

Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association

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



Bridger Smithers, District 1 Trustee, and his children helping to power hospitals with generators



Kyle Fugett, Dwaine Dickey, Charlie Blomberg, all District 1 Members, working to clean up debris left by an EF2 Tornado



SHARE WITH STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Arkansas Rural Veterinary Scholarship Program has the potential to award up to \$15,000 per year for 4 years to students enrolled in or entering a post-graduate degree program. Find more information by emailing Amy Lyman at amy.lyman@agriculture.arkansas.gov.

or visiting www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/scholarships

A BIG THANK YOU TORNADO RELIEF

Seven tornadoes were confirmed in Northwest Arkansas on May 26th. Many of our veterinary colleagues were without power for several days. The American Veterinary Medical Foundation provides both Disaster Relief Grants and Disaster Reimbursement Grants. If you'd like more information, please email arvmapresident@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ARVMA WINTER MEETING

We had SUCH a great meeting last year, and anticipate an even better turnout this year. Please plan to attend the ArVMA Winter Meeting in

Hot Springs, AR
February 7-9, 2025

SCAN TO DONATE TO THE ARVMA PAC FUND



Please consider donating to the ArVMA PAC fund. These funds are used to donate to legislators who support the veterinary agenda. We are constantly using these funds. This is not a savings fund and needs to be replenished.

We have had no new PAC donors since the winter meeting in February 2024.

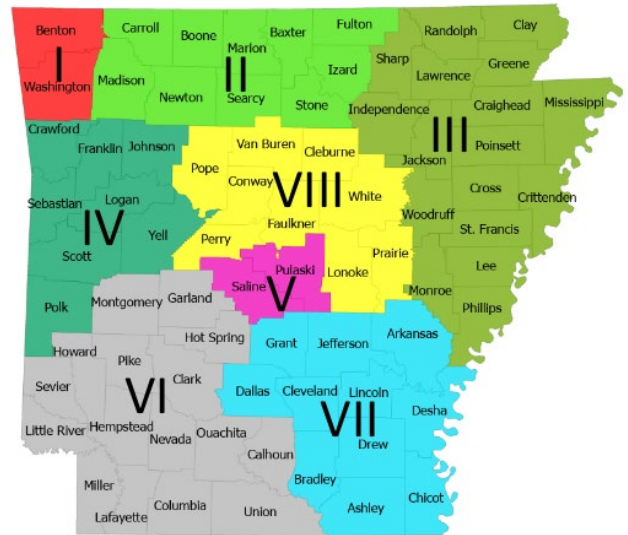
Your legislative committee is already preparing for an active 2025 legislative session and is requesting your support in the manner of a PAC donation.

New Board Members

Welcome Bridger Smithers, District I Trustee!

Welcome Rocky Lindsey, District VII Alternate Trustee!

Each district is responsible for holding elections for trustees and alternate trustees. The purpose role of the trustee is to be a liaison to the ArVMA board of directors, to be a legislative leader and advocate of the district and keep a pulse on the environment. If you have interest in this type of position, please reach out to your current district trustee to find out how you can get involved or email arkansasvma@comcast.net.



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!

Bylaws review - COMMENT PERIOD OPEN

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 has been tabled for 1 year to allow thorough discussion and consideration of the Revisions for 1 year by the membership.

Please review the bylaws on the front page of our website at www.arkvetmed.org

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 5, 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.