

ACVS FOUNDATION



Fall 2016

Chair of the Board of Trustees Message

The ACVS Foundation is completing another successful year of service to ACVS Diplomates. We funded nearly \$60,000 in research grants in 2016 and sponsored well-attended continuing education at the 2016 ACVS Surgery Summit, including Equine Advanced Pain Management; Practitioners' Program; Introduction to Surgical Oncology; Work & Life in Veterinary Surgery; Things I Didn't Learn in My Residency; Wounds and Reconstruction; and Civility in the Workplace.

Additionally, we presented both the Celebration of Surgical Success silent auction and social events

for Emeritus Diplomates and their guests.

We all owe a special thanks to Dr. Mark Markel for his 10 years' service as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Under his leadership, the Foundation's corpus grew steadily and it is now just over \$2,000,000. We are also grateful to retired Trustee Dr. Elizabeth Killgallon, whose hard work helped us achieve our mission of supporting research and education for the members of the College.

We welcome four new members to the Foundation Board of Trustees:

- Dr. Elizabeth Pluhar will focus on the Honor a Mentor Program.
- Dr. John Marshall will be the liaison to the Research Committee.

- Drs. Lindsey Boone and Brian Sutherland are the large and small animal new Diplomate representatives, respectively.

The Foundation relies on ACVS Diplomate aid to meet the mission. As the new Chair of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you for your past support and encourage you to continue to assist us in our future growth. The ACVS Foundation Board of Trustees will do all that we can to further the mission of this proud organization.

Sincerely,

R. Randy Basinger
Chair, ACVS Foundation
Board of Trustees

A Celebration to Remember!

A festive crowd gathered in Seattle, WA, for the 2016 ACVS Celebration of Surgical Success. This social highlight of the annual ACVS Surgery Summit drew a large crowd and great silent auction bids. The ACVS Foundation would like to thank all those who attended and placed bids on the silent auction items. Donated items included vacation villas, award winning wines, surgical equipment, as well as textbooks and meeting registrations. The ever-popular electronics were a huge hit. High bidders went home with the Apple® MacBook Pro, Cannon EOS camera, TomTom Spark™ Music GPS Watch, and the Beats™ Pro Headphones. There were exciting door prizes including the Bose SoundLink®

Bluetooth Speaker III and the registration for the 2017 ACVS Surgery Summit. Guests enjoyed gourmet fare and had an opportunity to catch up with their colleagues and friends. Thanks again to our friends at MedVet Surgery: Past and Present for sponsoring the Photo Booth memories.

Do you have an item you would like to donate for the 2017 event? Possibly you have an idea for some fun activities during the Celebration? Please contact the ACVS Foundation Administrator, Scott Litten, slitten@acvs.org, with your ideas and contributions today. We look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis, IN, for the 2017 Celebration of Surgical Success.

Photo Booth Fun



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2016 LEGACY PROGRAM AND TOUR

The Emeritus Diplomates' Legacy Program and Tour, held in conjunction with the 2016 ACVS Surgery Summit, were outstanding successes. The Legacy Reception provided the Emeritus Diplomates, guests, and loyal Foundation donors an ideal opportunity to renew acquaintances and catch up on everyone's new undertakings.

The Legacy Tour began with a visit to the Starbucks Reserve® Roastery and Tasting Room and lunch at the award winning Serious Pie Restaurant at the Reserve® Roastery. Emeritus Diplomates and guests continued the tour with a scenic boat cruise of the Seattle harbor.

We are already looking forward to another great year in Indianapolis, IN, at the 2017 ACVS Surgery Summit. Please contact Dr. R. Randy Basinger, vetsurgdoc@gmail.com, or Dr. R. Reid Hanson, hansorr@auburn.edu, with suggestions regarding potential 2017 Legacy Tour events in Indianapolis.

Our special thanks to the following

Washington State Diplomates and practices that helped by sponsoring the Legacy Tour: Animal Surgical Clinic of Seattle, William S. Dernell, Mark H. Engen, E. B. Okrasinski, Claude A. Ragle, Marina C. Richter, Robert K. Schneider, Kenneth R. Sinibaldi, Summit Veterinary Referral Center, and Veterinary Surgical Specialists.



Emeritus Diplomates and guests depart for the 2016 Legacy Tour in Seattle, WA



CIVILITY IN THE WORKPLACE

The 2016 ACVS Surgery Summit's Civility in the Workplace session highlighted the need for improved communication between the various members of the veterinary medical team. Thirty Diplomates and other members of medical teams attended this engaging session. The session was led by Charles LaTorre, previously of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who is an expert in organizational assessment including individual and team coaching. The broad negative impact incivility has on the medical team as well as patients and animal owners was introduced. This was followed by active discussion, using case examples, to assist attendees with tools to help foster

civility, respectfully resolve conflict, and become effective leaders.

The ACVS Foundation offers a Surgery Summit session every year, which is designed to assist new ACVS Diplomates and current residents with career and personal development. Session presentations are based on direct feedback from previous new Diplomates. Should you have a topic relevant to the career and/or financial needs of newer Diplomates, please contact one of the ACVS Foundation's new Diplomat representatives, Dr. Brian Sutherland, small animal Trustee (bjsuther@gmail.com) or large animal Trustee, Dr. Lindsey Boone (lhb0021@auburn.edu).