THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
The Council on Education met on September 15-17, 2013 and March 2-4, 2014 at AVMA Headquarters. The meetings were chaired by Dr. Jayne Jensen; Dr. Frederik Derksen served as vice chair.

Accreditation of Colleges—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. Based on a recent US Department of Education audit, the Council on Education has implemented a new protocol for evaluating a school’s compliance with the Standards of Accreditation. A full description of the new accreditation protocol can be found in the COE’s March 2014 Policy and Procedure manual, (https://www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Accreditation/Colleges/Documents/coe_pp.pdf).

Based on comprehensive site visit reports, classifications of accreditation were assigned to the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Melbourne Faculty of Veterinary Science, the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine, the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine. Annual interim reports from 39 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 Council also granted Letters of Reasonable Assurance to the Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary and Comparative Medicine. A Letter of Reasonable Assurance is granted following a comprehensive site visit evaluation and is based on planned action and preliminary arrangements as long as the Council deems the implementation of such planned actions to be reasonable, pragmatic, and feasible within an appropriate time frame.

The US colleges of veterinary medicine are classified as follows: 24 are accredited and four are assigned probationary accreditation. The classification of probationary accreditation indicates that the college has met most, but not all, of the Standards established by the AVMA. Five Canadian colleges and 13 foreign colleges are classified as accredited.

Accreditation Standards—During its annual review of four Standards, the Council discussed the Standards on Students, Admissions, Faculty, and Curriculum. Following discussion, the Council determined that no changes were necessary to Standard 7-Admissions or Standard 8-Faculty. Changes to Standard 6-Students, Standard 9-Curriculum, and Standard 11-Outcomes Assessment were approved. The updated manual is available at the AVMA website: http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/coe_pp.asp.

Site Visit Cost Recovery—The AVMA Executive Board established a new policy on the recovery of costs associated with the accreditation of US and Canadian veterinary colleges at its January 2014 meeting. The Executive Board directed the Council on Education to recover 50% of the annual direct and indirect costs of accreditation over and above site visit expenses. Accredited colleges will be responsible for all costs associated with site visits.

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.