Amend Bylaws ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP, Section 3

Present and Proposed Wording
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Section 3. Membership Categories. The Association shall have three (3) categories of membership as follows:

a. Voting.
   1. Voting membership may be granted to any individual who has earned a professional degree in veterinary medicine from a school or college of veterinary medicine and has met membership qualifications and application requirements as specified in Article II, Sections 1 and 2, and is:
      i. A member in good standing of a veterinary organization represented in the House of Delegates; or
      ii. A diplomate in good standing of an AVMA/American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS recognized veterinary specialty organization; or
      iii. Endorsed by at least two (2) voting members of the Association; or
      iv. A graduating student who has been certified to be a member in good standing of an student chapter of the Association organization represented in the Student AVMA House of Delegates.

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

The current AVMA Bylaws & policy stipulate that automatic AVMA membership may only be granted to graduating students who are certified to be a member in good standing of a Student Chapter of the AVMA. It is AVMA policy to automatically convert these graduates to AVMA members. The graduates who are automatically converted pay no membership dues for the remainder of their graduating year and reduced dues (50% Active member dues) for two years following graduation. All other graduating veterinary students must complete an application for AVMA membership, pay prorated reduced recent graduate dues for the year they graduate and are only granted reduced dues (50% Active member dues) for one year following graduation.

The Board believes AVMA Bylaws and policy should be amended so that all students who graduate from schools represented in the Student AVMA qualify for automatic conversion to AVMA membership.

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