Proposed Bylaws Amendment #3—2019  
Regular Winter Session  

Submitted by  
Board of Directors  

COUNCIL ON RESEARCH  

Amend Bylaws ARTICLE VIII, Section 2. c  

Present and Proposed Wording  

(deletions are stricken through; additions are underlined)  

Section 2. c. Council on Research.  

2. Responsibility. The Council on Research advises the AVMA Board of Directors on 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 research 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 public regarding the importance of animal, human, and environmental health research;  

iii. Advocate for the importance of research at veterinary teaching institutions and recommend appropriate research standards for consideration in the criteria for AVMA/Council on Education accreditation of schools/colleges of veterinary medicine;  

iv. Advance research education and training in veterinary professional and post-professional residency, graduate, fellowship, and clinician-scientist training programs;  

v. Identify and recommend strategies to advocate for public and private funding to advance research relevant to veterinary medicine;  

vi. 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);  

vii. 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;  

viii. Serve as the advisor to the AVMA Board of Directors on the quality, relevance, and responsiveness of the AJVR to the scientific community.  

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment  

This proposed Bylaw amendment is based on input and recommendation from the Working Group on Volunteer Engagement, which is composed of two HOD members and three BOD members. The statement of responsibility proposed for deletion has not been acted upon for many years and is therefore, obsolete.
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