

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**American Veterinary Medical Association**  
**House of Delegates**  
**Regular Winter Session**  
**January 5-6, 2024**  
**Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk**  
**Chicago, IL**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was **called to order** by the Presiding Officer, Dr. Sandra Faeh, President-elect, at 11:00 am on January 5, 2024.

**Roll Call**

The House **approved a motion** to adopt the list of [delegates and alternate delegates](#) and House Advisory Panel, submitted as the official list of the voting members of the 2024 Regular Winter Session of the House of Delegates.

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America received an invitation to attend the Winter Session of the House of Delegates as an invited guest of the House Advisory Panel. Jamie Rauscher, NAVTA President, was present on behalf of NAVTA and attended the meeting.

**Report of House Advisory Committee (HAC), acting as committee on rules and procedures**

The House **approved a motion** to adopt the [Order of Business](#) contained in the agenda materials for the Regular Annual Session of the House of Delegates.

With no proposed revisions to the [Manual of the House of Delegates](#), the January 2023 version will be utilized for this meeting.

**Reports of House Reference Committees**

**Resolutions**

The House **referred** [Resolution 1](#)—New Policy on Mitigating Hazards in the Veterinary Workplace to the Board of Directors for further clarification by the Council on Veterinary Service.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 2](#)—Revised Policy on Safe Non-Commercial Transport of Pets in Motor Vehicles.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 3](#)—Revised Policy on Dog and Cat Population Management.

The House **approved** the adoption of [Resolution 4](#)—Revised Policy on Safety Testing.

The House **approved** [Resolution 5](#)—Revised Policy on Raw or Undercooked Animal-Source Protein in Cat and Dog Diets.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 6](#)—Revised Policy on Animal Loss Support Services.

## **Veterinary Information Forum (VIF)**

**Antitrust Warning:** Prior to the Veterinary Information Forum, the House of Delegates received a presentation from AVMA's General Counsel, Isham Jones, regarding the importance of avoiding statements and discussions (at any time during the House of Delegates meeting) that could be construed as anti-competitive or otherwise in violation of state and federal antitrust laws.

### **Veterinary Information Forum (VIF) Topics**

During the Veterinary Information Forum, the House of Delegates (HOD) and Reference Committees discussed the following topics: **Future Veterinary Workforce Needs, Telehealth and the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)**, and the **Veterinary Midlevel Position**. While no action was taken, the HOD and Reference Committees engaged in robust discussion and provided valuable input to AVMA Leadership. Detailed information was distributed to the HOD members and Executive Directors of member and allied organizations at the conclusion of the meetings.

## **House Advisory Panel**

### **Presentations**

To further enhance discussions, two House Advisory Panel members were invited to speak at this HOD Session to share their expertise and knowledge. Presenting this year were: Dr. Tristan Colonius, FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, who presented on the FDA Innovation Agenda; and Dr. Kis Robertson Hale, USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, who presented on the District Veterinary Medical Officer position.

### **Elections**

The House **elected** Dr. Kristin Haas (Animal Health) and Dr. Brigid Elchos (Human Health) to the Council on Public Health; Dr. Lloyd Reitz to the Private Clinical Practice position on the Council on Research, and Dr. Jessica Fox to the Private Mixed Practice position on the Council on Veterinary Service.

With no further business to come before the House, the 2024 Regular Winter Session was **adjourned** at 11:01 am on January 6.