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Leadership in Times of Change

January 7 – 9, 2021
Virtual—Online everywhere

Registration now open

A special thank you to our VLC partners for their continued support and commitment to the veterinary profession.



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What's new in 2021?

Virtual schedule

The VLC has gone virtual! The schedule has been adapted for a digital environment, including new interactive networking events.

Even more CE

Attendees can claim 9 hours of live CE and over 20 additional hours of on-demand CE through March 2021. Check with your state for specific continuing education requirements.

Attend the premier event for veterinary leadership development

The Veterinary Leadership Conference (VLC) is the veterinary profession's premier conference for leadership development. Moving to a virtual format in 2021 to ensure the health and safety of our attendees, VLC will still offer a unique mix of CE sessions, AVMA governance meetings, and networking. Attendees will expand and hone leadership skills while connecting virtually with a diverse network of colleagues from all walks of the veterinary profession. This virtual conference will be a fitting opportunity to learn about Leadership in Times of Change.

AVMA is also excited to support state VMAs and our constituent allied organizations in hosting their leaders in-person during VLC while still maintaining safe guidelines. Hosting an in-person meeting is optional for each state and constituent allied organization, and attending in-person is optional for each leader. To learn more, please reach out to your [State VMA Executive Director](#) or [constituent allied organization](#).

Why attend?

VLC equips veterinary professionals at all career stages to take on new challenges and leadership roles that benefit both the individual attendee and the veterinary profession.

- Evolve your leadership skills – Gain new insights, expand your personal toolset, and learn from those who have come before you.
- Connect with a diverse network of leaders from across the veterinary profession.
- Deepen your understanding of how the AVMA works and discover exciting opportunities to get involved!
- Earn 9 hours of live continuing education credit with the opportunity to earn over 20 additional hours through on-demand CE.

Who should attend VLC?

Veterinary Leadership Conference is for veterinarians at every career stage who are interested in deepening their engagement with AVMA and other veterinary organizations. We've expanded our leadership categories to tailor your experience to where you are in your leadership journey:

- Rising Leaders: Attendees with a desire to get involved with veterinary organizations, and little or no prior leadership experience
- Experienced Leaders: Attendees with prior experience as volunteer leaders who want deeper engagement and opportunities to develop new skills
- Presiding Leaders: Attendees who have served as chair or president of a volunteer body, or as CEO or executive director, and want to perfect their leadership skills

VLC benefits everyone!

Attendance at VLC benefits both the individual and the employer. Need help convincing your stakeholders that you MUST attend? Make your case with these helpful tips.

Attending VLC will...

- ✓ Inform me of changes in legislation that can affect the practice of veterinary medicine and policies from the AVMA that can aid veterinarians in daily work life.
- ✓ Provide a forum for me to exchange ideas and attend workshops geared towards developing my leadership skills.
- ✓ Help me obtain high-quality continuing education that can be utilized to fulfill license requirements. (*Check with your state for specific continuing education requirements.)
- ✓ Teach me effective communication techniques to interact more efficiently with clients and coworkers to boost productivity and time management.

Here's what people are saying about the VLC...

"This conference really changed my perspective about organized veterinary medicine and opened my eyes to a lot of things that I didn't know were happening. All in all, I had a great time, met a lot of wonderful people, and gathered an abundance of knowledge that I have taken back and already started applying at my clinic."
– Recent Graduate

"I enjoyed attending VLC because it gave me the opportunity to meet other students and professionals who are passionate about making positive changes in veterinary medicine and inspiring others to go above and beyond their professional duties. It opened my eyes to so many exciting opportunities that this profession has to offer and ones that I look forward to exploring further. VLC doesn't just stand for Veterinary Leadership Conference; it's very life-changing!"
– Elizabeth Jones, Student, University of Tennessee CVM

"The VLC has provided me with confidence and increased my comfort level with veterinary leadership. It also gives me a great emotional and energy boost to bring back to my life, practice, and association."
– State VMA President

"The best conference I have attended in the last 10 years!"
– Veterinarian

"The VLC is one of the most positive and beneficial programs hosted by the AVMA. I have attended several VLC meetings before, and I will continue to attend them in the future. The entire program was professional and well-organized. Well done!"
– Veterinary Professional

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