

Greetings:

I want to remind you that membership dues for 2007 should be sent now. We have had quite a few new members this past year, which is great. I would encourage each of you to enlist new members in our organization to keep it strong and vital.

This new website is up and running. We are still in the process of getting an active directory attached, but hopefully within the next 2 weeks this also will be completed. Please take the time to update your information. Every time I send an email to the membership I get many returned emails. I have tried to track many of you down and update your information myself, but have not always been successful. If you have not heard from me in awhile, feel free to email me and see if my information for you is up to date. If you have questions, please contact me at ethacker@iastate.edu and I will provide needed information.

In conjunction with Lorraine's excellent letter, I would like to also encourage our membership to pay their dues and participate in this organization. The networking this group allows is a benefit to all of us. We are continually in need of volunteers to help raise funds, nominate the DVI and serve on the board. If you are interested, please let me know and I will pass your interest onto the board, who can in turn contact you about activities.

Annual dues remain at \$50 for regular membership and \$5.00 for student membership. Compared to dues for other groups this is a great deal!!! The \$50 includes an electronic subscription to Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology. Remember, I can't process credit cards, so please make your checks out to AAVI and send to my address. If we are to remain a viable organization, dues and activities of the membership are critical!!! I look forward to working with you this next year and please pass along any news or information you want included on our new website. I would also like to thank our active corporate sponsors and encourage all of you to thank these groups on the behalf of AAVI.

Thanks,
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