Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2—2016
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
Board of Directors

This is a Conforming Amendment. Sections A through E shall be voted on in one vote.

A. Amend Bylaws ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2:

Present and Proposed Wording
(deletions are struckthrough; additions are underlined)

Section 2. Composition. The Board of Directors shall be composed of fifteen (15) sixteen (16) members as follows: the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Treasurer (non-voting), and one (1) member elected from each of the eleven (11) Districts (as defined in Article V, Section 5; collectively, the “District Directors”).

B. Amend Bylaws ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3:

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Section 3. Invited Participants. The Treasurer, Chair of the House Advisory Committee, President of the Student AVMA, Executive Vice President, and Assistant Executive Vice President shall be invited to attend and participate, without vote, in all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors.

C. Amend Bylaws ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 7:

Present and Proposed Wording
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Section 7. Terms.

a. District Directors shall serve a six (6) year term, or until such time as their successors are duly elected, qualified, and assume their position, and may not serve two (2) consecutive terms. Filling an unexpired term of three (3) years or less shall not be considered a full term and shall not apply toward the term limit.
b. The President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and Vice President, and Treasurer shall remain on the Board of Directors for the duration of their term.
c. The term of all District Directors shall begin at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the close of the first annual session of the House of Delegates following their election and shall run for a full term until the close of the sixth annual session of the House of Delegates following their election.

D. Amend Bylaws ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, Section 5:

Present and Proposed Wording
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Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of the Association and shall have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for the Association; shall have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the Association, and be responsible therefore, and for the receipt and disbursement thereof; shall deposit all funds and
securities of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. The Treasurer shall be invited to attend and participate in all regular and special meetings a member, without the right to vote, of the Board of Directors. The duties of the Treasurer may be assigned by the Board of Directors in whole or in part to either the Executive Vice President or Assistant Executive Vice President.

E. Amend Bylaws ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, Section 12:

Present and Proposed Wording
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Section 12. Qualifications for Office.

a. Only voting members who (i) have been voting members of the Association for a period of at least ten (10) continuous years immediately prior to their election and (ii) meet such additional requirements as set forth in the Manual of the House of Delegates shall be eligible to hold the office of President, President-Elect, or Vice President.

b. Any member of the Board of Directors with the exception of the President, and President-Elect, and Treasurer, shall be eligible to hold the office of Board of Directors Chair or Board of Directors Vice Chair.

c. Only voting members who have been voting members of the Association for a period of at least five (5) continuous years immediately prior to their election shall be eligible to hold the office of Treasurer, Executive Vice President, or Assistant Executive Vice President.

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

Expanding the membership of the Board of Directors to include the Treasurer would result in two benefits— the Board would gain an AVMA Officer with extensive leadership in the critical areas of finance and budget; and would bring the AVMA into compliance with association best practices.

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