

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment 2— 2017
Regular Annual Session**

Submitted by
AVMA Board of Directors

STUDENT CHAPTERS OF THE AVMA

1. Amend Bylaws **ARTICLE VI, Section 4:**

Present and Proposed Wording

Vice President. The Vice President shall serve as the official liaison to the Student American Veterinary Medical Association and its chapters ~~the Student Chapters (as defined in Article IX).~~ The Vice President shall be a member, with the right to vote, of the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall have such additional duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

2. Amend Bylaws **Article VII, Section 6:**

Present and Proposed Wording

Student American Veterinary Medical Association. The SAVMA is the national organization of students of veterinary medicine, ~~who are also members of the Student Chapters of the Association at their respective schools or colleges.~~ SAVMA charters and supports student chapters at AVMA accredited schools and colleges of veterinary medicine (each as "SAVMA Chapter"). The SAVMA is affiliated with the Association as a student organization. To maintain affiliation with the Association as a student organization, the SAVMA must (i) meet such requirements as to membership, organization, affiliation, procedures, and financial responsibility as the Board of Directors may prescribe; enter into a charter agreement with the Association; and (iii) maintain governing documents that are not in conflict with the governing documents of the Association. In addition, all SAVMA governing documents are subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors or its designee.

3. Amend Bylaws **Article IX:**

Present and Proposed Wording

**ARTICLE IX
[RESERVED]
STUDENT CHAPTERS**

Section 1. Formation. ~~The Board of Directors may authorize a student organization of a college or school of veterinary medicine accredited by the Association to establish a student chapter of the Association ("Student Chapters"), subject to such requirements as to membership, organization, affiliation, procedures, and financial responsibility as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The bylaws of any such Student Chapter shall not conflict with the Association's Bylaws and shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 2. Termination. ~~Any Student Chapter may be terminated at any time and in such manner and after such investigation as the Board of Directors may deem necessary. Upon termination of a Student Chapter, all of the Student Chapter's records, materials, funds, and other assets shall be transferred to the Association.~~

Section 3. Representation. ~~Student Chapters shall be entitled to use the name of the Association only to the extent and in such manner as authorized by the Board of Directors of the Association.~~

Section 4. Meetings. Each Student Chapter may hold such meetings as it deems appropriate.

With the proviso that this bylaw amendment not go into effect until a date determined by the AVMA Board of Directors, or its designee."

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

These proposed bylaws amendments are presented in furtherance of the larger initiative to transfer the Student Chapters of the AVMA (SCAVMA) to the Student AVMA (SAVMA) as a means of streamlining the structure of organized veterinary medicine for students and eliminate confusion between SCAVMA, SAVMA, and AVMA. The proposed amendments would remove SCAVMA from the AVMA Bylaws and authorize SAVMA to establish its own chapters under the "Charter Agreement" between AVMA and SAVMA whereby all chapters and their assets will be transferred to SAVMA.

	RECOMMEND APPROVAL	RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL	RECOMMEND REFERRAL TO...	NO RECOMMENDATION
<i>Board of Directors</i>	X			
<i>House Advisory Committee</i>	X			
<i>Reference Committee #1</i>				
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