

Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association

March Updates 2024



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

BY THE NUMBERS

CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

The ArVMA Board of Directors discussed and voted to use PAC funds to donate to senators and representatives who have been open to speaking with veterinarians or have already shown support by voting in our favor.

SENATORS FUNDED

Ron Caldwell
 Matt Stone
 Dave Wallace
 Steve Crowell
 Mark Johnson
 Brianne Davis
 Ben Gilmore

HOUSE REPS FUNDED

Steve Magie
 Ron McNair
 Harlan Breau

SCAN TO DONATE



Please do not forget that PAC funds are meant to be used and donated. These contributions need to continue to be replenished so we can continue to support those who support us.

Comments Regarding Regulation 209.01.24-004

“Veterinary Technician Specialist”

A letter was submitted to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission on behalf of Arkansas veterinarians regarding the lack of detail in the newly promulgated rule. Things to include in the new rule included:

- The required 8 hours of CE
- A standardized collaborative agreement
- Clarification on scope of practice
- A way to resolve disagreements between VTS and DVM
- Duration of agreement
- Compensation
- Signatures

You may request a copy of the full letter at arvmapresident@gmail.com

LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

LEGISLATOR LOOK-UP:

Use this link to find a legislator in your area!

<https://districtfinder.youraedi.com/>

Examining Board Update

The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board has moved!

In November 2023, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission created a new Veterinary Medical Examining Committee and appointed six new members to it. This new committee replaces the previous medical examining board. The commission voted unanimously to seat Bill Hewat, Mike Pallone, Sara Throne, Rob Conner, Sarah Kline and Kate Williams on the new committee. The commission is tasked with creating the committee to make recommendations to commissioners related to evaluating applications for veterinary licensing or certifications in Arkansas, rulemaking, ethical complaints and disciplinary issues. The current website is still active for license renewals and information.



SOUTHWEST VET SYMPOSIUM

We are proud to be a partner state at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium 2024, taking place from September 26 to 29 at the Fort Worth Convention Center, Texas. This event is a collaboration between the Veterinary Medical Associations of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, as well as the Oklahoma Veterinary Technician Association and the Texas Association of Registered Veterinary Technicians. It serves as a platform for continuing education for veterinary professionals in the Southwest region and across the nation. If you are looking for a FUN and ENERGETIC way to get CE, please consider this conference. **Our Association benefits with each Arkansan's attendance. It's a WIN WIN situation!**

Visit SWVS.ORG to register!

Lyon College School of Veterinary Medicine UPDATE

The LCSVM continues to make progress. The AVMA council on education met in March, when it reviewed the LCSVM Consultative Site preliminary report from their visit in November 2023. The final report is expected in April. In the meantime, Dr. Ashley Mounts joined the team as Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Outreach. She will be visiting practices in Arkansas to engage them with LCSVM and explore potential workplace education sites. Look forward to a visit from Dr. Mounts and do not hesitate to reach out to her. Finally, keep encouraging young people with interest in careers in this wonderful profession, veterinary medicine. Dean Green remains enthusiastic about bringing the best veterinary education possible to Arkansas.

ASU College of Veterinary Medicine UPDATE

Arkansas State University has begun searching for the next dean of its proposed College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Glen Hoffsis has served as founding Dean, and has continued to guide the institution through the various stages, including planning for faculty, curriculum and facilities. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) approved the university's plan for the veterinary school at its July 2023 meeting. ASU's next steps involve securing approval by the national accrediting agencies associated with veterinary colleges, including The Higher Learning Commission and the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education, who will be making their initial consultative visit this July.