



American Heartworm Society Board of Directors Veterinary Nurse/Technician Board Member

The American Heartworm Society (AHS) seeks a qualified veterinary nurse/technician to serve on their Board of Directors. This board serves as the governing agency for the organization and is comprised of veterinary professionals, academicians and researchers who volunteer their time and expertise in the service of the Society's educational and research initiatives. Given the vital role played by veterinary nurses/technicians in educating the public about heartworm prevention, diagnosis and treatment, the AHS has elected to expand its leadership to include a veterinary nurse/technician position.

The AHS Board of Directors includes both voting and non-voting positions, both of which provide valuable insights and contributions to the overall mission of the AHS. At present, the veterinary nurse/technician position is non-voting and the individual is not eligible to hold office or be a member of the executive board. The term of service is 3 years in concurrence with the Triennial Heartworm Symposium, with reevaluation and possible renewal after each term.

Proposed Qualifications:

- Prospective candidates should have small animal private practice experience, with a minimum of 3 years full-time experience and a strong interest in parasitology. Preference will be given to nurses/technicians in private practice, but candidates in academia or research will also be considered
- Must be licensed and a graduate of an accredited veterinary technician/technologist program
- Must exhibit excellent communication and networking skills; speaking experience is a plus; however, candidates must not be *currently* affiliated as representatives or reimbursed spokespersons for a pharmaceutical or diagnostic company

Board Member Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the mission of the AHS via participation in AHS committees and educational outreach
- Participation in AHS board meetings, including virtual and real-time board meetings*
- Attend the Triennial AHS Symposium*
- Represent the AHS at national and regional meetings as needed

Applications, which should be emailed to Lisa.Scott@heartwormsociety.org, should include (1) a letter of recommendation from a current or former employer; (2) a current CV or resume; and (3) a cover letter that addresses how the applicant can contribute to furthering heartworm education.

** Transportation, food and lodging will be provided by the AHS for in-person board meetings and Triennial Symposium.*