Proposed Bylaws Amendment #10—2019
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
Board of Directors

COUNCIL ON RESEARCH

Amend Bylaws ARTICLE VIII, Section 2. Councils. c. Council on Research. 2. Responsibility

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

Council on Research
Responsibility.
1. The Council on Research advises the AVMA Board of Directors on scientific research and discovery as a career path for veterinarians and for its role in improving animal, human, and environmental health. Council on Research shall engage in scientific research and discovery that impacts the veterinary profession, in order to sustain and advance the scientific basis of veterinary medicine. In this role the Council shall:
   i. Promote the highest standards of basic, translational, and clinical research to improve animal and human health; through AVMA policies, meetings, and publications;
   ii. Collaborate with AVMA entities to communicate the importance of research and to Develop communication strategies that educate the AVMA membership and the public regarding the importance of animal, human, and environmental health research;
   iii. Advocate for the importance of research training at all levels at veterinary teaching institutions and promote appropriate exposure to the conduct of research to all students in schools/colleges of veterinary medicine; recommend appropriate research standards for consideration in the criteria for AVMA/Council on Education accreditation of schools/colleges of veterinary medicine;
   iv. Promote awareness of, and support for, initiatives that promote careers in veterinary research Advance research education and training in veterinary professional and post-professional residency, graduate, fellowship, and clinician-scientist training programs;
   v. Support evidence-based decision making to advance the science and practice of veterinary medicine
   vi. Advance and strengthen the AVMA’s professional authority and respect on matters impacting, or impacted by, science.
   vii. Identify and recommend strategies to advocate for public and private funding to advance research relevant to veterinary medicine;
   viii. Identify and recommend strategies, alliances, and cooperative relationships to advance research among groups within and outside of veterinary medicine, including the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF);
   ix. Raise the profile of scientists engaged in veterinary research and recommend recognition of their work through appropriate channels, including selection of individuals for research awards;
Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

The Council on Research (COR) conducted a reflective process to determine the relevance of its activities to the AVMA membership, and to revise its activities to ensure alignment with the AVMA Strategic Plan. The COR suggests several revisions to its current charge as described in AVMA Bylaws. Several revisions replace items that are simply a description of a specific activity of the COR with goals or objectives that might be fulfilled by those specific activities, as well as others detailed in a working document that the COR will use as a roadmap going forward. The entire exercise was performed while considering the AVMA Strategy to ensure that the COR remains aligned with, and integral to, fulfillment of that strategy.

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