

# CVMA

## BIG IDEAS FORUM

DATE: February 15, 2019  
FROM: Diane Matt, Chief Executive Officer  
RE: BIG Ideas Forum | Spring 2019

### You're Invited!

CVMA will hold its BIG Ideas Forum | Spring 2019 in Englewood on March 8-9, 2019. Join your colleagues as we explore a topic of vital interest to you and the profession, identify desired outcomes, and formulate action plans.

The BIG Ideas Forum is always engaging, energizing, and informative. Plus, you can earn four CE credits while helping chart the course of CVMA through your participation. A registration form is enclosed. Please register online or fax or scan/email your response to the CVMA office at your earliest convenience – but no later than Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

### At Issue

#### The Ever-Changing Landscape of Cannabis

*After 18 years of legalized medical marijuana for people in Colorado, where are we for animals?*

Join us as we tackle one of the most complex issues facing veterinary professionals in Colorado: Cannabis and veterinary care. Drs. Stephanie McGrath, MS, DVM, Gail Golab, PhD, DVM, MANZCVS, DACAW, and Jeffrey Powers, DVM will guide us as we explore the following questions:

- How does the legalization of marijuana in Colorado for the public affect the veterinary community?
- What evidence do we have for efficacy?
- Which products are safe?
- How do federal laws impact the state?
- What are the current state laws for veterinarians?
- What might the Canadians add to the discussion?

Join us for updates and discussion of this continued controversial topic.

### Our Issue Illuminators



#### Stephanie McGrath, MS, DVM

Dr. Stephanie McGrath earned a BA from Columbia University in 1998 and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University in 2006. She completed a small animal medicine and surgery internship at Red Bank Veterinary Hospital in 2007. Dr. McGrath completed a neurology internship at VCA Alameda East Veterinary Hospital from 2007-2008. She completed a residency in neurology and neurosurgery and earned a Master of Science degree at Colorado State University in 2011. She is currently a clinician, researcher and assistant professor in the neurology department at Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.



**Gail Golab, PhD, DVM, MANZCVS, DACAW**

Dr. Gail Golab is Chief Veterinary Officer for the American Veterinary Medical Association, overseeing the association’s Animal and Public Health, Animal Welfare, and Global Outreach Divisions. Previously, Dr. Golab has served as Chief Advocacy and Public Policy Officer, as Director of the Animal Welfare Division, and in a variety of other roles in the AVMA’s Publications, Education and Research, and Communications Divisions. Before her tenure at the AVMA, she spent several years in private companion animal practice, and prior to that served as Biochemical/Biomedical Research Consultant at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois.



**Jeffrey Powers, DVM**

Dr. Powers earned his veterinary degree with Honors from Michigan State University in 1980, then began his clinical practice working predominantly in dairy and equine practice. He also founded South Sanilac Veterinary Hospital in 1983 and has practiced in both large and small animal practice ever since. He is currently the owner of Veterinary Clinics North that has two offices in Michigan. Dr Powers was President of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association in 1997 and has served on numerous MVMA and AVMA Committees and Councils. Dr. Powers is currently the Vice Chairman of the AVMA’s Council on Biologic.

**Conference Fast Facts**

**Location**

**Hilton Denver Inverness**  
200 Inverness Drive West  
Englewood, CO 80112  
(303) 799-5800

Take in stunning views of the golf course and pond at Hilton Denver Inverness. Located just 30 minutes from Denver International Airport and downtown Denver, this modern Colorado hotel offers award-winning dining, a full-service spa and fitness center, and an 18-hole championship golf course, as well as spectacular indoor and outdoor event space.



For more information, please visit their [website](#).

**Lodging**

The CVMA BIG Ideas Forum Guest Room Rate is \$99/night + tax for a classic king room accommodation or \$149/night + tax for a king executive room accommodation. **Rates are available until February 21 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.** Click [here](#) to book your room online while group rates are still available.

**Agendas** – If you would like to place an item on a Commission’s agenda, please contact the Commission chair or chapter representative promptly. Commission chairs and chapter representatives should submit agenda items to the CVMA office by February 26. Visit [colovma.org/leadership/](http://colovma.org/leadership/) for contact info.

