

MINUTES
American Veterinary Medical Association
House of Delegates
Regular Annual Session
July 13-14, 2023
Hyatt Regency Denver
Denver, CO

Call to Order

The meeting was **called to order** by the Presiding Officer, Dr. Rena Carlson, President-elect, at 10:00 am on July 13, 2023.

Roll Call

The House **approved a motion** to adopt the [list of delegates and alternate delegates](#) submitted as the official list of the voting members of the 2023 Regular Annual Session of the House of Delegates.

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

There was a split on the question of the Order of Business and the January 2023 House of Delegates Manual.

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.

The House **approved a motion** to adopt the [January 2023 House of Delegates Manual](#), excluding the proposed amendment.

Nomination and Balloting for Officers

President-elect

Dr. Sandra Faeh was **nominated** for the office of AVMA President-elect.

Dr. Arnold Goldman was **nominated** for the office of AVMA President-elect.

Dr. Robert Murtaugh was **nominated** for the office of AVMA President-elect.

Action on Officer Elections

Dr. Sandra Faeh was **elected** AVMA President-elect for the 2023-2024 Association year.

Balloting for Council and HAC positions

Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents

- Dr. Melissa Bourgeois was **elected** to the position representing Microbiology.
- Dr. Steven Dow was **elected** to the position representing Private Clinical Practice- Predominantly Equine.

Council on Public Health

- Dr. Sara McReynolds was **elected** to the position representing Animal Health
- Dr. Sara Margrey was **elected** to the position of Human Health.

Council on Research

- Dr. Miles Theurer was **elected** to the position of Private Clinical Practice.

- Drs. Philippe Baneux, Charley Cull, Mila Kundu and Kathryn Shelton were **elected** to the position of Veterinary Medical Research.

Council on Veterinary Service

- Dr. Barbara Crabbe was **elected** to the position representing Private Practice-Predominantly Equine.
- Dr. Lacey Fahrmeier was **elected** to the position representing Private Practice-Predominantly Food Animal.

House Advisory Committee

- Drs. Juan Amieiro, Theresa Kelliher, Douglas McInnis and Lindy O'Neal were **elected**.

Reports of House Reference Committees

Action on Resolutions

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 10](#)—Safeguarding Care for Animals with Veterinarian-Led Teams.

The House **approved** the adoption of [Resolution 11](#)—Supersede Policy on Canine Devocalization.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 12](#)—Revised Policy on Docking of Lambs' Tails.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 13](#)—Revised Policy on Tail Docking of Cattle.

The House **referred** [Resolution 14](#)—New Policy on Sheep and Goat Castration to the Board of Directors for further clarification by the Animal Welfare Committee.

The House **referred** [Resolution 15](#)—New Policy on Sheep and Goat Disbudding and Dehorning to the Board of Directors for further clarification by the Animal Welfare Committee.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 16](#)—Revised Policy on Physical Restraint of Animals.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 17](#)—New Policy on Canine Hybrids.

The House **amended and approved** the adoption of [Resolution 18](#)—Statement to the Profession.

Topics Referred from Veterinary Information Forum

Spectrum of Care: The Why and Barriers to Implementation

The House **referred** the VIF topic of Spectrum of Care: The Why and Barriers to Implementation to the Board of Directors for consideration of the following actions:

- Additional investigation, collaboration with stakeholders, scoping potential research needs, consideration of development policy or position statements, and member resource development (Spectrum of Care Toolkit).

- Collaborating partners should include, but may not be limited to, the AVMA, including the AVMA Trusts, State VMAs, the AAVSB, the AAVMC, and could take the form of a taskforce.
- Potential resources in the Spectrum of Care Toolkit could include, but may not be limited to, guidance documents, continuing education resources, both collecting existing resources and developing additional related resources, and should include resources related to communication with clients and medical record keeping.
- The House requests an update be provided at the Winter 2024, House of Delegates meeting.

Sustainability in Veterinary Medicine: The Greening of Veterinary Workplaces

The House **referred** the VIF topic of Sustainability in Veterinary Medicine: The Greening of Veterinary Workplaces to the Board of Directors noting that sustainability is a critical issue for the veterinary profession.

The House **further recommends** the development of the following resources for members:

- Develop a best practices list for individual practice owners with regards to sustainable efforts and resources for the clinical practice setting;
- Explore collaboration with other One Health Stakeholders with regards to sustainability, including the supply chain;
- Explore development of educational resources and potential Sustainable Practices Certification;
- Review of internal processes and systems with the goal of increasing sustainability within AVMA;
- And explore collaboration with academic institutions with regard to increasing sustainability efforts in veterinary education.

With no further business to come before the House, the 2023 Regular Annual Session was **adjourned** at 2:37 pm on July 14.