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WVC Welcomes New Board President and Board Members

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (June 21, 2018)—WVC is pleased to announce the 2018 incoming board president Dr. Darwin R. Yoder, as well as new board members Drs. Travis McDermott and Suzanne Russo. Announced at the most recent WVC Annual Conference held this past March 2018, these professionals bring a wealth of knowledge, expertise and leadership to the organization.

New board president, Dr. Yoder graduated from Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 1975. Prior to attending Colorado State University, Dr. Yoder received a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in veterinary science from the University of Idaho. He has held various positions, including working in private practice, as a veterinarian at Pfizer Animal Health—and later as a full-tenured professor—and as a director in the veterinary technology program at Sul Ross State University. Now retired, Dr. Yoder continues his activities in veterinary medicine as a consultant to the range sheep industry in the western United States.

Dr. McDermott is a veterinarian with interest in dermatology, dentistry, internal medicine and surgery, and passion for endoscopic and laparoscopic procedures. He received his undergraduate and veterinary degrees from Texas A&M University and has been practicing small animal medicine in Las Vegas since graduating in 2006. Dr. McDermott served on the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association Board of Directors and the AVMA Political Action Committee prior to his election to the WVC board.

Dr. Russo received a Bachelor of Science and DVM degree from Ohio State University and a Master of Science degree in human resources management from Golden Gate University. She has served in small animal private clinical practices for 13 years in Northern California and Connecticut and held multiple roles at Pfizer Animal Health (now Zoetis), thereafter. From 2016-2017, Dr. Russo was the vice president of veterinary recruiting for VCA Animal Hospitals.

“We are excited to welcome Drs. Russo and McDermott to the WVC Board of Directors. Both individuals bring fresh and unique perspectives to the WVC Board and will have an immediate impact as we continue to grow our organization”, said David Little, WVC CEO. “I am also looking forward to working more closely with Dr. Darwin Yoder in his new role as WVC President during the upcoming year. His vast experiences in organized veterinary medicine,

commercial industry, academia, and in clinical practice will provide WVC with expertise and ideas few others can bring to the table. The level of talent of these individuals, and the others on the Board, make it a great time to be a part of WVC”.

In addition to the annual conference, WVC offers numerous year-round educational programs at the state-of-the-art Oquendo Center, in Las Vegas. In 2018, WVC will present two [Veterinary Technician Symposia](#), [the Women’s Veterinary Summit](#) and two [Recent Graduate Symposia](#) to help provide cost-effective and practical continuing education that delivers instant applicability to the general practitioner. The association will also host [Destination CE in Costa Rica](#), focusing on feline medicine and surgery with world-renown instructors Drs. Michael Lappin and Catriona MacPhail.

For more information about WVC and continuing education course offerings, visit [wvc.org](#). To relive everything the 2018 WVC Annual Conference had to offer, visit the online [photo gallery](#). For advance event information, visit [wvc.org/conference](#).

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About WVC

WVC has a 90-year history of providing practical, high-quality continuing education to veterinary professionals. Based in Las Vegas and operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, WVC provides year-round continuing education, including career building and hands-on learning at its nearly 70,000 square foot, state-of-the-art Oquendo Center; a lecture-based learning program titled ‘On the Road’ in cities across the U.S.; Destination CE that offers continuing education in unique locations around the world; and the WVC Annual Conference, a four-day event held in Las Vegas, attracting veterinary professionals from every U.S. state and more than 40 countries. For more information, please visit [wvc.org](#).