

The Student AVMA



The Smart Start to Your Veterinary Career

Who is SAVMA?

- ❖ SAVMA is the governing body for veterinary students.
- ❖ It consists of two delegates from each veterinary school and an Executive Committee.
- ❖ These are students just like you!



So Many Committees!!

- ❖ Animal Welfare/Human-Animal Bond
- ❖ Emerging Issues
- ❖ Governmental Affairs
- ❖ International Student Relations
- ❖ Multicultural Student Affairs
- ❖ The Native American Project
- ❖ Education And Licensure
- ❖ Symposium
- ❖ Public Relations
- ❖ Economics, Finance and Management



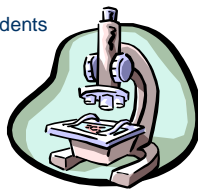
Animal Welfare/Human-Animal Bond

- ❖ Accumulates and disseminates information to Student Chapters concerning the welfare of all animals and the relationship of professional ethics to animal welfare
- ❖ Two \$250.00 awards given to students who promote animal welfare or the human-animal bond



Emerging Issues

- ❖ Serves as an information source for veterinary students on current issues such as alternative medicine, bioterrorism, and environmental issues
- ❖ Conducts an annual survey for students
- ❖ \$250.00 essay award
- ❖ \$50.00 Chapter prize



Governmental Affairs

- ❖ Promotes civic awareness and involvement among SAVMA members
- ❖ Raises awareness of the AVMA's role in national issues
- ❖ \$250.00 scholarship essay contest
- ❖ Hosts at least one speaker/workshop at the annual SAVMA symposium



International Veterinary Student Relations

- ❖ Helps coordinate student exchanges for US veterinary students as well as foreign veterinary students
- ❖ Recruits US veterinarians to host foreign veterinary students
- ❖ \$500.00 IVSA Chapter Award



Multicultural Student Affairs

- ❖ Promotes diversity and multiculturalism within the profession and maintains communication between minority students and the AVMA
- ❖ Two \$400.00 Multicultural Scholarships
- ❖ Ten \$100.00 Diversity Grants
- ❖ Conducts a Vet School Outreach Survey
- ❖ Currently developing a mentoring program



The Native American Project

- ❖ Coordinates externship experiences for veterinary students on one of three Indian reservations
- ❖ Six \$250.00 stipends available for SCAVMA members



Education and Licensure

- ❖ Encourages the development and refinement of veterinary educational programs at veterinary schools in the United States and Canada and facilitates licensure of graduates from these schools
- ❖ Conducts the NAVLE survey for senior students
- ❖ Aids in NAVLE board preparation
- ❖ \$500.00 in awards for the best board study aids submitted by veterinary students
- ❖ Currently compiling internship and externship information for veterinary students



Symposium Committee

- ❖ Responsible for organizing the annual SAVMA Educational Symposium
- ❖ Get ready for “Symposium Texas Style” being held March 10-12, 2005 at Texas A&M University!!

Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine
College Station, Texas



Public Relations

- ❖ Encourages communication between veterinary students and the AVMA
- ❖ Eight \$100.00 grants awarded to students promoting the veterinary profession within their community
- ❖ Responsible for the SAVMA Teaching Excellence Awards
- ❖ Distributes an annual SAVMA promotional CD-ROM





Economics, Finance and Management

- ❖ Promotes education of students on current economic issues facing the veterinary profession
- ❖ Serves as a resource for SCAVMA Chapters and veterinary business clubs
- ❖ Organizes a Survival Packet for Senior Students
- ❖ Five \$100.00 Start-up awards for Veterinary business clubs
- ❖ Four \$250.00 awards given to exceptional veterinary business clubs

But What Else?

In addition to all the information from the committees and the abundance of monetary opportunities available to SAVMA members...



...there are great Benefits



- ❖ Subscription to JAVMA and AJVR at reduced rates
- ❖ Free access to Intervet, the online student publication
- ❖ \$10 Liability Insurance from AVMA PLIT
- ❖ Medical and life insurance plans also available
- ❖ Free access to the AVMA website: www.avma.org

Even More Benefits!!

- ❖ Free access to the AVMA career center
- ❖ Free registration for the annual AVMA convention
- ❖ Reduced AVMA membership rates for new graduates
- ❖ Camaraderie and Collegiality among the veterinary profession
- ❖ Great Networking Opportunities



In Summary

Being a member of SAVMA and your Student Chapter is a very beneficial and rewarding opportunity. Take advantage and get involved!!



Your local SCAVMA chapter

- Hill's feeding program
 - Discounted food to SCAVMA members. Proceeds go to fund various supplies, equipment and programs throughout the veterinary school and hospital.
 - 2003: Stethoscopes for various wards, new printers and computers for senior's computer lab



Other contributions:



- \$250.00 per year to every club within the veterinary school
- Additional funding for speakers and activities
- 'Scholarships' randomly distributed to SCAVMA members at all-school meetings
- Funding for SCAVMA members to attend National Annual SCAVMA Symposium

Not a SCAVMA member?? What are you missing???

Aside from all afore-mentioned benefits...

You cannot be a member of ANY other veterinary club at KSU unless you are a member of SCAVMA!!!!

Enrollment Numbers from the class of 2007

- Last year we had 100% MEMBERSHIP
- Our goal is always 100% membership
 - Aside from individual student benefits, this allows us a voting voice at the SAVMA level

Questions??

Contact your School's Delegate for more information

