A CALL TO ACTION: VOLUNTEER FOR THE NJVMA

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As I start my term as president of the NJVMA my focus will be on
member engagement, mental health and DEI efforts. My beg to
anyone reading this is that you volunteer, hopefully for us but
really anywhere. Many non-profit organizations are lacking
volunteers.

When my colleagues find out that I’m on the advisory board for Rowan University’s vet
school, they want to know how to get involved, which is great. However, I wish people
felt that same enthusiasm for their peers. The truth is we did have a way for NJ
veterinarians to engage and help veterinary students before through mentorship
program and the NJ Veterinary Foundation.

Due to the lack of engagement, however, the mentorship program was stopped last
year, and the Foundation board elected to donate most of its resources to Rowan
University to establish an endowed scholarship fund. We simply did not have the
manpower to do what we wanted to do.

When people congratulate me for becoming president, I temper their praise
because I ran unopposed for my position on the board both years I ran. I love the NJ
veterinary community. There is so much that I want to do to move our local
profession forward. But truly we need you.

Please help the NJVMA. We are looking for volunteers to work with our mentorship
program and continuing education, and we could use help reaching out to younger
veterinarians. By doing so you can help the approximately 4000 veterinarians and
their support staff in NJ.

If you’re concerned about time commitment, I think you’d be surprised how little time
and effort can make things happen. If you’re able to commit to even an hour a month
you can make a difference. If there is something you think we should be doing and we
are not, please let me know. If you want more information, please do not hesitate to
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