

Meet the 2023 MVMA Executive Board Candidates

President-Elect – Indu Mani, DVM, DSc

Education:

- DVM – Colorado State University, 1995
- Doctor of Science – Harvard University, 2002
- Master of Science in Bioethics - Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College, Anticipated June 2023
- Master of Science in Animal Welfare and Behavior – University of Pennsylvania, Anticipated June 2024
- Master of Science in Veterinary Forensic Medicine – University of Florida, Anticipated June 2025

About Dr. Mani:

Dr. Mani graduated with her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree from Colorado State University in 1995, completed an internship in small animal medicine, surgery and critical care from the University of Minnesota in 1996, and received her Doctor of Science degree from Harvard University in 2002 in virology. She is an Associate Veterinarian at VCA Brookline Animal Hospital and also serves as the Editor of the veterinary journals *Clinician's Brief* and *Plumb's Therapeutics Brief*. She is also the Chief Veterinary Officer at Brief Media. She has been awarded recognition as a Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow in the National Academies of Practice and is a member (Hon.) of the Website Advisory Board for the One Health Initiative. Her professional interests include all aspects of internal medicine, particularly infectious and zoonotic diseases. She lives locally with her family and Labrador retriever.

Director - Sandy Higgins, DVM

Education:

- DVM - Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, 1992 (Cum Laude)

About Dr. Higgins:

Dr. Higgins recently relocated to the Cape from Needham. She has been a veterinarian locally since completing a rigorous internship at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in 1993. Dr. Higgins practiced in the greater Boston area for over 25 years, working at Dedham Veterinary Associates before joining Buzzards Bay Veterinary Associates. Areas of special interest include small animal internal medicine, soft tissue surgery, dentistry, and endocrine disease management. Dr. Higgins enjoys gardening, cooking, reading, and kayaking when she is not working. She shares her home with two Golden Retrievers and a cat. She and her husband are always excited to enjoy their favorite hobby together, watching their sons play ice hockey!

Director – Megan Kilduff, DVM

Education:

- DVM – Oklahoma State University, 2006 (Summa Cum Laude)

About Dr. Kilduff:

Following graduation, Dr. Kilduff worked as an associate DVM at a Banfield charter practice in Columbus, Ohio. Several years later she and her husband relocated to Northern Virginia where she took a job as an associate vet within another Banfield practice and was soon promoted to Chief of Staff. During her time in that role the hospital grew from a three DVM practice to a seven DVM practice. In 2016, she became interim Medical Director of the Northern Virginia market and by March of 2017 she became Director of Veterinary Quality. In 2020 she and her family came back to Boston where she became DVQ for the New England North and South markets. Dr. Kilduff understands the value of support both inside and outside of the workplace. With more than a decade of experience at Banfield, she knows how to prioritize work-life balance and is helping doctors in New England do the same.

Director – Ilene Segal, DVM

Education:

- DVM – Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, 1987

About Dr. Segal:

No stranger to the MVMA, Dr. Segal has served on the Board of Directors in several capacities, including as President-Elect, President, and Past President. She also co-chairs the Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Committee and is a member of the Veterinary Services Team for the State of Massachusetts Animal Response Team (SMART). After working for almost a decade as an associate veterinarian in various local veterinary hospitals, Dr. Segal established Parkway Veterinary Hospital in 1996. She is a general practitioner with professional interests in behavior and canine rehabilitation therapy. She completed an International Veterinary Acupuncture Society course in 2001 and earned the designations of Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner from the University of Tennessee, as well as Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner from the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management. Aside from her veterinary profession, Dr. Segal maintains active membership in local organizations, such as the West Roxbury Business Association and sponsors Parkway Little League and Pop Warner Football teams.