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ASVMAE 2016
Annual Conference
August 5-6, 2016
Grand Hyatt San Antonio

2016 ASVMAE Annual Conference

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 5

Noon - 1:00 pm ASVMAE Annual Awards Luncheon
Room: Lone Star Ballroom Salon D, 2nd Level

Saturday, August 6

8:30 - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
Room: Republic B, 4th Level

9:00 am - Noon The Nitty-Gritty of Stimulating Health and Excellence in Veterinarians
Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth Strand
Room: Republic B, 4th Level

Noon - 1:30 pm ASVMAE Membership Meeting Luncheon
Room: Crockett A/B, 4th Level

1:30 - 4:00 pm Navigating Student Debt, Income-Based Loan Repayment
Presenter: Dr. Tony Bartels
Room: Republic B, 4th Level

4:00 - 4:30 pm Forward Booking "Ready. Set. Go!" for Your VMA Members
Presenter: Lisa Perius and Chris Copeland
Room: Republic B, 4th Level

5:30 - 6:30 pm San Antonio City Tour

6:45 pm Networking Dinner
Chart House - Tower of Americas

Double Decker City Tour and Networking Dinner Saturday, August 6

This early evening private tour aboard a Double Decker bus highlights many different areas in and around downtown San Antonio. The upper deck's 360 degree field of view offers an elevated photographic perspective of the San Fernando Cathedral, the Spanish Governor's Palace, Market Square, Pearl Brewery, and the Alamo. The lower deck is air-conditioned and has large windows for ease of viewing. The tour begins and ends at the conference hotel.

The trolley will pick our group up at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at 5:30 pm. Your ticket is included in the registration fee, guests are \$25.

After the tour, join us for an optional dinner at Chart House. In the skies of San Antonio, Chart House dazzles guests at the historic Tower of the Americas. At 750 feet high, this restaurant has the most spectacular look at the Alamo City, giving panoramic views of the sprawling landscape. The cost for dinner is \$90 per person and is **not** covered in your registration fee.



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Saturday's Program

The Nitty-Gritty of Stimulating Health and Excellence in Veterinarians

Presented by: Dr. Elizabeth Strand

Recently, there has been growing concern about the prevalence of depression, anxiety, and stress in the profession of veterinary medicine. There is even evidence that veterinarians experience higher rates of suicide than the general population and other medical professionals. Issues such as finances, end-of-life counseling, demanding clients, long work hours, team conflict, moral stress, poor work-life balance, and a "culture of sacrifice," have all been associated with higher levels of depression, anxiety, and stress.

This presentation will create a conceptual framework for understanding how these poor health outcomes occur, are maintained, and can be reversed. The topics of adverse childhood events, moral stress, neural-integration, and healthy mind behaviors will be described from research and narrative perspectives. Through didactic, experiential, video, and small group discussion techniques, attendees will share and learn best practices for managing DVM health and encouraging excellence at personal and organizational levels.

Navigating Student Debt, Income-Based Loan Repayment

Presented by: Dr. Tony Bartels

During this interactive session Dr. Tony Bartels will provide a brief background on the current student debt landscape and the challenges facing recent and future graduates as they prepare for their educational loan repayment and he will provide an overview of the various loan repayment options out there, including the federal income-driven repayment options and the challenges associated with utilizing these programs. Dr. Bartels will also discuss how "forgiveness" works under the income-driven repayment plans, as well as how we can analyze the differences between income-driven repayment and private loan refinance options using examples.

Forward Booking "Ready. Set. Go!" for Your VMA Members

Presented by: Lisa Perius, Indiana VMA and Chris Copeland, Texas VMA



ASVMAE and Partners for Healthy Pets have collaborated to develop a forward booking initiative – and the ASVMAE Task Force on Practice Management wants to engage YOU in a united effort to propel adoption of forward booking in veterinary practice. You'll hear the whys and whens about the initiative, receive an implementation guide as part of the turn-key resources designed specifically for VMA executives, and see first-hand the step-by-step guide and resources designed to help your members get moving on forward booking! Learn how you can participate in this campaign because, together, we can drive results: healthier patients and healthier practices.

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Dr. Elizabeth Strand



Dr. Elizabeth Strand is the Founding Director of Veterinary Social Work (VSW) at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a licensed clinical social worker, family therapist, grief counselor, a mediator, an Emotional Brain Trainer and a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Teacher. She is also an interfaith minister.

Her interest-areas include the link between human and animal violence, animals in family systems, the scholarly and practice development of veterinary social work as a sub-specialty of social work practice, communication skills, conflict resolution, and stress management in animal related environments. Her professional mission is to encourage the humane treatment of both people and animals and to care for those professionals who care for animals. Her motto is, "Be kind to yourself or ELSE!"

Dr. Tony Bartels

Tony Bartels, DVM, MBA, is a 2012 Colorado State University graduate and employee of the Veterinary Information Network. He also practices small animal and exotics veterinary medicine in Fort Collins, Colo. His professional interests include advocating for internship quality control and highlighting the benefits and boondoggles of the income-based repayment programs.

When he's not staring holes into his family's student loan statements, he enjoys spending time with his wife Audra, a soon-to-be small animal internal medicine specialist. Other family members include two back-alley street mutts named Oakley and Herbie and a tortoise named Leo the Infamous. During his rare instances of free time, you might find Dr. Bartels on the ice between the pipes as a goaltender or fly fishing in one of many Colorado and Wyoming rivers.



JOIN ASVMAE IN AUSTIN THIS OCTOBER!

**2016 ASVMAE FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 27-29, 2016**

InterContinental Stephen F. Austin
Austin, Texas

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Position: _____

Association: _____

Email: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

CHECK ALL EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

- ASVMAE Awards Luncheon - Friday
(First guest included in registration fee)
Name of Guest: _____
- CE Session - Saturday
- Membership Luncheon - Saturday
- Group Tour - Saturday

REGISTRATION FEES:

- ASVMAE Member - Full Program \$195.00
- Non-Member - Full Program \$295.00
- Networking Dinner #____ x \$90.00
- Guest Tour #____ x \$25.00
- Add'l Awards Luncheon Guests #____ x \$65.00

TOTAL PAYMENT : \$ _____

Your registration fee includes the Annual Awards Luncheon for you **and** your president or other officer, the CE program on Saturday, and the group tour on Friday evening. **If you wish to bring additional guests to the Awards Luncheon, please add \$65 per person to your registration fee.** Tickets may also be purchased for guests to attend the tour.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check (enclosed payable to ASVMAE)
- Visa MasterCard American Express

Credit card #: _____ Expiration: _____

Cardholder's name printed: _____ CVV #: _____

Cardholder's signature: _____

Billing address: _____

City, State/Province, Postal Code: _____

Cancellations received on or before the registration cutoff date will receive a full refund less a \$50 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after the cutoff date or for no shows.

HOW TO REGISTER

ONLINE

Visit www.vmaexecs.org

BY FAX

Send registration form to
866-593-3892

BY MAIL

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 22, 2016