



## Women's Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative

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### WVLDI Announces New Board of Director Members and 2016 Educational Programming

The WVLDI is excited to announce the appointment of three new Board of Directors members:

- Dr. Lisa Greenhill, Associate Executive Director for Institutional Research and Diversity at the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC)
- Dr. Kathleen Ruby, Director of Counseling and Wellness Skills Development at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Editor-in-Chief for *Veterinary Team Brief*
- Dr. Lorrie Gaschen, Associate Dean for Diversity and Faculty Affairs and Professor and Section Chief of Diagnostic Imaging at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine

Each of the new members brings a new and dynamic skill set to the BOD. “We are excited to expand the WVLDI’s focus on wellness and diversity through the appointments of Drs. Greenhill, Ruby, and Gaschen,” stated Dr. Karen Bradley, WVLDI President.

As Dr. Stacy Pritt, WVLDI President-Elect puts it, “Members of the WVLDI BOD are appointed by the BOD. Individuals are invited to the BOD based on their experience, expertise, and sincere desire to work with others to see all veterinarians achieve their potential while working to promote female leaders in the profession. BOD members are well-respected in the field of veterinary medicine and have demonstrated prior capacity for leadership.”

All new BOD terms will start on January 1, 2016, which is when Dr. Stacy Pritt will begin her tenure as President and Dr. Rachel Cezar, will begin serving as President-Elect. Drs. Pritt and Cezar are active leaders within the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and other veterinary medical organizations.

Next year promises to be busy for the WVLDI as the organization continues to fulfill its vision and mission of supporting leaders for the benefit of the profession and supporting women in seeking and achieving leadership, policy, and decision-making positions within all areas of professional activity. In January, the WVLDI will make presentations at the highly anticipated AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference. This will be followed by educational sessions at the Western Veterinary Conference and AAVMC Annual Conference in March and the AVMA National Convention in August. Additional sessions are planned and will be announced at a later date.

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