

AVMA's Current Role in Global Veterinary Activities

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Resolution 9–2011

- Called for Executive Board to direct Office of the Executive Vice President to prepare a comprehensive report summarizing AVMA's current role in global veterinary activities, to include:
 - Rationale for such involvement
 - Costs of such engagement in 2011
 - Staff resources in 2011
 - Changes anticipated in 2012



Purpose of Report

- ▶ As stated in Resolution 9, report will provide the HOD and membership with a clear & organized picture of AVMA's involvement in global veterinary activities, which will in turn....
- ▶ Allow more informed dialogue among members and leadership regarding appropriate depth of the Association's future role in global veterinary medicine.



Process Used: August-November

- ▶ Staff Coordinator for International Affairs used divisional and budget information to draft report
- ▶ OEVP reviewed & sent draft to BOG
 - Executive Summary developed and minor edits made
- ▶ Draft submitted to HAC for ground-truthing
- ▶ Draft submitted to EB with recommendation to receive as information
 - Memo of support from HAC



Final Report

- ▶ Nov 11: EB approved receiving the report as information
 - Report then updated with actions from Board's November meeting
- ▶ Dec 1: Distributed electronically to HOD
- ▶ Dec 14: Posted on AVMA Web site



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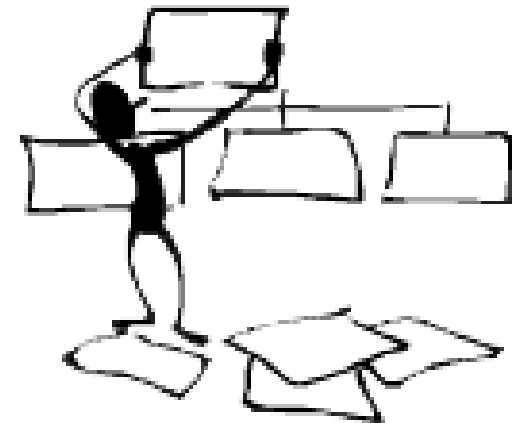


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Report Format

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International Veterinary Service— AVMA Organizational Objective

The AVMA should be actively engaged in promoting the concerns of its members in the forums and policy development processes of international veterinary organizations and regulatory bodies, and should engage in the building of consensus within the international community by the promotion of trust and goodwill.



Entities and Positions

- ▶ Committee on International Veterinary Affairs (CIVA)
 - Established in April 2007 to study issues of interest to AVMA regarding international veterinary affairs and add structure to AVMA international activities.
- ▶ Director of International Affairs
 - Established in 2001 as a volunteer leader position.
- ▶ Staff Coordinator for International Affairs
 - Established in 2009 as new responsibilities for existing staff position.



AVMA International Relationships

- ▶ Liaison Relationships with:
 - US Delegations to Codex Alimentarius Working Groups
 - US Delegation to OIE
 - World Veterinary Association
 - World Small Animal Veterinary Association
 - Pan-American Association of Veterinary Scientists

- ▶ **Participate in:**
 - Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
 - International Veterinary Officers Council
 - North American Veterinary Leadership Meetings
 - International Accreditors Working Group
 - International Veterinary Specialty Working Group
 - Canadian Veterinary Medical Association



CIVA White Paper

www.avma.org/reference/international-opportunities-to-promote-AVMA-strategic-plan.asp

Reference

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International opportunities to promote the AVMA strategic plan

