

# ASVCP news BLAST

American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology

## What's New in June 2020!

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### President's Message

Wow, what a few months since our last Newsblast! I trust everyone is faring well during the pandemic and that while disruptions have been inevitable, they have been manageable.

The Executive Board has been meeting regularly throughout this time, dealing with urgent and less urgent areas surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak. We have pushed and changed a number of deadlines and due dates to try to accommodate changes in people's working situations – please consult the ASVCP website for new due dates. Our other major area of flux is the Annual Meeting. As we partner with the ACVP to put on the Annual Meeting, we are following their lead and the recommendations from their Contingency Planning Task Force as to how things will proceed. Rest assured, we will keep the membership updated as we know more information on how the Annual Meeting will move forward. On a positive note, the ASVCP Executive Board decided to open up rounds for free to a broader audience during the pandemic to try to accommodate trainees who may have lost access to or had reduced ability to continue their education. This has meant that we have had an influx of new ASVCP members from very diverse backgrounds and areas of the world, including members from general practice, anatomic pathologists, specialist internists, and other diagnosticians. Welcome to our new members!

I wish you and your families health and sanity during the next few months as restrictions lift around the world. Many of our members are actively working on COVID-19 to find vaccines and treatments and we wish them all the best in their endeavours.



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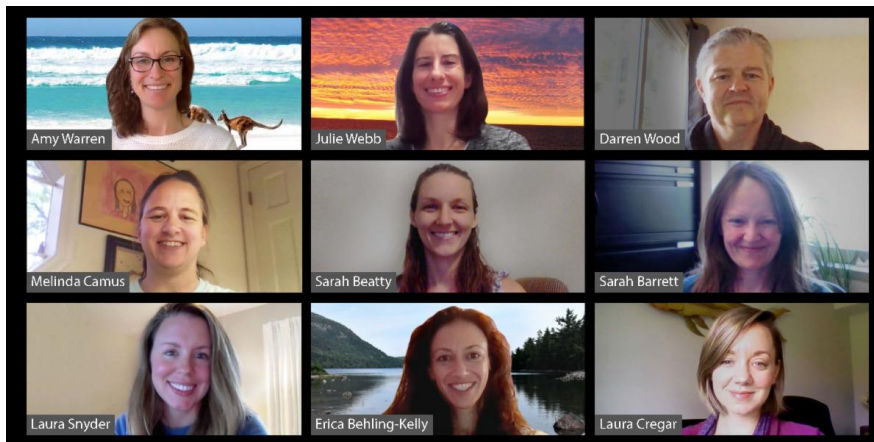
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Membership

Don't forget to renew  
your ASVCP  
membership. Click the  
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renew now!

Important Dates

## Get to Know Your Executive Board!

In preparing this quarter's "Getting to Know Your ASVCP Executive Board" feature, we realized that most of us didn't actually know what the Executive Board (EB) did until we joined it ourselves. So, we decided to open the proverbial "black box" that is the EB and tell you what we do on a regular basis, both so that you will know and to encourage you to volunteer your time and talents. As we are all adapting to a new normal, we decided to share our snapshot through a Zoom lens.



*From top left to bottom right we are:*

*Amy Warren, Julie Webb, Darren Wood, Melinda Camus, Sarah Beatty, Sarah Barrett, Laura Snyder, Erica Behling-Kelly, and Laura Cregar. And, yes, having two Sarahs and two Lauras makes for interesting meetings! In our own words, this is what we do for the ASVCP EB.*

### Get to Know Our Members:

**Amy Warren, President:** "As the President, my job is really just to oversee all of my wonderful colleagues' work. I organize the monthly meetings, liaise with the committees as needed, and liaise with our affiliate associations (notably the ACVP and ESVCP). We are on a three-year rotation where we start as President-Elect in year one, move to President in year two and become the Past President in year three. I am incredibly grateful to my colleagues and fellow Board members for making my job a relatively easy one!"

