ SA-2C (2hr) ☐ SA-2D (2hr)
☐ FA-1A (2hr) ☐ FA-1B (2hr) ☐ FA-1C (2hr) ☐ FA-1D (2hr)
☐ FA-2A (2hr) ☐ FA-2B (2hr) ☐ FA-2C (2hr) ☐ FA-2D (2hr)
☐ Tech 1 (2hr) ☐ Tech 2 (2hr) ☐ Tech 3 (2hr) ☐ Tech 4 (2hr)

Saturday, February 18
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☐ SA-2E (2hr) ☐ SA-2F (1hr) ☐ SA-2G (3hr) ☐ SA-2H (2hr)
☐ FA-1E (2hr) ☐ FA-1F (1hr) ☐ FA-1G (2hr) ☐ FA-1H (3hr)
☐ EQ-1A (2hr) ☐ EQ-1B (2hr) ☐ EQ-1C (1hr) ☐ EQ-1D (2hr)
☐ Staff (5hr)

Payment available at www.msvet.org

Registration Subtotal $__________________________
Proceedings Subtotal $__________________________
Activities Subtotal $__________________________

TOTAL AMOUNT $__________________________

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover
☐ Check payable to MVMA

Name on card: __________________________________________
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NOTES

1. Member pricing includes Mississippi VMA members only.
2. CD-ROM proceedings not guaranteed for on-site registrants.
3. Topics and/or speakers are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 100% refund if requested in writing before January 15, 2016. 50% refund if requested in writing between January 16-February 1. No refunds after February 1.

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Return form and payment to:
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Fax 877-872-3731
or register online at www.msvet.org
Hotel Information

The following hotels are available for your stay during the MVMA Winter Conference.

Marriott at the Mill Conference Center (host hotel)
662-338-3116

Comfort Inn Suites  662-324-9595  Hampton Inn  662-324-1333
Holiday Inn Express  662-324-0076  Hilton Garden Inn  662-615-9664

Join us for the After-Conference Reception
Friday, February 19

5:15-6:30pm
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