RESOLUTION 1—2013
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BROADENING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates amend the Manual of the House of Delegates (HOD), effective immediately, to make all House Advisory Committee (HAC) positions At Large (not designated professional categories), and specify that there cannot be more than 1 delegate or alternate from the same state or allied group represented in the HOD serving on the HAC simultaneously. To that end, we amend the AVMA Manual of the House of Delegates:

1. By striking, on page 3 under the heading House Advisory Committee, the following:
   “one delegate or alternate delegate representing each of the following areas of professional activity:
   ___Predominantly food animal
   ___Predominantly equine
   ___Mixed, with several species of animals including both food and equine and small companion animal
   ___Predominantly small animal
   ___Teaching and research
   ___Federal or state government veterinarians
   ___At-large”
   And inserting: “seven delegates or alternate delegates. No more than one delegate or alternate from the same state or allied group represented in the House of Delegates may serve on the HAC simultaneously.”

   So that the first paragraph under House Advisory Committee, on page 3 would read:
   “The Bylaws define the general structure and duties of the House Advisory Committee and the terms of its members (Article VII, Section 19). The HAC consists of seven delegates or alternate delegates. No more than one delegate or alternate from the same state or allied group represented in the House of Delegates may serve on the HAC simultaneously.”

2. By striking, on page 7, the entire second paragraph under the heading HAC members, which begins with: “If by April 1, there are no eligible candidates for a pending HAC vacancy that is restricted to individuals representing a particular professional classification, . . .”

Statement about the Resolution

The current professional designations for HAC members are restrictive and not representative of the majority of most members of the House of Delegates (HOD). In recent years, some of these positions have had to be reclassified to At Large as no HOD member in that category submitted an application for candidacy. The HOD membership is geographically diverse and includes representation for allied groups of specific professional categories. As such, 7 members elected at large from the HOD would be effective leaders who could advise and act in the capacity of the leadership committee of this body.
In the interest of diverse HOD representation on the HAC, it would be best to specify that there will not be more than 1 HAC member from any given state or constituent allied group simultaneously.

**Financial Impact:** None

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