**Julie Webb, Immediate Past President:** "Past President is a fun year in which I get to recruit new members to the Executive Board, oversee the selection of ASVCP's Lifetime Achievement Award and coordinate the judging of the Young Investigator Awards. All

### Upcoming Meetings

June 2020  
ASCLS Annual Meeting  
June 28- July 2  
VIRTUAL!

August 2020  
AVMA Annual Meeting  
August 20-22  
VIRTUAL!

October 2020  
VCS Annual Meeting  
October 15-17  
Daytona Beach, FL

ACVP/ASVCP/ISACP  
Concurrent Annual Meeting  
VIRTUAL!

December 2020  
AACC Annual Meeting  
December 13-17  
Chicago, IL

### Career Opportunities

To see the most current postings or to add your own, click on the button above.

For more information, contact the [ASVCP](#).

great tasks that bring me in contact with a variety of our membership.”

**Darren Wood, President-Elect:** “As President-Elect my main roles are to coordinate and chair the Focused Scientific Sessions for the Annual Meeting and liaise with the Regulatory Affairs Committee and the Resident Liaison Group. Aside from that, my main job is to pay close attention to everything else as I will be the leader of the Executive Board next year! We need a new President-Elect each year and I am happy to answer any questions about the position.”

**Melinda Camus, Secretary:** “As Secretary, I am responsible for recording minutes at our monthly meetings and keeping up with all things membership-related. I also work with the amazing staff at The Rees Group to put together the society’s quarterly *NewsBlasts*. Please remember to send me your cool images for inclusion in the Microscopic Art Corner. And, we need a Secretary-Elect this year, so please consider volunteering.”

**Sarah Beatty, Treasurer:** “Treasurer of the ASVCP works closely with The Rees Group (TRG), Custer Financial Group (CFG), and the Executive Board to receive, distribute, and invest the financial assets of the society. Major treasurer duties include preparing the annual budget, approving large expenditures, consulting with TRG and CFG, and advising the Executive Board on financial decisions.”

**Sarah Barrett, Treasurer-Elect:** “As Treasurer-Elect, I look over the Treasurer's shoulder remotely so that we have a seamless transition in the fall, when my term as Treasurer begins.”

**Laura Snyder, 3rd Year Member:** “My specific responsibilities this year are to serve as a liaison to the Media and Communications (formerly Web) Committee and Share the Future, as well as the planning of the ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop together with the Past President. I am constantly amazed and impressed by the dedication and hard work of the ASVCP committees, The Rees Group and our membership as a whole. This is my final year on the EB and I will miss everyone tremendously!”

**Erica Behling-Kelly, 2nd Year Member:** “As the second Executive Board member, I serve as the liaison for the Education Committee and moderator for online rounds. I also oversee the chemistry cases and mystery slide submissions for our Annual Meeting. So send me your cases!”

**Laura Cregar, 1st Year Member:** “As a First Year EB member, I’m busy learning the ropes of the ASVCP! I also serve as a liaison for the QALS Committee and Program Committee, and help arrange speakers for the clinical pathology session at ACVIM. We’re looking for a new EB member, and I’m happy to help answer any questions you have!”

If you are interesting in running for President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, or 1st year member, please contact [Julie Webb](#) via email. We have fun while we work and we would love to you have you join our society’s leadership team.

## ASVCP Diversity Statement

As your Executive Board, we would like to address briefly the societal issues that recent events have brought to the forefront of our consciousness and the role we as an organization can play in promoting change. The profession of veterinary medicine as well as our specialty organizations, including the ASVCP, need to do more to address diversity and inclusion in our ranks. **We are asking for volunteers from the membership to form an Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Working Group** to plan an event to take place in conjunction with this year’s Annual Meeting. While many discussions will take place in planning the event and at the event, the end **goal is the formulation of a strategic action plan** to identify what ASVCP members can proactively do to address discrimination. Participation in admissions and search committees, changing our resident recruitment and selection processes, and creating outreach events in the community are just some of the ideas to discuss. If you are interested in participating, or even better, want to take on a leadership role in this effort, please let us know via email to [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org). When we look back on this moment, let us be proud not just of our words, but our actions. Let those

