



Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association

## NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTION FOR PRACTICE OWNERS!

The OVMA is excited to offer a new form of membership in the OVMA that will be an option for your practice beginning in July. This option, called “Practice Membership”, recognizes the significance of your veterinary hospital as a business unit. Whether your business is a one doctor practice or more, this membership recognizes the value of including you, your leadership team, and any associate doctors in the work of organized veterinary medicine. The initial benefits of Practice Membership are as follows:

1. All veterinarians employed by the practice or business unit are recognized as full members of the OVMA.
2. RVT’s and Managers employed by the practice will receive OVMA communications and will be allowed to participate in certain OVMA committees and events.
3. Practice Members will be allowed to have a profile of their business on the public portion of the OVMA website including a hyperlink to their own hospital web page.
4. Each practice or business unit will be allowed a designated owner or operator to be a member of the OVMA Practice Owner/Operator Council (see below for details).

OVMA membership is a great benefit for yourself and for any of your employed veterinarians. Our OVMA doctors and their leadership teams are the fuel of both excellence in the profession and commerce that benefits our state and local communities. You may participate as a Practice Member for no more than the current dues you pay for yourself or your associate veterinarians.

The OVMA offers many opportunities for service and leadership on a host of issues and activities that benefit our profession as a whole. We expect Practice Membership to increase the level of participation, creativity, influence, and productivity of our association, while at the same time better representing and serving your businesses.

If you are a solo doctor practice, simply select the Practice Membership option during your dues renewal cycle. If you operate a multiple doctor practice, please call the OVMA office for the specific membership rate applicable to your business. If you have any questions at all, please call the OVMA office for information.

### OVMA Practice Owner/Operator Council:

1. The council will meet semi-annually (during OVMA convention and Summer Seminar).
2. A Council chair will be elected for a 1 year term by members of the council attending the meeting held during the OVMA convention.
3. The Council chair may attend quarterly OVMA Executive Board meetings as a non-voting member.
4. The Council shall work together on economic and management issues affecting practices.
5. The Council shall advise the OVMA Executive Board on issues facing practice owners.
6. The Council may provide mentorship for new practice owners/operators.