

**VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
ELECTION/NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Election Process

The Board normally holds annual elections in the fall at the October meeting with new officers taking over at the January meeting. This year because Dr. Ferguson's term ended prior to the end of her grace period, we had a vacancy for Board President. The procedure for filling the presidential vacancy is in your Administrative Procedures Manual – excerpts below.

Election of Officers

The Board may elect the officers at its fall meeting on seniority or other basis to serve a term of one or two years, beginning on January 1. In the normal course of events, Board officers should be prepared to serve first as Vice President, then as President and finally, as Immediate Past President for the length of term decided by the Board. All officers may be elected on one motion or ballot as a slate of officers unless objected to by a Board member. Elections are usually scheduled for the October meeting with the new officers assuming office in January at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Officer Vacancies

If the Office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President assumes the office of the President.

Based on the Board's policy, the Vice President (VP), Dr. Kendall, is now Board President and the position of VP is vacant. Since the procedures manual is silent on filling the vacancy for VP, it appears that the Board has several options. Elections are included on the July 2012 Board meeting agenda so the Board members can discuss the process and consider their options that include, but may not be limited to the ones listed below:

- 1) Do nothing. Leave VP vacant and wait to hold regular elections at the October 2012 Board meeting;
- 2) Nominate and vote for VP only to serve for the July 2012 and October 2012 meetings and hold regular elections at the October 2012 Board meeting with officers assuming office in January 2013; or
- 3) Nominate and vote for both President and VP for terms that would go through October 2013.

All members are eligible to serve, but serving as a Board officer is voluntary and members may decline to serve, especially new or relatively new members. Board members are listed below in seniority order based on time served on the Board. Seniority is one method that has been used in the past for nominating officers because it is helpful to have officers who have been members long enough to understand the issues and the Board meeting process; however, it is at the discretion of individual Board members to decide whether to nominate and who to nominate.

_____ Linda Starr (past president, on grace period – ends 6/1/13)

_____ Tom Kendall, DVM (incumbent –reappointed in 6/12 to a term that began on 6/1/11 - term ends 6/1/2015)

_____ Judie Mancuso (appointed on 8/2/10 - term ends 6/1/14)

_____ Patti Aguiar (appointed on 12/23/10 - term ends 6/1/2014)

_____ Richard Johnson, DVM (appointed on 12/20/10 - term ends 6/1/2013)

_____ Kim Williams, RVT (appointed on 12/18/10 - term ends 6/1/2014)

_____ Dick Sullivan, DVM (appointed in June 2012 to a term that began on 6/1/10/term ends 6/1/2014)

_____ Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM (appointed in June 2012/term ends 6/1/2016)

The purpose of this document is to provide Board members and especially new members with information on the election process and the options available. The nominations and votes must be public and must be done during a public Board meeting.