Proposed Bylaws Amendment #9—2019
Regular Winter Session

Submitted by
Board of Directors

COUNCIL ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND REGULATORY VETERINARY MEDICINE


Present and Proposed Wording

(deletions are struckthrough; additions are underlined)

Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine

1. Composition. The Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine shall consist of ten voting members, each of whom is a member of the Association, with experience primarily focusing on the promotion of: of the Association representing the following areas of veterinary medical activity:
   i. Public health agencies or the uniformed services (four individuals);
   ii. Agricultural agencies (four individuals); and
   iii. At-large (two individuals).
   i. Human health (five members); examples may include, but are not limited to:
      a. local, state, or federal public health agencies or uniformed services
      b. animal control agencies
      c. academia
   ii. Animal health (five members); examples may include, but are not limited to:
      a. state or federal agricultural or wildlife agencies or uniformed services
      b. private practice
      c. industry
      d. academia

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

The Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine (CPHRVM) reviewed its charge during a recent meeting. As a result of the review the Council believes that a revised composition would expand eligibility and better reflect the membership needed to meet its charge.

Historically, the Council has comprised primarily government employees. The recommended revisions are intended to encourage applications from well-qualified veterinarians in other areas of veterinary medicine. The proposed revisions also clarify that any veterinarian with relevant experience in animal and/or public health (to include private practice, academia, and industry) is welcome and eligible to apply. Further, there has been confusion regarding whether voting members represent the organization in which they are currently employed (e.g., a government agency) or themselves when contributing to the deliberations of the Council. The revisions are intended to clarify that voting members should apply for and contribute to the Council’s work based on their overall professional experience.
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