

**RESOLUTION #9—2021
Regular Annual Session**

Submitted by
House Advisory Committee

RULES FOR OFFICER ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the Rules for AVMA Officer Election Campaigns as noted in the [attachment](#).

Provided, that these Rules for AVMA Officer Election Campaigns do not take effect until after the close of the House of Delegates 2021 Regular Annual Session.

Statement about the Resolution

During its 2019 Regular Annual Session, the House of Delegates (HOD) approved Resolution 9 “That the House Advisory Committee (HAC) consider appointing a Working Group to review and make recommendations to the HAC concerning the election rules, policies, and procedures of the election process for the offices of AVMA President-Elect and Vice President.”

Subsequent to approval, the HAC appointed a Working Group (WG) comprised of four HOD members, one HAC member, one executive director of an organization represented in the HOD, and a Chair. The WG met several times via teleconference and once in-person during the 2020 Veterinary Leadership Conference.

The WG relied heavily on individual experience as HOD members and knowledge of and involvement in serving as the electorate for the offices of AVMA President-elect and Vice President. Further, the WG undertook an informal survey of candidates who sought the offices of president-elect and vice president during the past five years. Information related to processes and procedures from similar associations and organizations was reviewed by the WG. Additionally, input from the Board of Directors was also reviewed and considered.

During its 2021 Regular Winter Session the HOD considered a resolution to adopt the Rules and subsequently voted to refer back to the House Advisory Committee for further consideration.

In light of the extensive revision and rewrite completed, once adopted this new document will replace the [previous document](#).

Financial Impact: None

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #1	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X	X	X (amended as noted below*)	X (amended as noted below*)
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				

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***Rules for Officer Election Campaigns**

Section D.
Candidates and supporters of candidates should not contribute ~~donate~~ anything of value (more than \$10) to HOD members including food, beverage, and entertainment.