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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** AAVSB Member Board Administrators, Board Members and Staff

**FROM:** Dr. David Ylander, AAVSB President

**DATE:** April 18, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Association Activities and Updates for 2011

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On behalf of the AAVSB Board of Directors, I would like to provide an update on the association activities and initiatives. In order to keep AAVSB Member Boards informed to the best of our ability, we ask that you continue to share the information provided to all members of your licensing board. If possible, please include this letter on the agenda for your next board meeting. We also encourage you to communicate your suggestions and comments with us throughout the year.

**Board of Directors**

The AAVSB Delegates approved the slate of candidates put forth by the Nominating Committee at the September, 2010 Annual Meeting held in Baltimore, Maryland. The 2011 Board of Directors is located on the left of the page. The Board of Directors has met in-person twice since elected including a meeting in September immediately following the Annual Meeting and a meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii in January 2011. In addition, the Board of Directors has met via teleconference in October, November and December of 2010 and February and March of 2011. The Board of Directors will continue to conduct monthly conference calls in the months when the Board of Directors does not meet in-person.

**Actions of the Board of Directors since September 2010 includes:**

- The Board of Directors met for a two-day workshop developing the AAVSB Strategic Plan and Initiatives for the focus areas of Outreach, Programs and Organizational Health. This plan has been included as a reference with this letter.
- Approved the Delegate Funding Program providing funding for one Voting Delegate from each Member Board to attend the AAVSB Annual Meeting and participate in the Delegate Assembly. Funding includes meeting registration fees, hotel (up to 3 nights) and reasonable travel expenses.
- Represented the licensing agencies by continued participation in the North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium (NAVMEC). Directors on the NAVMEC Board of Governance include Dr. Jon Betts (OR) and Dr. John Lawrence (MN). For more information, please view the NAVMEC link located at [www.aavsb.org](http://www.aavsb.org).
- The newly established Finance Committee was integral in formulating the association's budget and other strategic issues concerning the financial health of AAVSB.
- Approved the AAVSB 2011 operations and capital budgets as submitted by the Finance Committee and conducted ongoing discussion and consideration of recommendations from Ms. Kendrick related to the business operations.
- The Board of Directors plans to meet in-person June 26-27 in Kansas City.

In addition to the above items, there was ongoing review and decision making regarding recommendations from the Committees for PAVE, RACE, VTNE, the Conference Committee, the Bylaws and Resolution Committee and the Nominating Committee. Recommendations included standards, providers, programs, certificate approvals and filling committee vacancies. The Committees are also charged to look at updating their roles and responsibilities.

## AAVSB Headquarters

With the addition of significant technology enhancements, three computer-based testing windows for the VTNE were successfully completed in July and November of 2010 and March of 2011. Member Boards assessing eligibility were able to view candidates' information online via a secure portal on the AAVSB website. VTNE candidates are able to apply online for the next two testing windows of July 15-August 15 and November 15-December 15. The Board of Directors approved the Professional Examination Services (PES) to create two new practice exams that will soon be available online for future VTNE candidates. In addition, the Board of Directors approved the funds to conduct a comprehensive practice analysis for the VTNE that will be conducted over the next two years.

Below is a list of AAVSB staff members and their responsibilities.

- Jess Klein, Program Coordinator
- Megan Pope, Member Services Coordinator
- Susan Morgan, VTNE Program Assistant
- Erin Jones, PAVE Program Administrator
- Kerry McGhee, RACE Program Administrator
- Jessica Haendler, Member Services Manager
- Nancy Gritman, VTNE Program Manager \*new\*
- Daphne Tabbytite, Assistant Director
- Robyn Kendrick, Executive Director

## 2011 Annual Meeting & Conference

The Board of Directors, Conference Committee and staff are excited for this year's Annual Meeting & Conference which is being held September 15-17 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Board of Directors is dedicated to the goal of full participation by the Member Boards in the Delegate Assembly and is driven to support the Delegate Funding Program going into effect this year. Please plan to join in making this program a success! For more information, please view the Delegate Travel Policy located at [www.aavsb.org/AnnualMeeting/](http://www.aavsb.org/AnnualMeeting/).

The Conference Committee members include: John King, DVM (MN), Chair, Susan Geranen (CA), Wanda Goodwin (WV), Marty Greer, DVM (WI), Cathy Kirkpatrick (OK), Gary Levy, DVM (LA), Andrew Williamson, DVM (VI) and the Board of Directors liaison, Beckey Malphus, DVM (GA).



Please visit [www.aavsb.org](http://www.aavsb.org), for the most current information on the Annual Meeting & Conference.

<u>AAVSB Mission</u>	<u>AAVSB Vision</u>	<u>AAVSB Values</u>
To reliably provide quality resources and accurate information for veterinary regulatory agencies and professionals and allied groups in the interest of public protection.	To inspire active participation of all veterinary regulatory agencies in North America and to be their collective voice.	Responsive, resourceful service while striving for continuous quality improvement.