Council on Education
The Council on Education met on October 7-9, 2012 and March 3-6, 2013 at AVMA Headquarters. The meetings were chaired by Dr. Sheila Allen; Dr. Jayne Jensen served as vice chair.

Accreditation of Colleges—Based on comprehensive site visit reports, classifications of accreditation were assigned to the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science, the University of Queensland School of Veterinary Science, the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, The Royal Veterinary College of the University of London, and the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine. Based on information gathered during a focused site visit conducted in September 2012, the Murdoch University School of Veterinary and Life Sciences was granted continued full accreditation. Annual interim reports from 34 colleges were reviewed and accepted. The list of accredited colleges of veterinary medicine is available on the AVMA website, http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/colleges_accredited/colleges_accredited.asp.

The US colleges of veterinary medicine are classified as follows: 27 are assigned full accreditation and 1 is assigned limited accreditation. The classification of limited accreditation indicates that the college has met most, but not all, of the Standards established by the AVMA. Five Canadian colleges are classified as having full accreditation. Thirteen foreign colleges are assigned full accreditation.

Accreditation Standards—During its annual review of four Standards, the Council discussed the Standards of Physical Facilities and Equipment, Clinical Resources, Library and Information Resources, and Curriculum. Following discussion, the Council determined that no changes were necessary to Standard 4, Clinical Resources. Changes to Standard 3-Physical Facilities and Equipment, Standard 5-Library and Information Resources, and Standard 9-Curriculum were approved. The updated manual is available on the AVMA website: http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/coe_pp.asp.

US Department of Education—In 2012 the COE underwent review by the US Department of Education (USDE) and was granted continued recognition for one year with a report demonstrating full compliance with USDE guidelines. In response to USDE findings, the Council has made changes to the composition of site visit teams. The updated manual is available on the AVMA website: http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/coe_pp.asp.

American Board of Veterinary Specialties—Based on American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) review and acceptance of each specialty organization’s 2012 annual or five-year in-depth reports, the Council submitted a recommendation to the Executive Board that AVMA recognition be granted to 22 veterinary specialty organizations.

Liaison Reports—The Council received as information reports of Council members acting as liaisons to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities, National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, and the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates.

Liaison reports were also received from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, and the National Examining Board of Canada.

Summary of Council Recommendations and Executive Board Actions
That the Executive Board approved the indicated level of AVMA recognition for the following veterinary specialty organizations, based on the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) review and
acceptance of each organization’s submitted report.
• That the Executive Board approve an increase in the fees charged to foreign veterinary colleges seeking AVMA approval as follows:
  Consultative site visit - $11,000 (from $10,000)
  Consultation with an accredited college $2,200 (from $2,000)
  Comprehensive site visit - $16,500 (from $15,000)
  Focused site visit - $3,025 (from $2,750)
  Review of annual report - $1,100 (from $1,000)
• That the Executive Board approve initiating a Bylaws amendment to change the method of selection for COE members.
• That the Executive Board approve initiating a Bylaws amendment to Article VIII, section 2-b, item 2-vii to remove Council on Education oversight of the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities, the Educational Commission on Foreign Veterinary Graduates, and the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.