Developed by the AVMA Committee on International Veterinary Affairs—March 2009

Accepted by the AVMA Executive Board—April 2009

In April 2007, the AVMA Executive Board approved formation of a Committee on International Affairs (CIVA) charged "to study global issues affecting the AVMA in areas such as the role of the Association in international affairs, forming partnerships in influencing the potential disruption of food supplies, accreditation of veterinary education, and other evolving international matters arising, and recommend to the Executive Board courses of action in international affairs of the Association." The new Committee, chaired by the AVMA Globalization Monitoring Agent and with representation from the AVMA Executive Board, Council on Education (COE), and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC), has now met four times (October 2007, February and October 2008, and February 2009). During the first two meetings, CIVA members and invited representatives from the World Veterinary Association (WVA), Department of Defense Veterinary Service (DoD/VS), and US Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/International Services (USDA/APHIS/IS) reviewed the Association's history of involvement in global issues. This history, dating back to the 1990s, centered initially on accreditation of veterinary education at international institutions in accordance with the rigorous standards established by the AVMA Council on Education for US and Canadian schools, as well as building relationships with other veterinary associations. In 2001, the AVMA Executive Board also approved creation of a new volunteer position—the Globalization Monitoring Agent—who was charged to conduct surveillance of national and international education, accreditation, and licensing activities and initiatives. Until formation of the CIVA in 2007, no centralized infrastructure (eg, primary staff consultant/support, standing or ad hoc AVMA entity) existed through which the AVMA could become proactive and fully engaged in international efforts.



International Efforts to Promote AVMA Strategic Plan

- ▶ Animal Welfare
- ▶ Veterinary Education
- ▶ Standard Setting and Policy Development Impacting Veterinary Services
- ▶ Member and Student Services
- ▶ Association and Relationship Building
- ▶ Communications