**Work Group Meetings** – If your committee or task force would like a room in which to hold a meeting on Friday afternoon, please contact Gail Marshall by February 21 and we will arrange a meeting space for you.

**Reception** – NEW FOR 2019! Please plan to attend our Closing Reception on Friday evening at 5:30 PM. This reception provides a great opportunity to network with your colleagues and engage in conversation about the topic discussed during the Issue Forum. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available. Register in advance for the reception and receive one complimentary drink.

**Leadership Council Workshop** – The Leadership Council will convene for a workshop on Saturday, March 9 at 9:00 AM. Please note that CVMA officers, Chapter Representatives, Commission Chairs, Student Chapter Representatives, and appointed liaisons are invited to attend this meeting. (A commission chair may invite others to be present at the Leadership Council meeting if clarification or explanation of a work group issue will be helpful to the group’s discussions. In this case, please advise Gail Marshall.)



## **BIG Ideas Forum | Spring 2019 Agenda**

March 8-9, 2019

Hilton Denver Inverness, Englewood

### **Friday, March 8**

- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting
- 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM BIG Ideas Registration Open
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Luncheon and Leadership Council Liaison Updates
- 1:15 – 5:00 PM **The Ever-Changing Landscape of Cannabis**
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM Closing Reception

### **Saturday, March 9**

- 9:00 – 11:30 AM Leadership Council Workshop (*open to members of the CVMA Leadership Council and Chapter Leadership Teams only*)
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Power of Ten Meetings
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM Commission Meetings\*  
Commission on Advocacy and Outreach  
Commission on Education

**\*All attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the Commission meetings:**

**Advocacy and Outreach:** Charged with ensuring CVMA is a reliable and trusted provider of science-based information about animal health and welfare, and that CVMA's voice is heard and respected in the legislative, regulatory, and public arenas.

**Education:** Charged with ensuring that CVMA delivers compelling and high-value learning opportunities that educate and inspire members in the art and science of veterinary medicine.



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THE EVER-CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF CANNABIS
After 18 years of legalized medical marijuana for people in Colorado, where are we for animals?

Stephanie McGrath, MS, DVM and Gail Golab, PhD, DVM

Full Name: Preferred First Name:
DVM VMD PhD CVT CSU Student Other: Email:

Clinic/Organization: Phone:

Address: City, State: Zip:

Table with 3 columns: Registration Option, Price Before 3/1/2019, Price After 3/1/2019. Rows include CVMA Member Premium, CVMA Member Core, CVMA Member Core (with promo code)\*, CVMA Member Basic, CACVT Member, CSU Student, Veterinary Technician / Other Professional Staff, and Nonmember DVM.

I would like to support CVMA's Send-A-Student program: \$150/student\*\*

\$150 x (# of students) = \$

Please indicate name of student, if preferred:

For more information, visit colovma.org/send-a-student

Promo Code: Total \$

\*Core members who wish to use their complimentary BIG Ideas registration discount: Please write your promo code BIGSPRING19 in the box above.

\*\*Send-A-Student donations are not eligible for discount.

Please register me for the following:

Friday, March 8

- Luncheon (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
Issue Forum - The Ever-Changing Landscape of Cannabis (1:15 pm - 5:00 pm)
Closing Reception (5:30 pm - 6:30 pm)

Dietary Restrictions (please list):

Saturday, March 9

Commission Meetings (please check one)

- Commission on Advocacy and Outreach (1:30 - 3:00 pm)
Commission on Education (1:30 - 3:00 pm)

Attendance at the Commission Meetings is optional, but you are welcome to stay and observe the CVMA leadership process in action!

Payment: Check enclosed (payable to CVMA) or Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

Card Number Exp. Date CV Code

Full billing address tied to card City, State Zip code

Name as it appears on card Signature Date

Neither seating nor lecture notes are guaranteed for onsite registrants. Cancellations submitted in writing prior to March 4, 2019 will receive a full refund minus a \$50 processing fee.

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