Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2—2015
Regular Winter Session

Submitted by
AVMA Board of Directors

AVMA MISSION STATEMENT

Amend Bylaws ARTICLE I Name and Purposes, Section 2, Purpose, and Section 3, Mission.

Present and Proposed Wording
(deletions are struck through; additions are underlined)

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSES

Section 2. Purpose
Consistent with the object of the Association, in addition to the purposes as set forth in the Association’s Articles of Incorporation, the mission of the Association is to lead the profession by advocating for its members and advancing the science and practice of veterinary medicine to improve animal and human health, as may be amended, the objective of the Association shall be to advance the science and art of veterinary medicine, including its relationship to public health, biological science, and agriculture.

Section 3. Mission
The mission of the Association is to improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession.

Section 43. Offices
The Association shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with that registered office and may have such other offices, within or without the State of Illinois, as the Board of Directors may determine.

Note: This notice includes the ability to make non substantive changes to the verbiage of the mission.

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

As the House is aware, in January 2014 the AVMA embarked on a Strategy Management Process (SMP), in an effort to more closely align AVMA efforts and resources with what its members want and value. This process included review of the Association’s Mission. The first draft of the mission was shared with the HOD in July. The mission evolved in response to member comment, and the updated version was shared most recently with the HOD in a recorded November 13 webinar.

The Strategy Management Process is highly consistent with the supporting statements found in Proposed Bylaws amendment 2-2014, which was referred to the Board for clarification in January 2014, and referred back to the Board again in July 2014. The July 2014 referral was to allow time for the results and findings of the SMP to inform the Association in order to shape an enduring AVMA Mission Statement for consideration by the HOD in January 2015.

Proposed Bylaws amendment 2-2015 deletes reference to the AVMA “purpose” which was a term determined to be synonymous with the word “mission” through the SMP process. This deletion may not be addressed through a simple proposed amendment to bylaws proposal 2-2014, because deletion of this portion is out of scope according to Parliamentary Procedure. Therefore, the vehicle for returning the AVMA Mission Statement to the House of Delegates, as requested, is a separate proposed Bylaws amendment — 2-2015.
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