Report of the Vice President

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The 2017-2018 academic year started with the continuation of previous AVMA leadership and staff initiatives, including support of the Student AVMA (SAVMA), student leader training, as well as student education on career opportunities, wellness, financial literacy, and the importance of organized veterinary medicine. As discussed during my time as a candidate, I personally emphasized career awareness and leadership when talking to students. This led to the publication of a manuscript I co-authored with Dr. Heather Case entitled “The Importance of Veterinary Career Awareness” in the May 15, 2018 issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

During this year I chaired the Task Force on the Vice President Position, to evaluate the Vice President’s duties in light of current AVMA strategic goals and travel schedule. With several more veterinary programs on the horizon (either four-year or satellite programs), continued thought needs to be given to the position. I am hopeful that the AVMA Board of Directors can continue the evaluation of this position with the input provided by the Task Force. I would also like to take this opportunity to note that I believe additional staff resources could be allocated to supporting our ever-growing student population. Investing in today’s students leads only to future veterinarians who are strong leaders and enthusiastic participants in organized veterinary medicine.

Working with the students and supporting SAVMA will be my lasting honor as AVMA Vice President.

Regards,

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