

OVMA Leadership Council

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Any OVMA member may join the Leadership Council. Please select your area of interest below and return this form to: OVMA, 1880 Lancaster Drive NE, Suite 118, Salem, OR 97305, fax us at (503) 363-4218, or send us an e-mail at contact@oregonvma.org. Thank you.

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Animal Care Forum

The OVMA hosts an annual forum for veterinary, shelter and animal control leaders. The purpose is to identify common interests and concerns about animal care in Oregon and to address how we can work together to resolve some of the issues.

Animal Welfare

Gather, study and interpret relevant information on animal welfare issues of importance to the veterinary profession, and develop position statements for consideration by the Board of Directors. Also review adopted position statements for relevancy and ensure they are current.

Clinical Practice

Identify key issues and challenges within private practice and recommend to the Board of Directors how best the Association can help practitioners and their staffs address them.

Issues Advisory

Strategically identify key issues confronting the veterinary profession today and within the next 2 - 5 years. Assess who is and might be impacted by the issues, what role the OVMA should play in addressing them and with whom the Association should form alliances, if any, to address the issues.

Non-Veterinary Ownership of Practices

Gather material from other states on non-veterinary ownership of practices. Review the pros/cons of the issue and identify the steps for moving forward with legislation to permit non-veterinary ownership of practices. Discussion will include suggested statutory and administrative rule changes, with a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Recent Graduates & Student Liaison

Review current OVMA interaction with veterinary students and recent graduates. Identify areas of support or program that can be introduced and provided for students and recent graduates as they move forward in their education and professional career, respectively. Further suggest enhancements for the Web site that addresses this topic.

Scope of Veterinary Practice

This ad-hoc committee is charged with taking an in-depth look at the Scope of Veterinary Practice and its challengers, including addressing what the legalities are, who has oversight, and what is the appropriate use of other health professionals or paraprofessionals in the veterinary practice. The council is to develop recommendations on these issues for the OVMA board.

The OVMA Leadership Council serves as both a brain trust and talent pool for the organization, tapping into the knowledge and wisdom of volunteers to consider issues of interest to the Association as well as providing their input and experience on various projects. Under this format, groups of members will explore issues, identify desired outcomes, develop recommendations for board consideration, and review progress on action plans. A few of the issues and projects presently being discussed may be ongoing, while others will be short term. For example, a task force may be assigned by the board of directors to address a specific, single issue, with a report or recommendation to the board, and then will be sunset. Also, some groups may meet "in person" to address an issue, while others may find communication by conference call or e-mail to be sufficient. This will depend on the nature of the issue.