**Next Week! 2017 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute**
The 2017 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute is just around the corner - NEXT WEEK, March 15-16! Don’t miss out, register now and book your travel. The Workshop provides AAMVA members with an opportunity to network with colleagues from fellow jurisdictions across the U.S. and Canada as well as with industry organizations that provide the products and services your jurisdiction needs. Register today and plan your trip to Minneapolis!

**DIVS Executive Committee Holds Its Final Meeting**
The DIVS Executive Committee gathered for its final meeting to put finishing touches on the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) and confirm it would transition successfully to AAMVA along with the other verification programs DIVS developed during its 8 years of activity. The success DIVS achieved in that time is noteworthy, having reached remarkable levels of state participation in verification services such as USPVS, VLS/SAVE and S2S. The group epitomized what it means to build systems and solutions that are state owned and driven. DIVS Chair Chrissy Nizer asked for a motion and second to officially close their final meeting, thereby concluding the DIVS program March 3. This closure did not go without special recognition for the founding DIVS states of Mississippi, Kentucky, Florida, Indiana, Nevada, Wisconsin and Maryland AND for the group’s “founding fathers”, Clay Johnston (MS), Steve Leak (IN), Luke McAlpin (MS), Chrissy Nizer (MD), Bernard Soriano (CA), Kristina Boardman (WI) and JoCarol Roberts (KY). AAMVA’s IT team received high compliments for having delivered quality verification services in support of the DIVS’s member needs. Meeting attendees closed with expressions of deep appreciation to longtime friend, colleague and IT innovator Jay Maxwell who officially retired from Clerus Solutions which managed all the DIVS projects to success over the course of its 8 years of existence.

**AAMVA is Now Accepting Applications for Regional Director of Member Support**
Sheila Prior, Regional Director for Regions III and IV, has announced her plans to retire at the end of May. To that end, AAMVA has posted her vacancy announcement in the Career Center on AAMVA.org. Visit the Career Center on AAMVA.org to view this and other vacancies AAMVA is currently trying to fill.

**This Week’s Webinars**
*How to Fill Out and Send the NMVTIS Change Request Data Form to AAMVA Help Desk*
Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
This webinar will focus on how to accurately fill out and send the NMVTIS change request data form to AAMVA Help Desk. The webinar includes: When to use the change request data form, Instructions on how to fill out the change request data form, How to send the form to AAMVA Help Desk, How to send corrections to the form to AAMVA Help Desk when needed, and Understand how to request different types of changes to the NMVTIS data using change request data form.

**Jurisdiction News**

**Ohio Department of Public Safety Launches My Safer Ohio Business**

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) launched the My Safer Ohio Business clearinghouse as a way to make it easier for businesses, law enforcement and public safety organizations to connect with the purpose of building a stronger, more prepared and safer Ohio. The My Safer Ohio Business clearinghouse provides businesses simple access to a wide variety of resources, safety tools, and information in order to aid in their development of emergency plans, training, communication and collaboration. Programs such as the Ohio Public Private Partnership, Emergency Partner Credentialing System as well as a wide variety of templates are now available for all businesses in one central location.

**Federal News**

**DOJ Drops Challenge to Voter ID Law**

The United States Justice Department (DOJ) has determined that, rather than continuing to litigate the discriminatory purpose claim in its ongoing litigation regarding the Texas voter ID law, DOJ “should give full effect to the Fifth Circuit’s directives by withdrawing that claim and allowing the Texas Legislature the opportunity to rectify any alleged infirmities with its voter identification law.” Accordingly, the United States has determined that it will not pursue its purpose claim at this time and respectfully moves for voluntary dismissal of that claim without prejudice. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit has already ruled in the case that the voter ID law has a discriminatory effect requiring changes to the law, but DOJ has chosen not to pursue the discriminatory intent claim.

**Partner News**

**GHSA: National Organizations Bring State-Level Recognition to Student Traffic Safety Projects**

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), a Career and Technical Student Organization, is pleased to announce a nationwide partnership with Ford Driving Skills for Life (Ford DSFL) and Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). Funded by Ford DSFL, this partnership provides opportunity for FCCLA members to connect directly with GHSA Representatives in their state, through participation in FCCLA’s Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) national program, a peer education curriculum piece that engages youth on personal, vehicle, and road safety. Read more here.

**ITS World Congress 2017**

TRB is co-sponsoring the ITS World Congress on October 29-November 2, 2017 in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Topics include autonomy and connectivity, artificial intelligence, infrastructure developments, cloud technologies, data, privacy, cyber issues, traffic management, smart city deployment efforts, and more. Read more here.
**The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has released a report that provides a comprehensive review of scientific evidence related to the health effects and potential therapeutic benefits of cannabis. This report provides a research agenda—outlining gaps in current knowledge and opportunities for providing additional insight into these issues—that summarizes and prioritizes pressing research needs. [Read more here.](#)
Please respond to these surveys from Wisconsin, Nevada, Indiana, New Jersey, Maryland, and AAMVA.

Real ID Outreach (Ends 03/24/2017) Response received from California.

DMV Statistical Survey (Ends 03/28/2017)

Third Party Service Provider - Registration/Titling (Ends 03/29/2017) Responses received from AL, ID, MN, MO, NE, OH, OR, UT, VA, WI.

Software for Driver Testing (Ends 03/28/2017) Response received from Florida.

Internal Examiners Licensing (Ends 03/17/2017) Responses received from AB, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NM, NY, OK, SC, VA.

Out of Sequence Titles (Ends 03/14/2017) Responses received from AL, BC, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, UT, VA.

Verification of Lawful Status (Ends 03/23/2017) Responses received from AR, CT, DE, FL, ID, IL, IN, KY, ME, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OR, PA, SC, VT, WA.

If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site here.

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