

The future of Veterinary Students

With the exceptional debt veterinary students are facing, no education is as imperative as business education. Learning our industry, how to plan for our future financially while also providing business minded students with the skills and education they need to succeed, VBMA will continue to be a successful and a highly sought experience preferred in new graduates by private practitioners.



2011 National VBMA Officers (above) & 2011 Regional Leaders (below) in Orlando, FL for the VBMA National Meeting



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Why students choose VBMA



Dr. Richard DeBowes
Associate Dean of Veterinary Development
and external relations, Washington State
University

"One of the real joys of being a veterinary educator has been to encounter former students who are now out in veterinary practices, health care companies, research labs and related health enterprises, changing the face and impact of our profession. I can't help but notice that amongst the population of highly successful colleagues I have encountered in recent years, VBMA alums are over represented. I would encourage every veterinary student to become a VBMA member."



Jim Mahan
Live Oak Bank Marketing Director

"The VBMA prepares, empowers, and motivates. It's leadership is rock solid and I trust them implicitly. In short, this organization, all it stands for, and all it does for veterinarians is vital. Any exposure to what it offers will be beneficial. I give it my highest recommendation."

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VBMA Mission Statement

The Veterinary Business Management Association is a student-driven organization dedicated to advancing the profession through increasing business knowledge, creating networking opportunities, and empowering students to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Why should you join VBMA

The VBMA is one of the largest and most active independent student programs in our nation's veterinary schools with over 3,300 members and growing as international vet programs are establishing chapters. VBMA provides a strong foundation of general and veterinary specific business education. We are an organization that was founded by students as our predecessors recognized the lack of business education they were receiving in their curriculum. We pride ourselves on the initiative our members have to better themselves, their careers as well as their future employers. Members are the veterinary students dedicated to pursuing excellence in all facets of their veterinary education and ultimately in their careers as VBMA students are likely the future practice owners, & the future of the veterinary profession.

What your membership gives you

◆ **Business Networking**

-VBMA utilizes the best professionals in the industry to bring you the business education you need to succeed in your career! Access to networking with these professionals is a great advantage to joining VBMA and has led to employment for many of our members

◆ **Business Education:**

-In 2009-2010 VBMA Sponsors helped bring 283+ hours of business education to members. New to the National VBMA is a Gold or Silver Business certificate which allows any student to earn recognition for the commitment they make when joining VBMA and completing the recommended hours of business education.

◆ **Industry Appeal:**

-VBMA chapters around the nation and internationally proudly recognizes their members. Many chapters offer a business certificate that will make you more competitive in the industry and will reassure practitioners of your understanding of business

-With an average of 10,000 daily hits, our website is a great tool for finding business opportunities. To name a few, business externships, scholarships, numerous links and continuing education outlets are amongst the favorite perks our organization offers members

◆ **Communication:**

-Our members are noticed amongst professionals for being top notch in communication. They are well rounded professionals who know where to find industry information they need and communicate with industry leaders the needs of students in today's educational systems and therefore are seen as student leaders across the nation

◆ **Annual National Meeting:**

-Every January in Orlando, FL the National Meeting brings together the national executive board, our regional leaders, and VBMA chapter officers from every veterinary school in the country. Besides the VBMA National Meeting, there is no other opportunity that allows students to reach so many business-professionals on such a personal level. VBMA utilizes the networking at the North American Veterinary Conference, to increase the resources and the connections that allow business education to reach members even further.