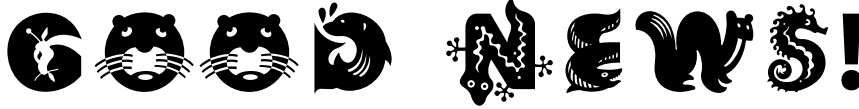




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Annual Meeting in Honolulu

Sunday July 16

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa, Elima Room. Members and friends are invited for an informal brown bag lunch starting at 12 noon with the business meeting starting promptly at 1:00 pm. We hope that this schedule will allow for more of our members to attend other sessions and still join us.

Meeting Agenda - In addition to the normal items on our agenda (reports on finances, membership, scholarship and awards) we will be discussing proposed reorganization of LGVMA in order to better meet the needs and resources of our members. The major proposal will be changing to an all-electronic organization. We will be adopting practices used by other organizations that will work through a web page with public access to general information and contacts and a members access to internal information. In addition we will be expanding our Yahoo listerv into several subsets that will allow us to send messages to selected groups. One of these sub-listservs will be the member information posting and sharing section; others will allow the Board to post information both for members and internal use. If approved by membership, we will go forward with implementation.

New this year – Teleconference Connection to Annual Meeting

Since many of our members will be unable to attend the meeting in Hawaii this year, we are testing teleconferencing so that others may participate. We will have a bridge connection number available for anyone who wants to join us by speakerphone at the meeting. Tim Withers has volunteered to be coordinator for those who want to participate. Anyone who wants to join the call needs to send an **email request to Tim at wwith@aol.com by Monday July 10.** Tim will send you a confirmation with a connec-

tion number and code as well as a draft agenda for the meeting. This will help us assure that we have enough lines for everyone without reserving, and paying, for more lines than actually get used. One pm Hawaii time is to 4:00 pm PDT and 7:00 pm EDT.

Social Gatherings in Honolulu

Monday, July 17, 6 PM (with dinner out to follow) Michael McElvaine has volunteered his suite at the Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki as a meeting place. The room will have a kitchenette and a balcony with ocean view. Afterward, the tentative plan is to have dinner at Keo's Thai restaurant. To get Michael's room number or for last minute details, please call Mel's cell phone (207-752-7751) or call the hotel at 808-949-3811 and leave a message for Michael. We may also have an informal gathering on Sunday evening after the alumni events. Please contact Michael or Mel for details (or come by the Annual Meeting).



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Volunteer for Next Year's Board

If anyone is interested in volunteering for a board position, please contact Tim at **wwith@aol.com** (by Monday, July 10, if possible). We currently have a small continuing slate for the coming year: Michael McElvaine will run for president, Vic Spain for secretary, Michael Miller for treasurer. Of course, Tim Withers will continue as a board member in his role as past president. We need two or three more board members. We welcome anyone and would especially like people who can help us make the transition to an electronic organization or who can help organize social events at meetings. We also welcome nominees/volunteers for **student representative**.

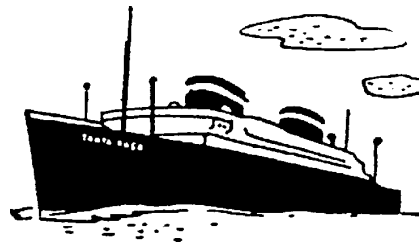
LGVMA Looking to Go Completely Electronic

Tim Withers, Michael McElvaine and Chip Wells met recently to discuss the future direction of LGVMA. Several ideas were discussed. The primary one that we hope will be adopted will be a change to an electronic organization. We believe that most of our members have enough computer literacy to make this transition. All announcements and newsletters would go out through a listserv. Other documents would be posted on a members only site on our webpage. Much will need to be worked out before we can accomplish this but we feel that it would allow LGVMA to be more current and responsive to our membership and also eliminate the expense and labor of mailings.

Job Opportunity, LGVMA Newsletter Editor

The LGVMA board has approved a paid position for the newsletter editor. If you are interested in applying, please contact Vic (**cvs2@cornell.edu**) or Michael (**mmcelvaine@aol.com**) by August 15, if possible. We anticipate producing 3 newsletters per year that will be distributed electronically. Applicants are expected to have their own design software. Responsibilities will include

- sending out email to solicit submissions
- laying out and editing submissions
- reviewing a newsletter draft with board members
- preparing a final version for email distribution and posting on the LGVMA website



LGVMA Board Meeting, March 19, 2006

The meeting was held online in the chat room of the LGVMA Yahoo list-serv. Despite some relatively minor technical issues, the meeting went fairly well. Present at the meeting: Tim Withers (president), Vic Spain (secretary), Mike Miller (treasurer), Keri Jones (at-large board member), Michael McElvaine (at-large board member), and Ron Erkert (membership director)

Items discussed:

1) Newsletter: Vic and Noel have graciously agreed to put the next newsletter together for us but have asked to make other arrangements after that. Considering we have no other volunteers available who can produce the newsletter in a timely and efficient manner, Vic proposed we offer this as a paid position to our membership and their family/friends (see job description above).

2) Student Scholarship: Mike Miller reported no applications have been received at the PO Box so far. The Board agreed to extend the deadline to May 15. Michael, Vic and Keri agreed to be on the committee to review any applications we receive and make recommendations to the full Board.

3) Annual Meeting: Tim will not be attending the meeting in Honolulu so Michael agreed to lead the Annual Meeting. The room request form has been submitted to the AVMA with Michael listed as contact person.

4) Elections & Future of LGVMA: Vic, Mike and Michael all agreed to run for re-election for their current positions; Ron is serving an appointed position and agreed to continue to serve in that capacity as well. We discussed the need to recruit the next generation of LGVMA leaders and discussed in general terms what form LGVMA might take in the future.

