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# Newsletter

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### How to Contact AVI

Applications for membership, accompanied by a check payable to the AVI, should be sent to:

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Membership application forms are available online at:

<http://www.avinformatics.org/>

Dr. Starr is responsible for distribution of the hardcopy version of the AVI Newsletter.

Newsletter items can be sent to:

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If you are an AVI member and would like to be on the AVI Newsletter electronic distribution list, send an e-mail message to the Newsletter Editor. The electronic (PDF) version is faster, searchable, easier to store and retrieve, and environmentally friendly.

Current and past issues of the AVI Newsletter are also available on the Web at:

<http://www.avinformatics.org/>

## AVI MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 2001

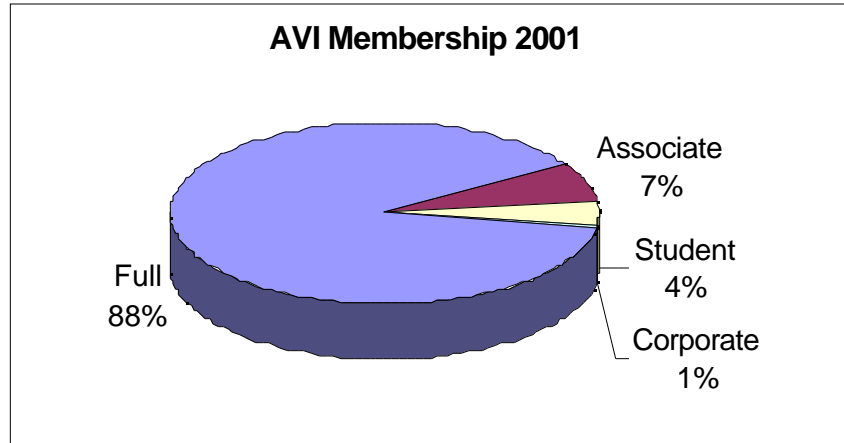
**Robin M. Starr, DVM, MEd**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Association for Veterinary Informatics**  
**August 26, 2001**

Membership recruitment efforts during 2000-2001 year included:

- E-mail renewal notices on December 4, 2000; and January 21, January 31, and February 21, 2001
- Letters mailed to 22 members lacking valid E-mail addresses on January 21, 2001
- Membership application form in AVI Newsletters and on the AVI web site
- Information about the AVI and membership on the AVI-L LISTSERV.

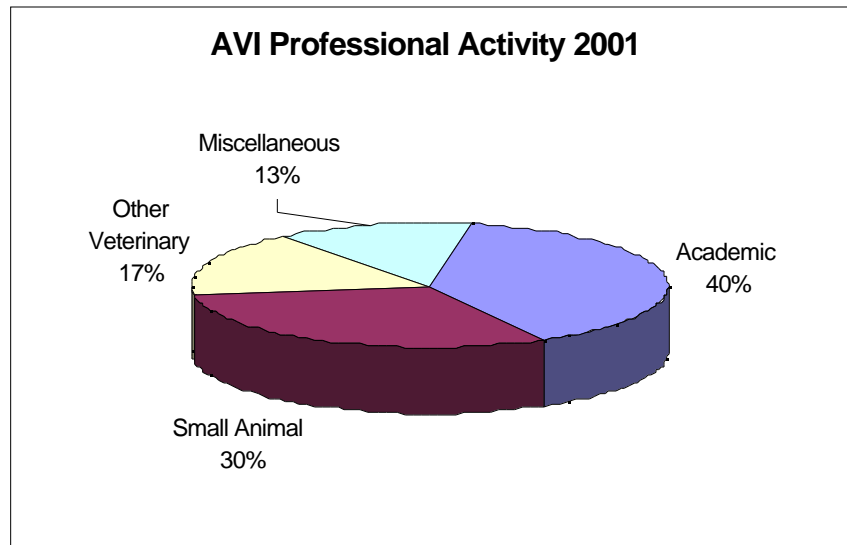
**Membership:**

As of August 24, 2001, AVI has 112 active members, down from 138 members in 2000 and 147 in 1999. Membership includes 99 Full, 8 Associate, 4 Student, and 1 Corporate members. There are 8 non-USA members; 1 each from Brazil, Israel, Saudi Arabia, St. Kitts, Sweden, and Switzerland, and 2 from Canada. In addition, 36 libraries of veterinary medicine, the AVMA, and the National Library of Medicine receive a complimentary subscription to the AVI Newsletter.