## ACVP/ASVCP/ISACP Annual Meeting Update

The 2020 combined ACVP, ASVCP, and ISACP Annual Meeting will be completely virtual this year! The decision to cancel the in-person meeting in Chicago was announced on June 12 by the ACVP Board of Directors and is based on the state of Illinois reopening guidelines and restrictions on gathering sizes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Annual Meeting Contingency Planning Task Force, composed of members of the ACVP Annual Meeting Committee, ASVCP Program Committee, ISACP Planning Committee, the Lifelong Learning Committee (LLC), and The Rees Group, is currently working with ACVP, ASVCP, and ISACP to define sessions and events that will be moving forward as virtual content. Options of the format of the virtual meeting including electronic posters, virtual abstract and mystery case presentation options are being considered. While we all regret that an in-person is not possible this year, we look forward to a 2020 virtual meeting and to your abstract and mystery case submissions!

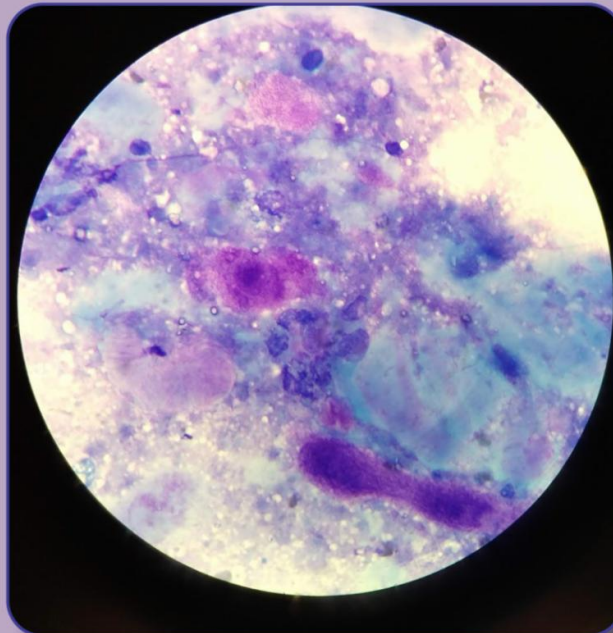
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ASVCP Program Committee Chair, on behalf of the ASVCP Program Committee

## Microscopic Art Corner

### MICROSCOPIC ART CORNER

#### The Aurora Borealis of Necrotic Mammary Tumors



*Credit to Samantha J.M. Evans, DVM, PhD, DACVP, The Ohio State University*

**Call for Works of (Slide) Art! Have a great image to share? Send any and all images (with our without captions!) to [Melinda Camus](#), ASVCP Secretary, for use in future *NewsBlasts*.**

## First Calls



Below is a list of First Calls for 2020. Please click the links below for more detailed information about each call.

- [2020 ASVCP Share the Future Presentation Grants: Deadline September 25!](#)
- [2020 ASVCP Share the Future Research Grants: Deadline September 25!](#)

## Second Calls

Below is a list of Second Calls for 2020. Please click the links below for more detailed information about each call.

- [2020 ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations](#)
- [2020 Resident Externships in Industry: Deadline July 1!](#)
- [2020 Young Investigator Award: Deadline July 1!](#)

## Call for Applications! ASVCP Resident Externship Awards in Academia

We are excited to announce that the ASVCP Education Committee is now accepting applications from clinical pathology residents for academic externship awards!

This program provides \$1000 each for two current clinical pathology residents to visit another academic residency program for a one- to two-week long externship. Each residency program has talented faculty with varying caseloads and research interests, and this experience will allow trainees to expand their knowledge and gain invaluable experience. The Externship Award is designed to help offset the costs of travel, food, and lodging. Applicants must be current members of ASVCP.