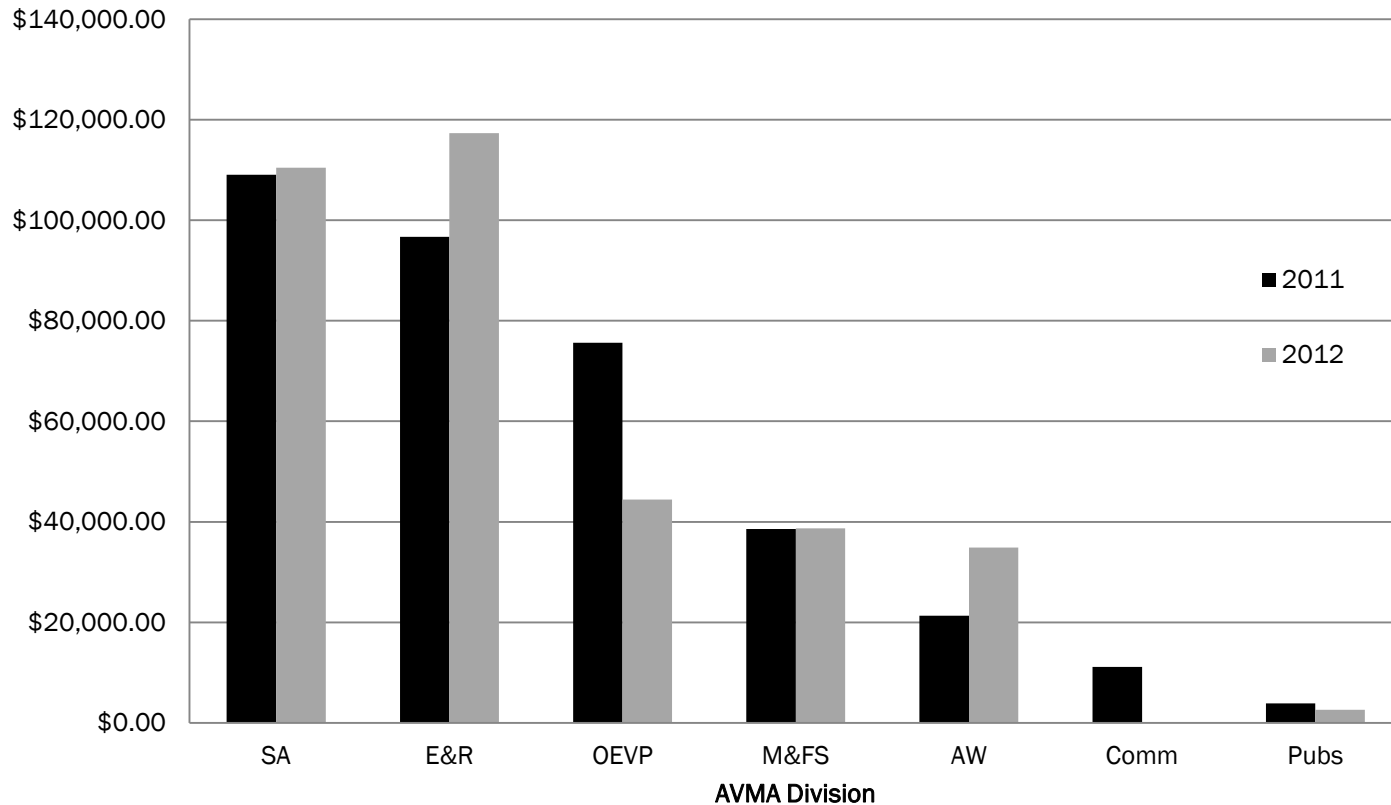
Key Findings: Interconnectedness

- ▶ Global trade, travel, policy, & economy impact role of US veterinary profession in education, public health, animal agriculture, veterinary practice, disaster response, and animal welfare
- ▶ AVMA entities focusing on these issues in the USA would be unable to fulfill charges without some awareness of global veterinary activities



