

**AKVMA News Release**  
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## **AKVMA News**

**Event**—AKVMA Symposium Oct. 7 – 9, 2022; Anchorage, Alaska

### **Program**

The Symposium drew over 160 veterinarians and veterinary technicians and provided high quality continuing education, a tradeshow with veterinary vendors, an AKVMA Membership Meeting, and networking with colleagues. Guests attending the symposium included officials from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA): Dr. Lori Teller, AVMA President; Dr. Rena Carlson, AVMA President Elect and Dr. Sandy Willis, District XI Representative. Dr. Teller extended greetings from the AVMA and delivered remarks during the event to an audience of around 200 people.



**Dr. Lori Teller speaking to attendees at the AKVMA Symposium luncheon on October 8, 2022.**

### **AKVMA Meritorious Service Award**



**Pictured left to right: Dr. Sarah Coburn, Dr. Rena Carlson, Dr. Mary Ann Hollick, Dr. Amanda Taylor, Dr. Sandy Willis, and Dr. Lori Teller.**

Dr. Mary Ann Hollick (third from the left) was presented the **AKVMA Meritorious Service Award** during the symposium and recognized for her many years of outstanding service on behalf of Alaskan veterinarians. Dr. Amanda Taylor presented the award and stated, “Dr. Hollick has been a true pillar of AKVMA, and her efforts, tenacity, and dedication are of unprecedented caliber.”

Dr. Hollick has served on the AKVMA Board of Directors since 2006 and has represented Alaskan veterinarians on a national level with her role as an AVMA Delegate. She has worked tirelessly to advocate for legislative and regulatory issues that benefit the Alaska veterinary community. Dr. Hollick’s most recent endeavor has been her involvement working with the AKVMA task force to advocate for an exemption of veterinarians from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in Alaska. She has been instrumental in grass roots efforts to inform and educate the veterinary community and legislators about the PDMP and to advocate for legislation to provide an

exemption for veterinarians. Dr. Hollick has also been involved with other key regulatory issues and advocating for Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship regulations and the use of telemedicine in Alaska. On a national level she served on a working group for campaign guidelines for the American Veterinary Medical Association.

A graduate of university of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989, Dr. Hollick has been engaged in the veterinary profession for over 30 years.

### **Board of Directors Election**

Dr. Vanessa Serratore was elected during the membership meeting to serve as President-Elect and Dr. McKayla Dick was elected to serve as Member-At-Large. Dr. Sarah Coburn was elected during the summer of 2022 to serve as AVMA Alternate Delegate and Dr. Amanda Taylor as AVMA Delegate. Other officers of the board include, Dr. Tracy Ward, Past-President; Dr. Katrina Backus, President; Dr. Jim Delker, Legislative Liaison; Dr. Rosemarie Lombardi, Secretary; and Dr. Judy Montalbano, Treasurer.