## Nik Weber Candidate for Vice President



I have been board certified in Canine and Feline Practice since 2001 and Avian Practice since 2008. I received my BS from the University of Michigan (Go Blue!) in 1991 and graduated from the University of Minnesota (Ski-U-Ma!) College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. I did an internship in 1998-99 in the Detroit area and then left the Midwest for Northern California, and I have owned my own small animal clinic in the Sierra foothills since 2006. I have been Chair of the Appeals Committee (and on the Council of Regents) since 2018 after having been a member of the Appeals Committee since 2012. In additional to being a current member of the DEI committee

and multiple ad hoc committees (including Fellowship Oversight) over the years, I have also been on the Board of Directors as the Committee Chair Representative for the past year. In my personal life, I am currently serving as my orienteering club's delegate to Orienteering USA, the national organization for orienteering; I have also served on a number of OUSA committees over the past 20 years. In my spare time, such as it is, I enjoy orienteering, disc golfing, running and cycling, homebrewing beer, and lutherie (building stringed instruments).

If elected, my goals for my time on the Executive Board include making it easier for lapsed diplomates to get their certifications back, bringing more transparency to the deliberations of the COR, continuing the standardization/validation of our examinations, and encouraging the formation of additional fellowships (especially orthopedic surgery). My vision of the ABVP for the next 5 years includes a much larger online presence as well as a larger presence in veterinary schools-- I would love to increase scholarships to students and turn the ABVP symposium into a major veterinary student destination.