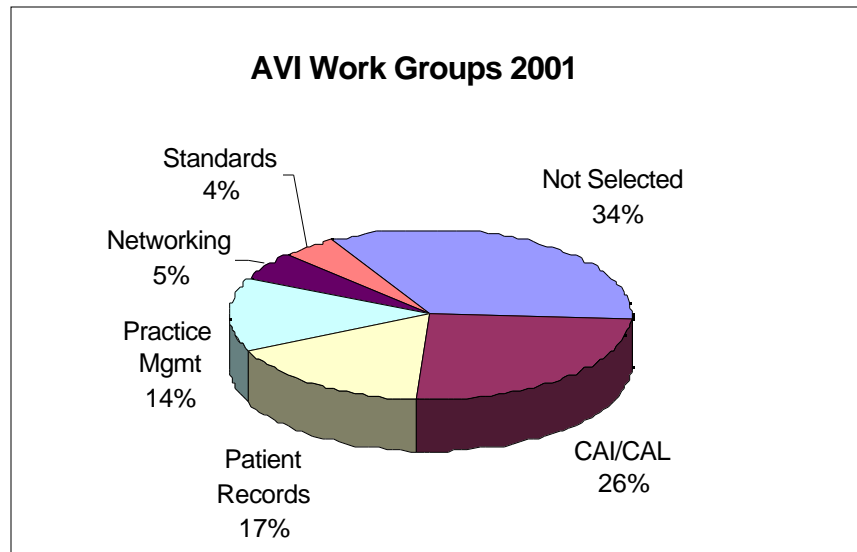
**Professional Activities:**

AVI members indicate that 44 are in academe (Education, R&D, Diagnostic, Other), 34 are in Small Animal Practice, 19 in “Other” veterinary medicine, and the remaining 15 in a variety of categories.



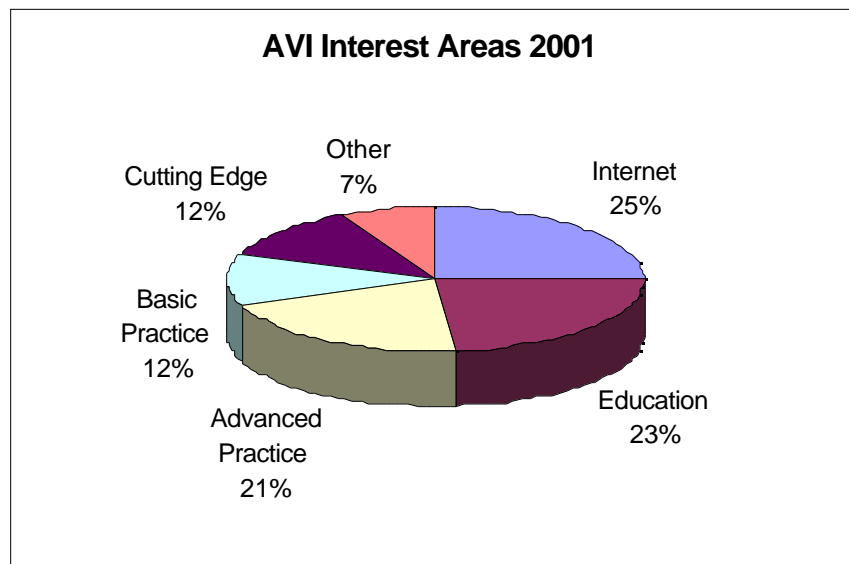
## Work Groups

Members are allowed to select one work group: CAI/CAL was selected by 38, Computerized Patient records by 25, and Practice Management Systems by 21, Networking 8, Standards 6.



