

Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Carlson, House of Delegates, Executive Board and Guests,

It is an honor for me to address the AVMA House of Delegates on behalf of the Auxiliary to the AVMA.

I thought I would use this brief time to update you on the actions of the Auxiliary over the exciting last 6 months since AVMA convention in Atlanta. The AVMA journal has recapped some of them.

There have been many changes in a short amount of time.

The year began with the resignation of our two employees. This prompted the necessity to transfer property and assets to the AVMA headquarter in Schaumburg, IL. All this was done under the watchful eye and direction of Kim Michael-Lee, Chief Financial Officer of the AVMA. She has now gotten our financial and tax liabilities in a manageable state. This will not only make things easier for the Auxiliary in the future, but make sure we maintain the proper charitable status. Our tax forms, liabilities and inventory have been painstakingly assessed and corrected.

The Auxiliary has hired a temporary employee to assist and relieve Kim of some of the added burden she has carried. We all should thank Kim for her hero efforts to help the Auxiliary.

Two Executive Board members also resigned shortly after convention. The remaining members have shared the responsibilities to continue progress.

Our goal to help the veterinary student has also never changed.

Maintaining the respect and honor of Auxiliary members throughout our “long” history, is of utmost importance. Their hard work and diligence on “your” behalf and the generations ahead, demand our perseverance!!

Thank you.

*Linger Norton,
President Elect
Auxiliary to the
AVMA.*