

**RESOLUTION # 3 – 2011  
(Regular Winter Session)**

Submitted by  
Arizona Veterinary Medical Association

**OPEN ELECTRONIC BALLOTING IN THE HOD**

**RESOLVED**, that the House of Delegates of the American Veterinary Medical Association direct the House Advisory Committee to change the voting procedures in the House of Delegates Manual so that all main motions and elections will be by open, electronic ballot. Further, the results of these votes will be posted on the AVMA website for the membership to view as soon as is practical. The previous exception for uncontested elections allowing the Executive Vice President to cast a unanimous ballot to elect shall be preserved.

**Statement about the Resolution**

The members of the House of Delegates are not just individuals voting their consciences. We are representing the membership of the AVMA. The votes we cast should be available for the members we represent to review and to comment upon if desired. With this action the House of Delegates will be taking a proactive step in creating a more open decision making process. As stated above, the House Advisory Committee would be directed to modify current voting procedures in the Manual of House of Delegates. The intent of this resolution is to encourage a more open and transparent process, not to increase its complexity.

**Financial Impact:** As the ballots in the HOD already are electronic the principal cost will involve transferring the results to the AVMA website.

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	RECOMMEND APPROVAL	RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL	REFER TO . . .*	NO RECOMMENDATION
<i>Executive Board</i>				X
<i>House Advisory Committee</i>		X		
<i>Reference Committee #1</i>				#####
(*Use this space for additional narrative, if needed.)				

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<b>HOD ACTION</b>			