

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AVMA's Current Role in Global Veterinary Activities

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Background

In July 2011, the AVMA House of Delegates (HOD) approved Resolution 9-2011, which resulted in the Executive Board (EB) directing the Office of the Executive Vice President (OEVP) to prepare a comprehensive report summarizing AVMA's current role in global veterinary activities, the rationale for such involvement, and an estimate of the general costs of such engagement in 2011, including staff resources. Resolution 9 also specified that the report was to also include changes anticipated in 2012 and be made available to the HOD and AVMA members by December 15, 2011.

The report was reviewed by the House Advisory Committee and received by the Executive Board at its November 2011 meeting.

Organization of Report

The report of global activities is organized as follows:

- AVMA Policies and Documents Related to Global Veterinary Activities
- AVMA Entities Involved in Global Veterinary Activities
- AVMA Volunteer and Staff Positions with International Responsibilities
- International Travel: AVMA Officers, District Directors, and Staff
- AVMA International Efforts to Promote Its Strategic Plan
 - Animal Welfare
 - Veterinary Education
 - Standard Setting and Policy Development Impacting Veterinary Services
 - Member and Student Services
 - Association and Relationship Building
 - Communications
- Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates
- World Veterinary Year (Vet2011)
- AVMA's Global Veterinary Activities—Expenses and Income
- Conclusion
- Appendices

Report Conclusions

The report concludes that international efforts of the AVMA both in terms of time (staff and volunteer) and money are a small part of the Association's overall resources expended to advance its mission ("to improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession") and strategic plan. From a purely economic point-of-view, these efforts represent less than 2.5% of the Association's overall budget. At the same time, internationally focused activities contribute positively to AVMA's budget; international income in 2011 and 2012 represents nearly 2.0% of annual income anticipated each year.

Annual Income and Expense Summaries for AVMA International Activities

INCOME

	2011	2012
Member Dues	\$210,900.00	\$210,900.00
Subscriptions	\$227,500.00	\$227,500.00
World Veterinary Year	\$71,500.00	\$0.00
Veterinary School Accreditation	\$52,740.00	\$100,000.00
Outside Sponsorship	\$3,647.00	\$60,000.00
Total International Income	\$566,287.00	\$598,400.00
<i>Total Projected or Budgeted Income</i>	\$30,247,409.00	\$29,939,150.00
<i>International income as a percentage of total projected or budgeted income</i>	1.87%	2.00%

EXPENSE

	2011	2012
Salary/Benefits	\$356,218.00	\$348,355.00
Travel	\$142,371.00	\$121,110.00
Vet2011	\$125,782.00	\$0.00
Meetings	\$23,580.00	\$16,260.00
Organizational Member Dues	\$31,523.00	\$38,735.00
AVMA Support of Symposia/Workshops	\$5,000.00	\$60,000.00
Subscriptions	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Student Activities	\$12,339.00	\$15,433.00
Officer Stipends	\$12,675.00	\$12,025.00
Total International Expenses	\$713,488.00	\$615,918.00
<i>Total Projected or Budgeted Expenses</i>	\$29,062,021.00	\$29,875,336.00
<i>International expenses as a percentage of total projected or budgeted expenses</i>	2.46%	2.06%

Further, accreditation fee structures outlined in the *Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the Council on Education (COE P&P; www.avma.org/education/cvea/coe_pp.asp)* require veterinary medical colleges/schools within the US and Canada to share in accreditation site-visit costs through payment of a once-every-seven-years accreditation fee. Veterinary medical colleges/schools outside the US and Canada, however, are required to pay all site-visit expenses (eg, airfare, lodging, meals for volunteer and staff site-team members), an administrative fee each time the school is evaluated, and an annual administrative fee. These administrative fees are designed to defray AVMA overhead costs associated with international accreditation activities.

The AVMA is considered by many national and international regulatory and standard setting organizations, including the US Department of Agriculture and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), as both a valued partner and a leader in the global veterinary profession with particular expertise in the areas of veterinary education, animal health, animal welfare, food safety, public health, aquatic veterinary medicine, emergency preparedness and response, and association building. Efforts to ensure that the US veterinary profession's voice is heard in the

international arena are intimately connected to AVMA's national efforts to advance its strategic plan. Further, because current AVMA international activities are minimal in terms of overall resources, there is no evidence that the Association's international activities result in any measurable loss of national opportunities.

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