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American Veterinary Medical Association
House of Delegates
Regular Winter Session
January 5-6, 2018
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Chicago, IL

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Dr. John de Jong, President-elect, at 10:00am on January 5, 2018.

Roll call
The House approved a motion to adopt the list of delegates and alternate delegates submitted as the official list of the voting members of the 2018 Regular Winter Session of the House of Delegates (HOD).

Report of HAC, acting as committee on rules and procedures
The House approved a motion to adopt the Manual of the House of Delegates as amended, and the Order of Business.

The House approved a motion by a two-thirds majority, to waive the prior notice provision for Resolution 2—Policy on Antimicrobial Stewardship Definition and Core Principles. Resolution 2 was referred to Reference Committee 7.

Action on Proposed Bylaw Amendment
The House approved a motion by a two-thirds majority, to adopt proposed Bylaw amendment 1, Duties.

Action on Resolutions
The House referred adoption of Resolution 1—Revised Policy on Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect to the Board of Directors with a request to address mandatory reporting with immunity, and to add clarity in the policy regarding educating clients by retaining the phrase, “Regarding humane care and treatment of animals.”

The House amended and approved adoption of Resolution 2—Policy on Antimicrobial Stewardship Definition and Core Principles.

Action on Topics Referred from the Veterinary Information Forum

National Veterinary Practices
A motion was approved to recommend that the Board of Directors study membership models based on practice size and ownership, including a financial impact study on member services, and report back to the House at the 2018 Regular Annual Session.

Delivery of Care by Not-for-Profits
A motion was approved to recommend that the Board direct staff to work with AVMA volunteer leadership and the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators to develop best practices for collaboration between veterinary hospitals and animal welfare organizations and educational resources for the public about the benefits of various models of care.
The House approved a motion to recommend that Board of Directors direct staff to collect information from VMAs, their foundations, and general membership on models that provide veterinary care to underserved populations.

**Defining the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)**
The House approved a motion recommending that the Board of Directors maintain the language related to the VCPR as it presently exists in AVMA policy.

**Action on Elections**
The House elected Dr. Scott Dee (Microbiology) to the Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents.

With no further business to come before the House, the Regular Winter Session was adjourned at 10:37 am on January 6, 2018.

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