

# Proposed Amendments to the AVMA Constitution and Bylaws

In compliance with Constitution Article X and Bylaws Article XIII, the following amendments are submitted. ~~Type that has a continuous line through it is proposed for deletion.~~ Proposed new wording is underlined. The 2004 revision of the AVMA Constitution and Bylaws is in the 2005 *AVMA Directory and Resource Manual*, pages 26-40.

**1** Amend Bylaws Article V—Councils, Special Committees, and Trusts, *Section 1—Councils, subsection (b)vii and Section 8—The Council on Public Relations, subsection (a)*, to rename the Council on Public Relations.

## Present and Proposed Wording

### Section 1—Councils

b) The following Councils which shall be subject to the direction of the Executive Board are hereby created:

- i) The Judicial Council
- ii) The Council on Education
- iii) The Council on Research
- iv) The Council on Veterinary Service
- v) The Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents
- vi) The Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine
- vii) The Council on ~~Public Relations~~ Communications

### Section 8—The Council on ~~Public Relations~~ Communications

a) The Council on ~~Public Relations~~ Communications shall consist of ten active or honor roll members elected by the House of Delegates for terms of six years. Members shall represent the following areas of veterinary medical activity:

- i) Private practice, predominantly small animal (two members)
- ii) Private practice, predominantly food animal (one member)
- iii) Private practice, predominantly equine (one member)
- iv) Non-private practice (one member)
- v) Public health or regulatory veterinary medicine (one member)
- vi) At large (four members)

**2** Amend Bylaws Article V—Councils, Special Committees, and Trusts, *Section 3—The Council on Education, subsection (a)i*, to clarify that two members of the council shall represent basic science.

## Present and Proposed Wording

### Section 3—The Council on Education

a) The Council on Education shall include fifteen active or honor roll members elected by the House of Delegates for terms of six years. These members shall represent the following areas of veterinary medical activity:

- i) Basic ~~or preclinical~~ science (two members active in this field who are members of the facul-

ty of a university having an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine or a department of veterinary science).

ii) Large animal clinical science (one member in this field who is a member of the faculty of a university having an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine).

iii) Small animal clinical science (one member active in this field who is a member of the faculty of a university having an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine).

iv) Postgraduate education (one member who is actively directing post-professional students in an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine or in a university department of veterinary science).

v) Veterinary medical research (one member who is actively engaged in veterinary research for the majority of the time, or the close director of others who are).

vi) Private food animal clinical practice (one member whose veterinary endeavor is exclusively food animal practice).

vii) Private mixed clinical practice (one member whose veterinary endeavor is clinical practice with several species of animals including both food or equine and small companion animals).

viii) Private small animal clinical practice (one member whose veterinary endeavor is exclusively small animal practice).

ix) Private equine practice (one member whose veterinary endeavor is exclusively equine practice).

x) Private clinical practice, not further specified (two members whose veterinary endeavor is exclusively private clinical practice).

xi) Veterinary preventive medicine (one member whose veterinary endeavor is in the field of epidemiology, public health, regulatory, or military veterinary medicine).

xii) Non-private practice, non-academic veterinary medicine (one member).

xiii) At large (any active member).

b) The Council shall include four additional voting members and one nonvoting (liaison) member as follows:

i) Representatives of the public (three individuals who are not veterinarians) to be appointed by the Council for a term of six years.

ii) Canadian veterinarian to be appointed and funded by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association for a term of three years.

iii) Veterinarian (nonvoting liaison) to be appointed and funded by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges for a term of three years.

**3** Amend Bylaws Article VIII—Annual Convention, *Section 2—Location, subsection (a)*, to change the location for the 2013 and 2014 AVMA annual conventions.

**Present and Proposed Wording**

*Section 2—Location*

a) For the purpose of determining where each annual convention is to be held, the United States shall be divided into three convention zones as shown on the official map herewith reproduced. The zone in which the annual convention is to be held shall be as follows.

Zone 1—Every third year beginning with the year 1986.

Zone 2—Every third year beginning with the year 1987.

Zone 3—Every third year beginning with the year 1988.

For the years 2013 and 2014, the rotation among the zones will be modified so as to allow the 2013 annual convention to be held in Zone 2 and the 2014 annual convention to be held in Zone 1.