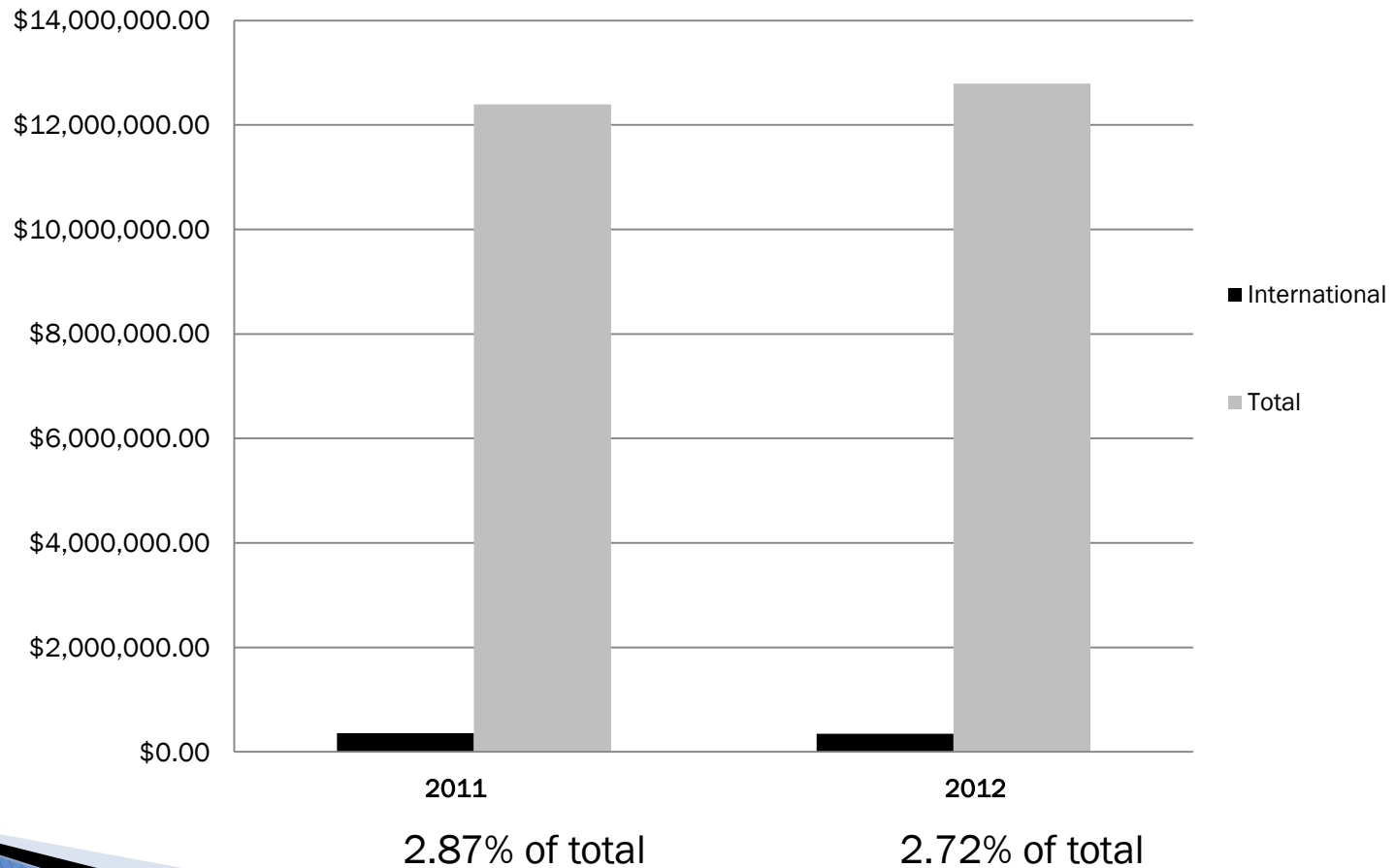
Key Findings: Staff Resources

Salary and Benefit Costs by Division



Key Findings: Salary and Benefits

International vs Total Budgeted Salary and Benefits



Key Findings: Accreditation

	2011	2012
International Accreditation Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian* Site-Visit Expenses for COE & Staff Site-Team Members	\$11,275	\$12,900
International Accreditation Income† <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative Fees	\$52,740	\$100,000
International Accreditation Net Income	\$41,465	\$87,100

**Travel costs to colleges outside US/Canada borne by the college.
†Colleges outside US/Canada pay site-visit and annual fees;
US/Canadian schools pay once-every-7-years site-visit fee.*



Key Findings: International Travel

	2011	2012
Officer/Spouse	\$46,846	\$31,500
District Director/Spouse	\$4,953	\$0
EVP/Spouse	\$22,908	\$11,900
Staff	\$33,575	\$35,510
Liaison	\$13,536	\$29,300
Other Volunteer	\$9,278	\$0
COE Site Visits	\$11,275	\$12,900.00
Total International Travel	\$142,371	\$121,110



Key Findings: International Expenses

	2011	2012
Salary/Benefits	\$356,218	\$348,355
Travel	\$142,371	\$121,110
Vet2011	\$125,782	\$0
Meetings	\$23,580	\$16,260
Organizational Dues	\$31,523	\$38,735
Support of Symposia/Workshops	\$5,000	\$60,000
Subscriptions	\$4,000	\$4,000
Student Activities	\$12,339	\$12,714
Officer Stipends	\$12,675	\$12,025
Total International Expenses	\$713,488	\$613,199
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$29,062,021</i>	<i>\$29,875,336</i>
<i>International expenses as a % of total expenses</i>	<i>2.46%</i>	<i>2.05%</i>

Key Findings: International Income

	2011	2012
Member Dues	\$210,900	\$210,900
Subscriptions	\$227,500	\$227,500
World Veterinary Year (Vet2011)	\$71,500	\$0
Veterinary School Accreditation	\$52,740	\$100,000
Outside Sponsorship	\$3,647	\$60,000
Total International Income	\$566,287	\$598,400
<i>Total Projected or Budgeted Income</i>	<i>\$30,247,409</i>	<i>\$29,939,150</i>
<i>International income as a percentage of total income</i>	<i>1.87%</i>	<i>2.00%</i>



Net Annual Cost of International Activities

- ▶ Net annual cost (expenses – income) of AVMA's global veterinary activities is estimated at:

- ❖ \$147,201 in 2011

- ❖ \$14,799 in 2012



Conclusions

- ▶ Efforts to ensure US veterinary profession's voice is heard in international arena are intimately connected to national efforts to advance AVMA strategic plan
- ▶ International efforts are small part of overall resources expended to advance the AVMA mission
 - To improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession



What Next?

- ▶ Report provides more complete information with which to continue dialogue regarding appropriate depth of AVMA's role internationally.
 - Too much effort on international activities?
 - Not enough effort on international activities?
 - Change in emphasis on areas of international involvement?



Questions, Comments, Discussion

