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Bozeman veterinarian Dr. Julie Oghigian assumes MVMA presidency

Bozeman veterinarian Dr. Julie Oghigian was recently named president of the Montana Veterinary Medical Association for the 2026-2027 term. Dr. Oghigian succeeds Barr Gustafson, DVM, of Browning, who will now serve as past president on the MVMA Executive Board.

Dr. Julie Oghigian owns and operates Alpenglow Animal Hospital in Bozeman. She has been working in the veterinary profession for well over 30 years, with more than 20 of those in practice as a small animal veterinarian. She graduated from Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and chose to pursue a prestigious rotating internship at the nation's third largest small animal referral hospital.

Dr. Julie has a strong interest in canine reproduction, canine sports medicine and rehabilitation, feline medicine/surgery, dentistry, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), zoo animal and wildlife medicine/rehabilitation. She is also a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist (CVA), having undergone extensive training through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. She was a Founding Fellow of the International Association of Cat Doctors and Fellow of the American Association of Feline Practitioners and is currently a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Montana Veterinary Medical Association, Society For Theriogenology, American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians, American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture, International Veterinary Acupuncture Society, International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association and multiple other organizations. Dr. Julie was the staff doctor at Guide Dogs of America for almost 5 years and was very excited to see the advancements and growth of the GDA veterinary program during that period.

In addition to Dr. Oghigian's appointment as president of MVMA, Alan Goldhahn, DVM, Bozeman, will serve as president-elect, Chelsey Petz, DVM, Three Forks, assumes the vice president position, and Laurie Gaugler, DVM, of Hobson enters the secretary/treasurer role. Marty Zaluski, DVM, Helena, and Kyle Voss, DVM, Glendive, serve as directors on the Executive Committee.

MVMA's mission is to advance the science and art of veterinary medicine, including its relationship to public health and agriculture in the state of Montana. The Association represents nearly 600 small, large, and exotic animal veterinarians across Montana.

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