

Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association

Winter Meeting in Review



ArVMA's mission is to improve animal and human health, and the environment, by protecting and advancing the veterinary medical profession.



BY THE NUMBERS WINTER MEETING 2024

Total registered - 484
DVM - 323
Technician/Staff - 161

2023 Statistics
Total registered - 508
DVM - 363
Technician/Staff - 145

A BIG THANK YOU

EXHIBITORS

Böehringer Ingelheim - Platinum
Lyon College - Platinum
DVM Consultants - Gold
IDEXX - Gold

Our exhibition hall was sold out with 59 exhibitors in total!

BI has been a platinum sponsor for 10 years!

WELCOME TO ARKANSAS

SPECIAL GUESTS

We were honored to have two distinguished guests attend our 117th winter meeting. Dr. Rena Carlson, AVMA President, and Dr. Sam Miller, AVMA Board of Director for District 8.

SCAN TO DONATE TO THE ARVMA PAC FUND



Current PAC contributions

\$7,684.99

LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANT DATES

- 3.06.24: Pre-fiscal session budget hearings
- 3.11.24: Pre-filing
- 4.10.24: Convening of Fiscal Session &
- 4.10.24: Deadline for filing Identical Resolution for non-appropriation bills
- 4.24.24: Deadline for filing appropriation bills
- 4.24.24: Deadline for filing non-appropriation bills

A legislator may file an interim study proposal or an interim resolution directly with a committee if the legislator is a member of that committee.

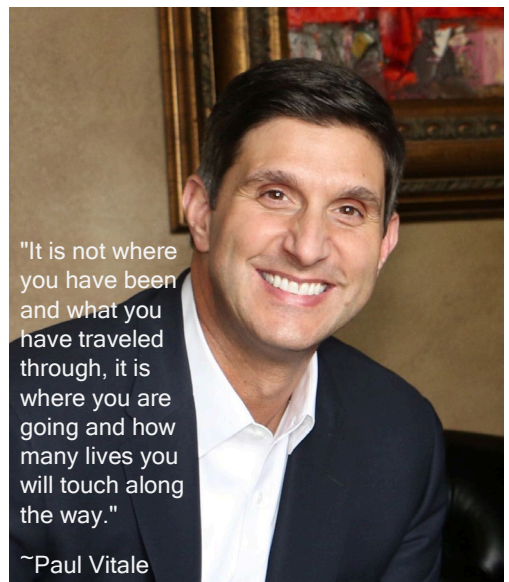
Board of Directors 2024-2025

President - Dr. Lindy O'Neal
 President Elect- Dr. Brennan Pitard
 Vice President- Dr. Sarah Shedenhelm (not pictured)
 Secretary/Treasurer - Dr. Chad Towns
 District 1 - Dr. Beth Stropes (not pictured)
 District 2 - Dr. Rob Connor
 District 3 - Dr. Amy Laws (not Pictured)
 District 4 - Dr. Mathew Singer (not pictured)
 District 5 - Dr. Rene' LaVergne
 District 6 - Dr. Meghan Harrison
 District 6 Alt. - Dr. Greg Taylor
 District 7 - Dr. Josh Moffett
 District 8 - Dr. Kristi Coley



PAUL VITALE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The association will be establishing a Paul Vitale Leadership Memorial Scholarship to honor Paul Vitale, who recently passed away. For the past several years, Paul was instrumental in helping develop and improve many programs of the ArVMA. This scholarship will be two \$1,500 scholarships; for one student in each of the two proposed new veterinary schools opening in Arkansas. These scholarships would be used to cover registration, travel, and lodging to the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association Winter Meeting.



"It is not where you have been and what you have traveled through, it is where you are going and how many lives you will touch along the way."

~Paul Vitale

Bylaws review

The Bylaws for the ArVMA were last revised in January, 1998. The needs of our Association and the ways our Association can serve you, the membership, have changed dramatically over the past 25 years. The intention of your Executive Board in considering changes to the Bylaws is not to change the way your Association does business, but to update the way your Association operates in a relevant way.

A motion was made to accept the Bylaws Revisions at the 2024 Winter Meeting. That motion will then be tabled for 1 year to allow thorough discussion and consideration of the Revisions for 1 year by the membership. A vote to accept the Bylaws Revision will be conducted at the 2025 Winter Meeting. Comments will be accepted for the next 6 months to allow for adequate time. **Comments will close on August 5th, 2024.** This will allow time for the Bylaws Committee to formulate the final document. The new Bylaws as revised will be provided to membership 60 days prior to the 2025 winter meeting to allow for proper time to review. A vote will be taken at the 2025 winter meeting.