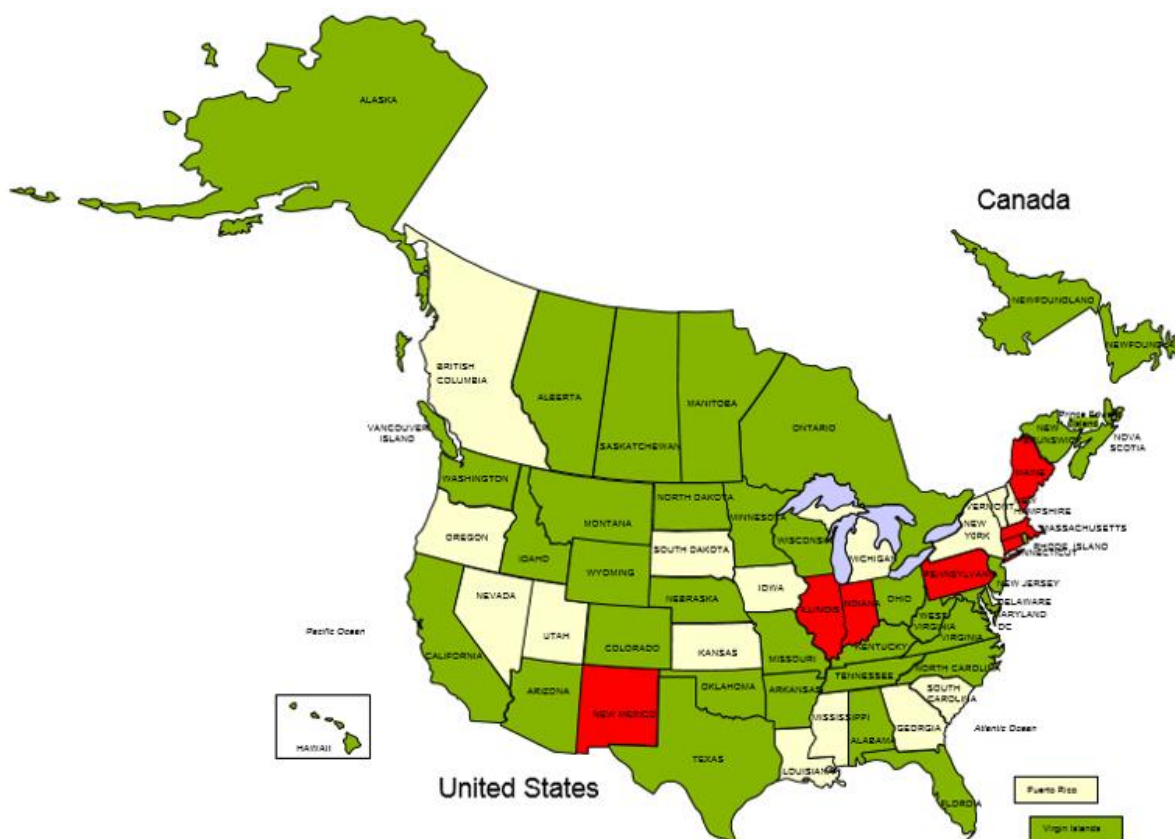


2018 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference Summary

Below are the highlights from the 2018 Annual Meeting & Conference held in Washington DC from September 13-15, 2018.

Business Sessions

This year's business sessions included voting on the nominees for the open positions, proposed Bylaws amendments, a resolution, updates to the Practice Act Model (PAM), including a new definition of a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR), and proclamations. There were a record 55 Delegates in attendance as well as 38 Alternate Delegates.



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The **two proposed [Bylaws](#) amendments** were approved by the Delegates.

The Delegates elected the following:

AAVSB Board of Directors

President-Elect Directors	Roger Redman, DVM (OH)
	Vito DelVento, DVM (DC)
	Larry McTague, DVM (OK)
	Frank Richardson, DVM (NS)

Michael Gotchey, DVM (CO), moved into the **President** position. Chris Runde, DVM (MD), Kim Gemeinhardt, DVM (NC), Leslie Knachel (VA), and Timothy Kolb, DVM, (OH), continue as **Directors**. Mark Olson, DVM, (KS) moved into the role of **Immediate Past President**.

ICVA Representatives	Jon Betts, DVM (OR)
	Kathy Bowler (CA)

[Resolution 2018-1](#) was passed by the Delegates.

The updates to the **[Practice Act Model](#)** were passed by the Delegates. A separate vote was taken for the new definition of a VCPR, which also passed.

Program and Services Report AAVSB Executive Director James T. Penrod, CAE, FASLA, ICVA CEO Heather Case, DVM, and the AAVSB representatives to the ICVA entertained questions regarding their organization's respective programs and services.

[Proclamations 2018-1, 2018-2, 2018-3, 2018-4, and 2018-5](#) were passed by the Delegates.

Educational Presentations

Federal Trade Commission Update

Ms. Tara Koslov from the Federal Trade Commission reported on how competition benefits consumers of licensed professional services, the FTC policy and enforcement activities involving veterinary services and products, license portability and telehealth. She reviewed what the FTC and Regulatory Boards have in common and specifically addressed other FTC works of interest to the veterinary community including pet medications, antitrust enforcement, consumer protection enforcement, advocacy comments and consumer education. She also took questions from attendees.

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Legislative Update

Ashley Morgan, DVM, CAE, and Kent McClure, DVM, JD, presented a review of current legislation surrounding veterinary regulation. They provided information regarding licensure, scope of practice, and pharmacy-related issues. They also reported how different states address animal drug compounding, whether states include or exempt veterinarians in the prescription drug monitoring program, and opioid resources for veterinarians.

License Mobility Workshop

James T. Penrod, CAE, FASLA, facilitated a discussion to identify the Member Boards' barriers to license mobility and investigate solutions. Mr. Penrod addressed the issues with licensure both from the licensee and the Member Board perspective. Each table identified the impediments to license mobility, discussed solution options, came to consensus on a recommendation, and reported their findings.

Unmerged to Merged and Back: A Case Study in Legislative Relationships

Dirk Hanson, DVM, outlined how and why the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners went from an unmerged agency to a merged agency and back to an unmerged regulatory body while building relationships with state legislators.

Licensure from a Student Perspective

Kim Gemeinhardt, DVM, and Leslie Knachel presented information regarding how to demystify the licensure process for veterinary and veterinary technology students.

Regulating Veterinary Technicians

Debbie Whitten, LVT, Irene Moore, DVM, and Anne Duffy, RVT, discussed the Veterinary Nurse Initiative, the AAVSB VAULT program, and the proposed Foreign Veterinary Technician Education Equivalence Program.

Top Legal Cases

Dale Atkinson, JD, presented his annual Top Legal Cases, including relevant stories from today's headlines.

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