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Letter from the President

Dear fellow APVMA members,

I hope all of your classes and studies are going well. Seniors, try to keep that senioritis under control (I know the feeling!) and underclassmen, please keep up the hard work!

It is that time of year again to start planning for the upcoming American Pre Veterinary Medical Association's National Symposium, which will be held on Marc 11-13th at Mississippi State University. I advise you to start contacting your local student governments, veterinary professionals, and businesses about sponsorships to help your club decrease the overall costs and allow you to attend this highly beneficial gathering of your peers from across the country. I would be more than happy to write a personal letter to your student government if necessary. Also keep in mind at the symposium we announce the winners of various scholarships and awards, so be sure to get your application in early!

Presidents, please do not forget to turn in your APVMA membership form and pay your dues by December 1st of this year! The membership form for clubs, as well as individuals may be found at www.apvma.us by clicking on "Join APVMA" at the top of the page.

I have heard some great things from club members and presidents thus far this school year so let's keep up the hard work! If you ever need anything, please feel free to email myself at jmtynnda2@ncsu.edu or any of your other national officers.

Respectfully,

James Tyndall
APVMA National President

Check out the newly updated APVMA website!
www.apvma.us

Courtesy of APVMA Webmaster, Jessyca Allen

What is Symposium?!

Each year APVMA and a previously chosen school put on the APVMA National Symposium. It is a collective meeting of schools from across the nation who come together to broaden their understanding of different aspects of veterinary medicine. Last year more than 480 students and advisors from colleges and universities across the country attended the 2010 National Symposium. Hosted by Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, the symposium featured labs and lectures on veterinary topics including suture techniques, clicker training, wolf medicine, avian medicine, and cattle breeding, among others. Several vendor booths and veterinary colleges were featured during the three-day symposium, which provided students with information on many topics of veterinary medicine. These included the American Veterinary Medical Association, St. George's University, Ross University, Alliance for Rabies Control, Melbourne University, and Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. New executive members were also elected at the banquet and Mississippi State received the bid to host the 2011 APVMA National Symposium.

Questions or Comments?

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Join APVMA!

Getting into veterinary school is a long and difficult process for most pre-veterinary students. Pre-veterinary clubs bring together undergraduate students with the same dream of becoming a veterinarian. Just as your pre-veterinary club is your support group to keep you focused on veterinary school, the American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association is here for your club. We bring together pre-veterinary students from all across America and soon, from all across the world.

The benefits of being a member of APVMA include:

- Attend the Annual APVMA National Symposium
- Exposure to lectures addressing the broad scope of veterinary medicine
- Exposure to hands-on experience in various laboratories
- Opportunities to visit different veterinary colleges
- Connect with other pre-veterinary students
- Network with veterinarians & animal-related health professionals
- Receive quarterly newsletters via email
- Network with other pre-vet clubs
- Qualify for scholarships, club & individual awards



Joining is Easy!

- 1) Visit the APVMA website at http://www.apvma.us/Join_APVMA.html to see if your school already has a pre-veterinary club or association that is APVMA registered. If your school is not listed, you can also register as an individual.
- 2) Fill out the membership application that can also be found on the APVMA website at http://www.apvma.us/Join_APVMA.html
- 3) Mail the form and dues to the APVMA treasurer at:
Allie Stevens
244 W. Shaw Hall
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- 4) Please email James Tyndall at jmtynnda2@ncsu.edu when your application has been submitted to confirm your membership request.



The deadline to return membership applications for the 2010-2011 academic year is December 1, 2010.

APVMA Scholarships and Awards

Each year the APVMA gives out several scholarships and awards to showcase outstanding individuals and clubs. Any APVMA member is welcome to apply and the winners will be announced at the 2011 APVMA National Symposium at Mississippi State University! The awards and scholarships include:

Outstanding Community Service for a Pre-Veterinary Club Award

This award is given to an APVMA member club that has shown exemplary and superior community service within their area. The award is based on what is done from the date of last year's national symposium. The quality of the project is considered, not the amount of money spent, nor the number of people involved. This is not a monetary award and the number of awards provided is at the discretion of the APVMA Executive Board.

Outstanding Senior Award

This award is given to students belonging to APVMA member clubs who have a senior status within their institution. This is a \$500 scholarship and the number of awards provided is at the discretion of the APVMA Executive Board.

Outstanding Pre-Veterinary Student Scholarship

This scholarship is given to students belonging to APVMA member clubs. It is awarded based on leadership, activities, and participation within the club as well as other school and community activities. This is a \$500 scholarship and the APVMA Executive Board will determine the two recipients.

Check out last year's winners and this year's applications at <http://www.apvma.us/ /Scholarships %26 Awards.html>

A Note For All APVMA Member Clubs!

APVMA and AVMA have been working together to provide your club with subscriptions to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA). If you are a member club of APVMA and you have an on-campus office or location where a copy of JAVMA could be mailed and be accessed by all club members, then you are eligible to receive a hardcopy version of JAVMA. Please email the APVMA President, James Tyndall at jmtynda2@ncsu.edu if you are interested!

