

AVMA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Background and History

In 2001, on recommendation of the AVMA Task Force on Global Accreditation, the AVMA Board of Directors approved creation of, and funding for, a new leader position to conduct surveillance of national and international education, accreditation, and licensing activities and initiatives. Since its initiation, the scope of this position has expanded to include monitoring of emerging and ongoing international issues that may impact the AVMA Strategic Plan. With the creation of the AVMA Committee on International Veterinary Affairs (CIVA) in 2007, the charge to the Globalization Monitoring Agent expanded further to include chairing that Committee.

In 2009, the Globalization Monitoring Agent position title was modified, on recommendation of the CIVA, to AVMA Director of International Affairs to more closely reflect the expanded role and the increasingly global nature of the veterinary profession. The term of service was also modified, again on recommendation of the CIVA, to reflect the term of service on the CIVA.

Charge/Objective

To provide the Director of International Affairs (DIA) with appropriate background information he/she will be granted access to AVMA Board of Directors agendas, minutes, and other background material (excluding listserv discussion groups) as deemed necessary by the AVMA Office of the Executive Vice President in consultation with the Board of Directors Chair. The DIA is charged to:

1. Develop and implement AVMA international strategies by chairing the Committee on International Veterinary Affairs and working closely with the AVMA International Affairs Coordinator and other relevant AVMA entities and staff.
2. In accordance with AVMA policy, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, and in keeping within the approved budget for this position, serve on the AVMA delegation to the North American Veterinary Leadership Meetings (NAVLM), and other meetings as appropriate.
3. Monitor international activities and make recommendations for action to the appropriate AVMA entities.
4. Recommend new relationships with other organizations whose interests are related to the objectives and Strategic Plan of the AVMA.
5. 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.

Appointment

The AVMA Director of International Affairs is appointed by the AVMA Board of Directors, from nominations received in accordance with AVMA policy. Beginning with the conclusion of the current representative's term, future appointments will be for a once-renewable, three-year term.

AVMA Entity Meetings

On invitation of the Chairs of the following entities, the AVMA Director of International Affairs may attend meetings of the AVMA Board of Directors, Council on Education, AVMA/Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Joint Committee, Animal Welfare Committee,

Legislative Advisory Committee, and other AVMA entities to report and seek input on relevant international activities.

Expenses

Meeting and travel expenses paid in accordance with AVMA policy.

Past AVMA Globalization Monitoring Agents/Directors of International Affairs

- Dr. James Nave, 2001-2007; reappointed 2007-2013
- Dr. René Carlson, 2013-2016

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