



VETERINARY BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Hello!

Whether this is your first time as a member or you're a veteran VBMA-er, the VBMA has a lot to offer you. We have many exciting things planned for this semester and next that you're not going to want to miss. Take a look:

- Sept. 10 -- **First membership meeting!** Lunch provided, location TBA
- Sept. 26 – **Speed Networking Event** in conjunction with the VVMA and the Mentor Weekend
- Early Oct. – **Members' Only Dinners** with speakers from courses in the professional development curriculum.
 - An excellent **networking** opportunity!
 - Guests of honor at dinners may include: Dr. Jim Wilson, Mr. Fritz Wood, Mr. Mark Opperman
- Oct. 28 – **Business Management for the Large Animal/Ambulatory Practice** with Pfizer's Dr. Rob Lynch
- Early Nov. – **Business Etiquette Dinner** – this time, our elegant event is open to **members only!**
- Nov. 19 – **Interviews for Future Officers** – the VBMA wants YOU!
- Dec. 2 – **Mr. Nate Cockle, Director of Recruitment for National Veterinary Associates**, speaks about NVA
 - Employment and Practice Ownership opportunities for veterinarians who are looking for a worker-friendly environment where they can practice medicine autonomously
- Feb. 2 – **Dr. Ernie Ward** – Father, husband, practice owner, triathlete, personal trainer, and life coach – Don't miss this energetic speaker, past recipient of the NAVC Speaker of the Year Award, as he speaks at Virginia-Maryland for the first time since 2006!

Don't forget – with your membership, you will enjoy all of these excellent benefits:

- Opportunity to win a trip to NAVC in Orlando in January or \$1,000 cash from Veterinary Pet Insurance
- Giveaways for members at select events
- Discounts on legal/ business texts published by Priority Press
- Receive Veterinary Economics monthly
- Enter to win a \$2000 scholarship/award from Simmons Educational Fund (for 3rd-year student members)
- Opportunities for **leadership** on a **local and national** level
- Acknowledgement from the Virginia / Maryland VMAs
- Impress future employers with your dedication to improving your business acumen!
- Interactive opportunities to practice the skills you develop, in future networking and business-tool training events
- Develop business knowledge that will serve you for a lifetime!

The Veterinary Business Management Association is a student-driven organization dedicated to advancing the profession through: increasing business knowledge, creating networking opportunities, and empowering students to achieve their personal and professional goals.



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Membership is \$10 for one year, \$17 for two, \$25 for three years, or \$30 for all four! Attached below is an envelope addressed to the VBMA. To join, all you need to do is fill out the form in the envelope, insert your payment (cash or check made payable to VBMA), and drop the envelope in my mailbox in the commons.

I can't wait to see you at our events this year.

Sincerely,

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