LGVMA at SAVMA 2006 in Minneapolis

LGVMA hosted a social event at the 2006 SAVMA Symposium held in Minneapolis March 9-11. Seven GLBT students attended the gathering, held at the Newsroom Restaurant near the conference hotel. Schools represented were the University of Wisconsin, Michigan State, Western (California), UC-Davis, and the University of Illinois.

LGVMA members Kate French and Ronna Dornsife organized the event. Two other guests were a local vet, and Kate's partner who got roped in as well. Drinks and appetizers were on LGVMA, then we stayed on for dinner after. Everyone seemed to have a great time!

Between regaling each other with tales about Anatomy, vet school parties, and exams, the students shared some interesting stories about their experiences. One lesbian student was counseled by her undergraduate advisor against listing GLBT activities on her vet school application. A previously politically active student was shocked at the lack of GLBT awareness at his vet school compared to his undergraduate experience on the very same campus. Most talked about general acceptance from their classmates. In fact, a couple of the students said they wouldn't have seen the notices about the SAVMA reception had their straight friends not pointed them out.

In between plates of flatbread pizza, we talked about the LGVMA scholarship(s) available with an extended deadline for 2006. There was a consensus that news about LGVMA is not getting out to students at the vet schools. Students requested that we find a way to let first year students know about our organization. They felt this would help them feel less isolated as they started out in a new school and a new profession.

Ronna collected emails at the end of the night, to make a list so new friends can get in touch with each other. While the rest of us went home to bed, the vet students were just getting warmed up for a night on the town in downtown Minneapolis.

Thanks to Kate French for attending SAVMA and providing this summary of the meeting.

Join the LGVMA ListServe

LGVMA maintains a Yahoo Groups listserve so you can exchange messages rapidly with other participating members.

Subscribe by sending an email to: **LGVMA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com**
Or visit our website to subscribe.

LGVMA ONLINE

Be sure to check out our colorful and informative website at **www.LGVMA.org**. This entertaining website is voluntarily maintained by LGVMA member, Karen Hull, DVM. This newsletter is available for downloading on our website. Other online services include an application for membership, how to contact us, a calendar of events, and important links to other sites. If you have ideas for things that you would like to see on the website, please let Karen know by emailing her at: **webmaster@LGVMA.org**

Cornell Vet School Scholarship

Cornell University New York State College of Veterinary Medicine has begun collecting funds to support a scholarship for any veterinary student who is willing to identify themselves as gay or lesbian. The scholarship will begin as soon as they reach the \$25,000.00 mark. People wanting to contribute to this scholarship fund must indicate it as the Anna and Hyman Greenberg Scholarship. At present the fund has received \$10,000.00 with the plan that it would be fully funded in three to four years.

Thanks to Malcolm Kram for providing this news story.



LGVMA Student Scholarship

LGVMA received 9 student scholarship applications this year. The scholarship committee has identified 2 outstanding applicants as the scholarship winners. The winners will be officially announced at the Annual Meeting.

Classifieds

Veterinarian Wanted in Florida

South Sarasota County – Small Animal Associate desired for AAHA-accredited 2.5-doctor practice in beautiful coastal area. Well-equipped hospital, excellent clientele. Our DVM's diagnose, prescribe and do surgery. Nurses do the rest! Leadership, training, excellent communication skills a plus. Base salary + production, benefits, average 40 hours/week, rotating weekends. Great opportunity for long-term association with possible buy-in.

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Submit!

The next LGVMA newsletter will be published in Fall 2006. Please send any news or other submissions to **lgvma@lgvma.org**. We are particularly interested in news about LGVMA gatherings, meetings or interesting news about members. Microsoft Word files attached to e-mail are the easiest for us to work with. If you have any digital photos (related to LGVMA events, that is!), please email them. Thanks!

Check our website for current job listings: www.lgvma.org

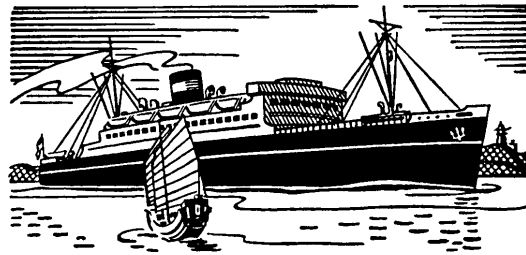
LGVMA members can place a free ad for the newsletter and website. Others may contact the editor for advertising prices. Simply e-mail LGVMA@lgvma.org

Veterinarian Wanted in Indiana

We are seeking a motivated team player to add to our five-doctor, nine-technician practice near South Bend, IN. Enjoy practicing high quality veterinary medicine in our 7800 sq. ft. small animal and exotic practice. We have excellent diagnostic capabilities such as: digital radiography, dental radiography, ultrasound with Doppler, endoscopy, laparoscopy, two in-house Idexx blood chemistry analyzers, ECG, pulse oximetry, Doppler blood pressure unit, and many others.

We are located in an upper middle class suburb of South Bend, Indiana with clients willing to go the extra mile. We do not require any emergency duty allowing you to enjoy the many things the area has to offer. We are within 90 minutes of Chicago and 30 minutes from Lake Michigan. The area offers several cultural and educational opportunities.

Compensation is production based and negotiable. Benefits include continuing education, 401K, medical and liability insurance, vacation, clothing allowance, licensing, and dues. If you are interested please contact or send resumes to Dr. Stephanie Harr at Kryder Veterinary Clinic, P.C., 12555 State Road 23, PO Box 355, Granger, IN 46530; phone (574) 277-6533; FAX (574) 277-0145; or email harrs@comcast.net.



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Secretary	Vic Spain, DVM, Philadelphia, PA
Treasurer	Michael Miller, DVM, Alameda, CA
Student Rep	<i>position vacant</i>

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