

Task Force on Veterinary Compounding Legislation

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for the Task Force on Veterinary Compounding Legislation?

- All AVMA members in the U.S. are eligible, including AVMA members who are already currently participating in AVMA volunteer governance groups.
- Applicants should:
 - Be knowledgeable in the compounding needs of veterinary practitioners.
 - Be familiar with practical aspects of using compounded medications.
 - Have good interpersonal communication skills.
 - Have knowledge of existing compounding policies and regulations.
 - Provide balanced perspectives and views on the need for compounded medications.
- The assembled Task Force is anticipated to reflect general practitioner experience, and comprise practice experience in one or more of the areas: small animal, equine, exotics, food animal and/or pharmacology. The Task Force will be composed of progressive thinkers who are able to participate in critical strategic discussions, to ask thought provoking questions, and to challenge existing assumptions in order to identify and create a future vision for the framework of compounding legislation.
- Both nominations and self-nominations are welcome.

What will be expected of Task Force members?

- Task Force members will be expected to contribute in various ways to the Task Force:
 - Gain a solid understanding of the current legislative and regulatory landscape for veterinary compounding issues.
 - Dialog with interested stakeholders, including the Food and Drug Administration, allied veterinary organizations, pharmacy organizations, drug manufacturers, and AVMA volunteer governance groups to fully appreciate the different perspectives surrounding veterinary compounding.
 - Utilize their own individual practical compounding experiences, coupled with AVMA's policies, stakeholder inputs, and the current legislative/regulatory landscape, to advise and contribute to the Task Force's identification of specific ways forward for AVMA's federal advocacy on compounding.
 - Participate in the drafting and preparation of legislative-oriented proposal(s).
 - Participate in various AVMA and/or external communication opportunities.

How are participants selected?

- Six Task Force members will be selected by an appointing body composed of the Executive Board Chair, AVMA President, AVMA President-Elect, AVMA Executive Vice President, and the Chair of the Task Force on Veterinary Compounding Legislation.

What kind of time commitment will be expected for members of the Task Force?

- The Task Force is authorized to hold up to six two-day, two-night meetings at the AVMA office in Washington, DC, in 2014 or beyond.
- Regular electronic communications and conference calls are anticipated.
- Task Force members should have schedule flexibility for emerging conference calls or other meetings, due to an evolving legislative landscape.

When is the first in-person meeting of the Task Force likely to happen?

- Applicants should plan to attend a two-day/two-night meeting in Washington, D.C in July or August, 2014, to allow for the Task Force to start its work as soon as practicable.

Who covers the Task Force members' expenses?

- The costs of travel associated with the Task Force on Veterinary Compounding Legislation are covered by the AVMA, in accordance with the AVMA Travel Policy.