

Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities

Charge/Objective

1. To recognize veterinary technician training programs that are fully capable of graduating acceptable assistants for veterinarians and to assist in the development of such programs.
2. To study all matters pertaining to activities of veterinary technicians, and to advise the Executive Board concerning the implementation of AVMA policy concerning such matters.

Membership, Method of Appointment, and Representation

The Committee consists of 20 members. The membership includes ten veterinarians—one each from the following categories: Council on Education, state boards of examiners in veterinary medicine, clinical veterinary medicine-large animal, clinical veterinary medicine-small animal, laboratory animal medicine, regulatory veterinary medicine, industrial veterinary medicine, faculties of colleges of veterinary medicine, educators of veterinary technicians, and at-large. In addition, the Committee includes seven veterinary technicians (two of whom must be non-program affiliated, one who must be an educator in a veterinary technology program), a Canadian member of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Animal Health Technologist/Veterinary Technician Program Accreditation Committee (AHTVTPAC) who may be either a veterinarian or a veterinary technician, and two public members who must be engaged in activity other than veterinary medicine or employment as a veterinary technician. A member should represent only one area in the context of appointment to the Committee. All technician members must be graduates of an AVMA or Canadian VMA-accredited veterinary technology program. All US technician members must be members in good standing of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America. Canadian veterinary technician members must be members of the Canadian Association of Animal Health Technicians and Technologists, and Canadian veterinarian members must be members of the CVMA.

The Executive Board appoints the members of the Committee with the following exceptions; the Council on Education appoints one member from its membership, the Committee appoints public members, and the AHTVTPAC appoints the Canadian member. Members serve six-year terms, beginning at the close of the AVMA annual meeting. The COE representative is appointed by the chair of the COE to serve as a voting member for a one-year term.

Chair

The chair will be elected by and from the Committee membership.

Meetings

Meetings are held twice each year in Schaumburg; meetings are 2 ½ days in duration for the spring meeting and 3 ½ days in duration for the fall meeting.

Funding

The AVMA reimburses Committee members for expenses associated with attendance at Committee meetings and evaluations of training institutions.

Reports

The Committee reports on its activities to the Council on Education twice each year, including all evaluations and assignments of accreditation status.

Life Expectancy

The Committee is subject to annual audit and six-year standard audit reviews.