AVMA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (PANVET)

Background and History
The Pan-American Association of Veterinary Sciences (PANVET) comprises membership from veterinary associations within North, South, and Central America, and serves its member associations by providing a platform to develop strategies to address issues of mutual interest and concern—including veterinary workforce needs, control of transboundary diseases, and quality of veterinary medical education. In addition, PANVET organizes the biennial Pan-American Congress of Veterinary Sciences—a continuing education meeting bringing together the veterinary profession from across the Americas. PANVET is governed by its Directive Council. Directive Council representatives are elected from nominations received from member organizations to serve renewable two-year terms. The Directive Council meets yearly; every other year, this meeting is held in conjunction with the Pan-American Congress of Veterinary Sciences.

The AVMA has been a member of the PANVET since 2004. In 2010, the AVMA Board of Directors (BOD) approved greater involvement with PANVET through appointing a liaison representative who will seek election to the PANVET Directive Council.

Charge/Objective
The AVMA Representative to PANVET is charged to:
1. Serve as the primary AVMA representative to PANVET.
2. Make recommendations for AVMA action to the Committee on International Veterinary Affairs on issues identified through membership on PANVET.

Qualifications of the AVMA Representative to PANVET
- Must be a voting member of the AVMA.
- Must have a broad understanding of AVMA policy.
- Must be willing and able to travel internationally.
- Must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Must have the ability to communicate and conduct business through multiple platforms, to include electronic media.
- Must have a working knowledge of Spanish.

Appointment
The AVMA Representative to PANVET is appointed by the AVMA BOD from applications received following a call for nominations to the general AVMA membership and in accordance with AVMA policy. The AVMA Representative to PANVET serves a once-renewable three-year term.

Meetings and Reports
The AVMA Representative is authorized to attend the once annual PANVET General Assembly meeting and the biennial Pan-American Congress of Veterinary Sciences and participate as a member of the AVMA Delegation to the North American Veterinary Leadership Meeting (NAVLM). If elected to the PANVET Directive Council, the Representative will participate in virtual and in-person
meetings of that group. The Representative also serves as a voting member of the AVMA Committee on International Veterinary Affairs.

**Expenses**
Meeting and travel expenses to CIVA meetings, one PANVET-meeting per year and to the biennial PANVET Congress and the annual NAVLM will be paid in accordance with AVMA policy.

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