Proposed Bylaws Amendment 3—2013
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
AVMA Executive Board

Amend Bylaws ARTICLE VIII, COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/TASK FORCES, Section 2.
Councils, b Council on Education, 2. Responsibility

Present and Proposed Wording
(deletions are struckthrough; additions are underlined)

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/TASK FORCES

Section 2. Councils.
b. Council on Education

2. Responsibility. The Council on Education shall:
   i. Shall Hhave autonomous authority to evaluate schools and colleges offering a professional degree in veterinary medicine, according to established standards; make accreditation decisions; and assign a classification of accreditation to each school or college;
   ii. Shall Mmeet the needs of society by promoting active programs in veterinary medical education by, among other things, encouraging and assisting schools and colleges of veterinary medicine to meet the requirements for full accreditation;
   iii. Shall Sstudy and recommend methods of instruction and promote the continual improvement of veterinary medical education in all its facets;
   iv. Shall Rrecommend standards for accredited schools and colleges offering a professional degree in veterinary medicine; such standards shall pertain to organization, finances, physical facilities and equipment, clinical resources, library and information resources, students, admissions, faculty, curriculum, research programs, and outcomes assessment;
   v. Shall Ppublish a list annually of the schools and colleges of veterinary medicine showing the current accreditation status of each;
   vi. Shall Pprovide consultation to proposed, developing, and existing schools and colleges of veterinary medicine;
   vii. May Rreview and make recommendations to the Executive Board concerning the activities of committees concerned with veterinary specialties, veterinary technicians, graduates of foreign colleges of veterinary medicine, and licensing examinations; and
   viii. Shall Rrecommend curriculum changes that will enhance the veterinarian’s ability to meet changing professional demands and societal needs.

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment
COE members maintain similar liaison positions on the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA), the Educational Commission on Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG), and the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME). These relationships also allow the COE to provide direct input and keep COE members apprised of the activities of these groups. In light of these relationships, and the fact that since the time this portion of the Bylaws was written, each entity has become well-established or independent (NBVME), such language is unnecessary.

If approved, the Bylaws amendment will remove the COE as a pre-approval body on Executive Board recommendations, while retaining the option to provide comment when appropriate.
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