



JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP
2011-2012 Voting Membership Biographies



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JOAG Voting Member
2011–2012

I am a new voting member of JOAG, serving as a Co-Chair of the Communications and Publications Committee (CPC) and as the JOAG Veterinary PAC liaison.

I have been an active member of JOAG since commissioning in 2006 and have served in the CPC for several years as the Junior Officer Spotlight Coordinator for the *JOAG Journal*. I have also served as a member of the Veterinary PAC's Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee.

I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Puget Sound in 2001, a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2005, and a Masters of Public Health degree from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in 2008. I became board certified by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine in 2010.

After graduating from veterinary school in 2005, I worked for a year as a civil service Public Health Veterinarian for the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the USDA, performing food safety examinations of production animals. Then, in 2006, I "converted in place" from civil service, becoming a veterinary officer in the USPHS and continuing my assignment with FSIS. In 2009, I became a CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service officer, investigating outbreaks and researching other public health problems for the Utah Department of Health. In 2011, I joined the FDA's Coordinated Outbreak Response and Evaluation network, investigating outbreaks of illness associated with FDA-regulated products.

I am blessed to be married to a wonderful woman, and my wife and I are very much enjoying our daughter (9), son #1 (6), and son #2 (just 3 months old!).

I look forward to working with all of you during this operational year.