

We Need Subject Matter Experts

Do you remember coming out of the State Board Examination muttering under your breath “where did they get *that* question?”, “that’s not relevant!” or “there were *two* answers!”. Well, here’s your chance to put in your two cents worth and make a difference! The Veterinary Medical Board and Registered Veterinary Technician Committee is looking for practitioners to help write and review test questions for the California State Board (CSB) Examination and the Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) Examination.

Two-day workshops are led by a representative of the Department of Consumer Affairs and are conducted in Sacramento. The question-writing workshop starts with a short course in question and answer writing (you’d think after all those years of taking tests you’d be an expert at it) and progresses to actually writing them in a clear and relevant manner (emphasis on relevant, right?). The question review workshop is a separate event and consists of picking apart the question-writers’ hard work. Actually each question is carefully reviewed for clarity (ambiguity not allowed, unlike radiologists’ diagnoses), correctness of answers (you’d be surprised at the discussions that arise here), and relevance (discussions on this, too!).

What’s in it for you? You get to feel good about your role in contributing to the veterinary profession by ensuring the CSB and RVT examinations are current and relevant, you can add an unusual (but relevant!) line to your resume (“Subject Matter Expert” – sounds impressive), you get to engage in spirited discussions on subjects near and dear to all our hearts, you get paid travel expenses and a small stipend (\$15/hr), meeting interesting colleagues, and finally, you actually earn up to 16 hours of continuing education credit.

These workshops can actually be a fun respite from practice, and there are no phone calls to return! Talk a colleague into coming with you! Veterinarians (particularly those of you less than five years out of school!) from all areas of expertise are needed – exotic, feline, emergency, small animal, food animal, equine, dentistry, surgeons, etc. If you’re interested or have additional questions, call Chris Novak, Examination Coordinator, at the Veterinary Medical Board at (916) 263-2610, or fill out the form below and mail it to the Veterinary Medical Board at 2005 Evergreen St, Suite 2250, Sacramento, CA 95815.

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Current Mailing Address

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Daytime phone number

Fax number

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Practice areas (i.e. Small Animal, Exotics, Avian, Food Animal, Equine, Mixed)

Specialty areas (i.e. General Practice, Internal Medicine, Dentistry, etc.)