

Perspectives in Veterinary Medicine

**Women's Leadership in Veterinary Medicine
to Be Featured at the
Western Veterinary Conference**

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Please join the directors of the Women's Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative (WVLDI) for a four-hour interactive symposium on **Women's Leadership in Veterinary Medicine** at Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas.



Monday, Feb 17, 2014; 8:00am - 12:00pm

Presenters: Karen Bradley, Julie Kumble, Douglas Aspros and Donald Smith



*Karen Bradley, DVM
President WVLDI*
(Photo provided by AVMA)



*Julie Kumble, MEd
Interim CEO, Women's Fund
of Western Massachusetts*
(Photo provided by Julie Kumble)



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Past President, AVMA*
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Major Symposium Themes Include:

- Understanding the gap in women's leadership in all professions, with special emphasis on veterinary medicine.
- Explaining why 30% women in leadership positions in organized veterinary, college administrations, and veterinary corporate boards is critical to maximizing productivity and promoting a diverse and work-friendly environment.
- Identifying and overcoming some of the factors that contribute to the gap between male and female financial compensation.
- Identifying the advantages of pursuing opportunities for leadership in the AVMA and state associations, and describing how veterinarians can prepare themselves for these positions.
- Providing case examples of state organizations, veterinary colleges and corporations that are advancing women's leadership, and describing institutional and other changes that made this possible.
- Understanding how to develop personal skills to increase the likelihood that you will be prepared for leadership positions.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Dr. Donald F. Smith, Dean Emeritus of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, had a passion for the value of the history of veterinary medicine as a gateway for understanding the present and the future of the profession.

Throughout his many professional roles from professor of surgery, to Department Chair of Clinical Sciences, Associate Dean of Education and of Academic Programs and Dean, he

spearheaded changes in curriculum, clinical services, diagnostic services and more. He was a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and a member of the National Academy of Practices. Most recently he played a major role in increasing the role of women in veterinary leadership.

Perspectives in Veterinary Medicine is one of his projects where he was able to share his vast knowledge of the profession.