

AVMA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The AVMA Director of International Affairs (DIA) is charged to:

1. Provide enhanced continuity to the AVMA's international strategy.
2. Foster development and implementation of AVMA international strategies by chairing the Committee on International Veterinary Affairs and working closely with the AVMA Director of Global Outreach and other relevant AVMA entities, staff, and volunteer leadership.
3. In accordance with AVMA policy, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, and in keeping within the approved budget for this position, serve as an AVMA representative to the North American Veterinary Leadership Meetings (NAVLM), and other meetings as appropriate.
4. Monitor international activities and make recommendations for action to the appropriate AVMA entities.
5. Recommend new relationships with other organizations whose interests are related to the objectives and Strategic Plan of the AVMA.
6. Accept additional charges as assigned by the AVMA Board of Directors or Chief Executive Officer.

Qualifications of the Director of International Affairs

- Must be a voting member of the AVMA.
- Must have a broad understanding of AVMA policy and its Strategic Plan and potential impacts of international issues on both.
- Must have an appreciation of cultural diversity.
- Must be willing and able to travel nationally and internationally, both to developed and less developed regions of the world.
- Must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Must have the ability to communicate and conduct business through multiple platforms, to include electronic media.
- Must have demonstrated dedication to international veterinary medicine through relevant work or volunteer experience and understanding of issues relevant to international veterinary medicine.

Appointment

The DIA is elected by the AVMA Board of Directors from nominations received in accordance with AVMA policy, and serves a once-renewable, three-year term.

Given the qualifications noted above, nominees for this position will ideally have extensive experience serving as an AVMA volunteer (e.g., AVMA Officer, District Director, Delegate, or member of an AVMA Council, Committee, or other entity) to take advantage of the typical relationships developed during such service to the AVMA.

Expenses

Meeting and travel expenses paid in accordance with AVMA policy.