So far six of our residents have participated in our Externship Award program! Below is a testimonial from a prior recipient, Rebekah Liffman:

*"The grant provided by the ASVCP Education Committee was instrumental in providing me with financial assistance to complete two externships... The first externship was spent at Texas A&M University, where I was able to become more proficient at recognizing endemic infectious diseases; this was extremely valuable, given the relative lack of infectious diseases in Australia. The second externship was a two-week placement at University of California at Davis. During this period, I was able to observe PARR being performed, and took part in cytology rounds, where I could witness and learn from the expertise of several highly experienced clinical pathologists. As well as helping me to prepare for my upcoming Phase II exam, the externships allowed me to meet many wonderful people. When I commenced my residency at Melbourne University, there had been no clinical pathology residency program in Australia for many years. Therefore, spending time with other residents during my externships gave me the opportunity to form international support networks that I will be able to draw on during the remaining examination process and throughout my career. I was very thankful for the collegiality and generosity shown to me by the academics and fellow residents during my trip."*

To apply, please submit an application on the ASVCP website no later than August 2, 2020.

Apply Today!

The application should include a single uploaded document with the following components:

1. A letter of justification from the applicant that clearly explains the goal(s) of visiting the host institution.
2. A letter from the resident's home institution, confirming approval of the externship.
3. A letter from the hosting institution, confirming approval of the externship.

The externship needs to be completed by July 1, 2021. As we know, it may be challenging to complete externships by this date due to the coronavirus pandemic- extensions may be granted. After completion of the externship, residents must provide a summary of the experience to the ASVCP Education Committee. Contents may be partly or fully posted to the ASVCP website and/or News Blast.

Any questions can be directed to [Austin Viall](#), ASVCP Education Committee Chair.

## Share the Future Campaign

The ASVCP continues to solicit donations for the Share the Future campaign to support research grants, travel awards, online rounds, and other outreach activities of the Society. While we are all feeling the economic impact of the global coronavirus pandemic, Congress recently passed the CARES Act that allows up to \$300 in tax-refundable charity donations for 2020.

If you are interested in taking advantage of the CARES Act, in order to donate to the ASVCP, you can directly contribute through the Society website through the button link below.

Share the Future Campaign

## Online Rounds Update

### RACE Credits Now Available!

The ASVCP Executive Board has approved a trial run of issuing RACE Credits for [Online Rounds](#) attendees. Attendees of Online Rounds will have the opportunity to purchase RACE Credits for up to 60 days post-presentation. [Click here](#) to purchase your RACE credits for the June 2020 Online Rounds presentation!

## Upcoming Online Rounds

July: Laura Snyder, Marshfield Labs

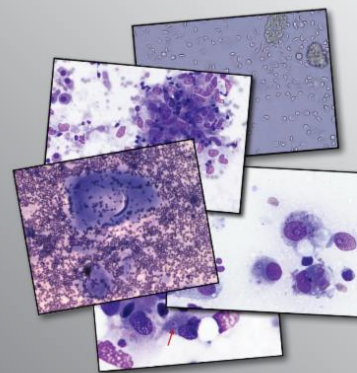
August: Nora Springer, Kansas State University

September: Austin Viall, Iowa State University

October: Dorothee Bienzle, University of Guelph

November: Angela Royal, University of Missouri

December: Devora Stowe, North Carolina  
State University



## Thank you to our current Online Rounds sponsors!

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## Case Review Sets Still Available for Order and Ready to Ship

The **2019 ASVCP case review sets are still available to order**. Sets will be sold on the same priority basis as in previous years. Twenty (20) sets are reserved for purchase by the presenters of the 2019 cases. *(NOTE: slide sets are not provided gratis for the presenters, and there is no digital slide link for 2019 slides.)*

Additional "institutional sets" are reserved for purchase by schools or colleges of veterinary medicine that grant a DVM or equivalent degree. *(NOTE: institutional sets must be purchased by an ASVCP member at the institution.)*

Slide sets will be sold to ASVCP members in sequential order starting with the earliest submission dates on the applications. Case review sets can be sent via UPS or FedEx. This additional shipping fee, once calculated, will be applied to the total cost. Payments for orders not filled will be refunded. To order a case review set, please click the button below.

Order a 2019 Case Review Set Now!

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## DISCOUNTED

Case review slide sets from previous years are now available to order on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Review our current inventory and get your discounted slide sets from previous years before they sell out!

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