

RESOLUTION 12 — 2013
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
AVMA Executive Board

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association

RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) admit the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association to its House of Delegates as a constituent allied veterinary organization.

Statement about the Resolution

The [AHVMA](#) applied for HOD membership in December 2012. Noted below are the applicable sections from the AVMA Bylaws—

Article VII, House of Delegates

Section 4. Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations.

- a. **Requirements.** Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations are organizations of veterinarians with specific vocational interests allied to the interests of the Association that meet the following requirements:
1. Have a national scope of operation;
 2. Represent a broad field of veterinary activity;
 3. Have a constitution and/or bylaws that does not conflict with the Association's Bylaws;
 4. Be oriented to some phase of professional veterinary activity, but is not a local or regional organization;
 5. Not be a specialty organization recognized by the Association
 6. An organization seeking consideration for representation as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization must include among its voting membership at least one percent (1%) of all voting members of the Association, **and** at least ninety percent (90%) of that organization's voting membership must be voting members of the Association; and
 7. If an organization has been continuously represented in the House of Delegates since July 8, 1995: (i) its U.S. resident voting membership must include a minimum of three hundred (300) members of the Association, **and** at least eighty-five percent (85%) of all of its U.S. resident voting membership must be voting members of the Association or (ii) at least five hundred (500) of its U.S. resident voting members must be voting members of the Association; or
 8. If an organization's application for representation in the House of Delegates as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization was accepted any time after July 8, 1995, at least one percent (1%) of all voting members of the Association must be voting members of that organization, **and** at least eighty-five percent (85%) of that organization's U.S. resident voting membership must be voting members of the Association.
- b. **Application for Recognition as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization.** The Executive Board, or its designee(s), shall adopt an application form and procedures to facilitate the consideration of applicants seeking representation in the House of Delegates as Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations. All applicants must complete the application form and submit the application, along with the designated fee, if any, to the administrative office of the Association. The Executive Board, or its designee(s), shall (i) review the application of all applicants and determine, on the basis of the criteria set forth in these Bylaws and such other guidelines as the House of Delegates may prescribe, if individual applicants meet the qualifications necessary for recognition as a

Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization and (ii) make a recommendation to the House of Delegates regarding admission of such applicants to the House of Delegates.

After reviewing the required documentation submitted, AVMA staff concludes that the AHVMA meets the criteria for consideration as a member of the AVMA HOD—

- The AHVMA’s membership includes at least 1% of the AVMA membership
- 90% of AHVMA’s membership are AVMA members

The cost noted above is based on the HOD Travel Policy—for two people, two meetings.

Attached is the completed “[Application Form and Criteria for Recognition as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization the AVMA House of Delegates](#)” for your information. Also attached is a related [memorandum](#) from the AVMA Membership and Field Services Division. The [Constitution and Bylaws of the AHVMA](#) are also attached.

Financial Impact: \$4,000 per year (approximate)

	RECOMMEND APPROVAL	RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL	RECOMMEND REFERRAL TO ...*	NO RECOMMENDATION
<i>Executive Board</i>	X			
<i>House Advisory Committee</i>	X			
<i>Reference Committee #1</i>				#####
(*Use this space for additional narrative, if needed.)				

	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	REFERRED TO ...*
HOD ACTION			