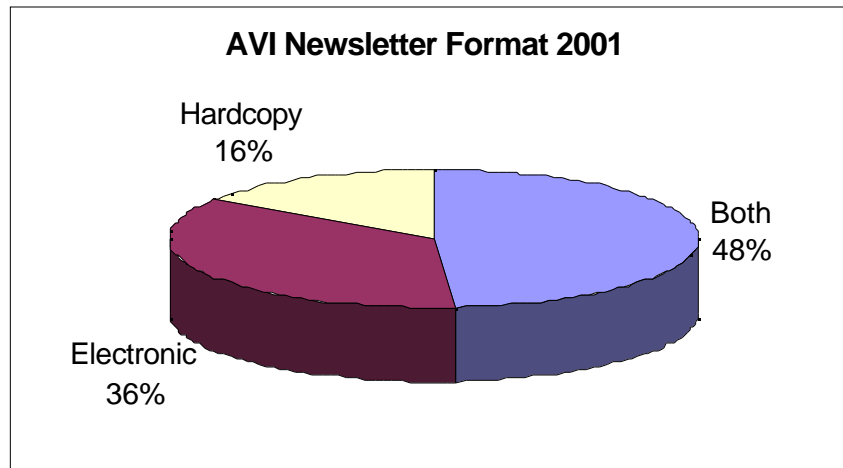
## Member Interests:

Members were asked to select one or more current interests in veterinary informatics. Internet Usage was selected by 47, Education by 44, Advanced Computer Usage in Practice by 39, Cutting Edge Computer Technology and Basic Computer Usage in Practice by 22 each, and Other (primarily Tertiary Center Records) by 14.



**AVI Newsletter Format:**

The majority of members (72) request both electronic and hardcopy, 53 electronic only, and 23 hardcopy only.

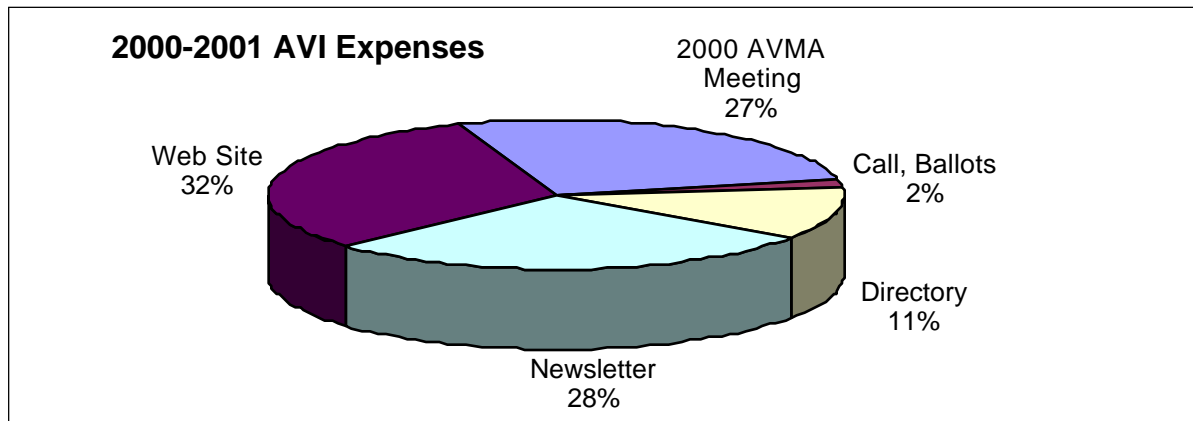


**AVI TREASURER'S REPORT - 2001**

Cash on hand as of July 15, 2001 is \$5,996.73. This report reflects the decision of the 2000 Executive Board to invest more funds in member benefits. A regularly maintained and updated AVI web site was deemed essential to fulfill our leadership position

<b>2000-2001 AVI Cash Flow Report</b>		
7/16/00-7/15/2001		
<b>INFLOWS</b>		
Interest Inc		172.32
<b>Member:</b>		
Associate	180	
Corporate	100	
Full	3,255.00	
Student	80	
TOTAL Member		3,615.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>		<b>\$ 3,787.32</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		
<b>AVMA 2001 Student Award:</b>		
Prize, Airfare	0	
<b>TOTAL AVMA 2001 Student Award</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>AVMA Meeting:</b>		
AV Equip	455	
CAI-CAL	746.95	
Exec Brd Mtg	48.94	
Luncheon	648.9	
TOTAL AVMA Meeting '00		1,899.79
<b>Ballots, Call for Nom:</b>		
Postage	98.86	
Printing	26.98	
Services	10	
TOTAL Ballots, Call for Nom		135.84
<b>Business Exp:</b>		
Office supplies	5.35	
TOTAL Business Exp		5.35
<b>Directory:</b>		
Postage	274.29	
Printing	430.8	
Services	64	
TOTAL Directory		769.09
<b>Newsletter:</b>		
Honorarium	1,260.00	
Postage	247.31	
Printing	392.2	
Services	73.95	
Supplies	3.44	
TOTAL Newsletter		1,976.90
<b>Web Site:</b>		
Development	750	
Host	191.45	
Maintenance	1,170.00	
Register	70	
TOTAL Web Site		2,181.45
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>		<b>\$ 6,968.42</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ (3,181.10)</b>



