Proposed Bylaws Amendment 2 — 2011
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
AVMA Executive Board

COUNCIL ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND REGULATORY VETERINARY MEDICINE

Amend Bylaws Article VIII, COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/TASK FORCES, Section 2 f—Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine. Additions are underlined, deletions are struck through.

1. **Composition.** The Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine shall consist of ten voting members of the Association representing the following areas of veterinary medical activity:
   (i.) Public health agencies or the armed forces Uniformed Services (four individuals);
   (ii.) Agricultural agencies (four individuals); and
   (iii.) At-large (two individuals)

2. **Responsibility.** The Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine shall:
   (i.) Provide expert advice and consultation on issues related to safeguarding animal and public health, as well as identify, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding emerging issues involving preventive medicine and public practice.
   (ii.) Work collaboratively with other AVMA entities and staff to identify and respond to emerging issues impacting human and veterinary medical practice.
   (iii.) Give continuous study to problems of production, processing, and distribution of foods of animal origin as they relate to the assurance of an adequate supply of such food that is clean, sound, wholesome, and free from adulteration.
   (iv.) Recommend and encourage programs that will ensure proper participation by veterinarians in protecting consumer interest and will contribute to a continued market for livestock and livestock products. Provide representatives to and work collaboratively with other AVMA entities to recommend and encourage programs that assure active participation by veterinarians to protect public health and contribute to an economically healthy agriculture industry.
   (v.) Provide expertise and review of current information regarding zoonotic diseases in order to contribute towards policy development, proposed legislation, and public and veterinary education. Receive, collect, and dispense information on diseases of animals transmissible to human beings.
   (vi.) Provide recommendations to encourage greater participation by veterinarians the veterinary community including public and private practitioners in the field of preventive veterinary medicine and public practice health; as it relates to public health and agriculture.
   (vii.) Recommend and encourage the development and support of programs and policies designed to prevent, control, and eradicate animal diseases at the local, state, and national, and international level, with the participation of local practitioners; and
   (viii.) Keep before the profession the responsibilities shared by all veterinarians to (a)
safeguard animal and human health by diagnosing and reporting “reportable” diseases; (b) meet all applicable requirements in certifying to the health of animals; and (c) participate in accordance with applicable regulations in organized programs for the prevention, control, and eradication of animal diseases.

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

The revised charge will maintain appropriate relevance to current and emerging issues related to public health and regulatory veterinary medicine. Further, it will allow the Council to address issues of importance to AVMA membership, and to be more proactive (and thus less constrained) in its decision-making process with regard to AVMA public health and regulatory policies.

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