

AVMA Governance and Member Participation Task Force

Charge/Objective

1. Review and evaluate the AVMA governance structure including the Executive Board, House of Delegates, and all other entities including councils, committees, task forces, commissions, and trusts.
 - The governance review should account for an entity's purpose and effectiveness; member election or appointment method; and the quality, outcome, and satisfaction of membership involvement.
 - The governance evaluation should identify if the current governance structure will meet future needs of the membership, the profession, and the association. The task force will develop a future vision of the AVMA governance that considers the qualities and attributes of governance as generally outlined by the AVMA 20/20 Vision Commission in its final report.
 - The task force is highly encouraged to utilize resources such as membership input, external experts and consultants, and other information in order to leverage and complement its knowledge and evaluation of AVMA governance.
2. Develop a written report and recommendations to the Executive Board.

Membership

The membership will be approximately 11 individuals who should be forward-thinkers and able to participate in critical strategic discussions, ask elucidating questions, and challenge assumptions. Task Force members may represent diverse experiences and perspectives both in and outside the AVMA, and will include diversity among the appointees by gender, generation and ethnicity.

Appointing Body

Will be composed of the following individuals (see below), who will appoint the Task Force:

- Executive Board Chair – Chair of the Appointing Body
- President
- President-Elect
- Executive Vice President
- HAC Chair
- SAVMA President (or designee)
- Task Force Chair* (see Task Force Chair section)

Nominations will be solicited from the general membership and other stakeholders and reviewed by the Appointing Body. The Appointing Body itself is not expected to recruit for the nominations, with the exception of the Task Force Chair. The Executive Board and the House of Delegates may help to encourage nominations. The Appointing Body will be authorized to hold one 1-day meeting at AVMA headquarters and conference calls as needed.

*Task Force Chair

The Board of Governors and the Executive Vice President will consider nominations and appoint one individual to be the Task Force Chair. The Task Force Chair would immediately join the Appointing Body to participate in the evaluation, interviews and appointments of remaining members of the Task Force.

Meetings

The Task Force is authorized to hold up to three 2-day meetings at AVMA headquarters, and conference calls as needed.

Funding

Travel expenses are authorized in accordance with the AVMA Travel Policy. A consultant/facilitator is authorized pursuant to approved funding. Further expenses for completing its charge must be requested in advance and approved by the Executive Board as below.

Reports

After its first meeting, the Task Force will provide an initial report to the Executive Board on its plan and may submit a recommendation for funding for operational expenses needed to accomplish its charge. On completion of its charge, the Task Force will submit a final summary report and recommendations to the Executive Board.

Life Expectancy

The Task Force will be sunset following submission of its summary report and recommendations to the Executive Board.