## PRODUCTS & REVIEWS

### **Surgical Techniques Auto-Tutorial**

From: Cheryl Dhein <crd@vetmed.wsu.edu>

The CONVINCENCE-funded project, Surgical Techniques Auto-Tutorial by Dr. Sheila W. Allen, University of Georgia is ready for distribution.

Procedures demonstrated include exploratory celiotomy and closure, ovariohysterectomy (dog and cat), castration (dog and cat), canine mastectomy, cystotomy, enterotomy, intestinal resection and anastomosis, approach to the canine femur and humerus, and the application of intramedullary pins, wires and external skeletal fixation devices to femoral and humeral bone models.

Each school will receive one copy of the program.

In order to receive a copy, please send your name and postal mail address to:

Dr. Sheila W. Allen  
Phone 706-542-5728  
Office for Academic Affairs  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Georgia  
Athens, GA 30602  
sallen@vet.uga.edu

Thank you

Cheryl Dhein  
Washington State University  
President CONVINCENCE

## NEWS & COMMENTARY

### **Palm Awards Mobile Medicine Grants to 17 U.S. Universities And Teaching Hospitals**

Educators Will Research How Handhelds Affect Students' Learning

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Sept. 6 /PRNewswire/ -- Palm, Inc., a pioneer in the field of mobile and wireless Internet solutions and a leading provider of handheld computers, today announces it has awarded mobile medicine technology grants to 17 U.S. universities and teaching hospitals. Palm has provided a total of 1,000 Palm(TM) IIIc handheld computers for students studying medicine, dentistry, pharmacology and **veterinary medicine**.

"Educators tell us that students cannot memorize the enormous volume of information required for today's growing medical and dental subspecialties, so they are turning to Palm handhelds to instantly retrieve and store

information so they may provide faster, more accurate patient diagnosis and treatment," said Mike Lorion, Palm's vice president of education. "These grants enable research to help medical and dental faculty gain insight into the best ways of integrating handhelds into the teaching and learning of a wide variety of healthcare professions."

"Students wearing Palm handhelds in their lab coats will be able to have easy access to pharmaceutical formularies, trusted protocols and guidelines, lab results, patient information, pharmacy records and other information, as well as generate notes more easily," Lorion said. "The mobile connectivity provided by Palm handhelds is expected to improve the students' learning experience and the patients' care."

The 17 mobile medicine grant awardees will use Palm handhelds in a variety of ways, ranging from clinical rotations, tracking patient care, and accessing health information, to

downloading anatomical diagrams, accessing medical-library resources and managing patient records. Below is the list of awardees. Specific information on their projects is available at <http://www.palm.com/education> .

#### Mobile Medical Grant Awardees

- Auburn University School of Medicine (Auburn, Ala.)
- **Cornell Hospital for Animals (Ithaca, N.Y.)**
- Dartmouth Medical School (Hanover, N.H.)
- Drake University School of Medicine (Des Moines, Iowa)
- Duke University School of Medicine (Durham, N.C.)
- Georgetown University School of Medicine (Washington, D.C.)
- Indiana University School of Dentistry (Bloomington, Ind.)
- Johns Hopkins Medicine (Baltimore, Md.)
- New York University College of Dentistry (New York, N.Y.)
- Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (Rootstown, Ohio)
- Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (Pikeville, Ky.)
- The Medical Center (Columbus, Ga.)
- University of California at San Francisco School of Pharmacy (San Francisco, Calif.)
- University of Connecticut Health Center (Farmington, Conn.)
- University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Information Services (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- University of Vermont College of Medicine (Burlington, Vt.)
- Yale University School of Medicine (New Haven, Conn.)

## CLOSING BITS

### Ode To Spell Checker

Eye halve a spelling checker  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marks four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
and weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My checker tolled me sew.