

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment #6—2019  
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by  
House Advisory Committee

**CONSTITUENT ALLIED VETERINARY ORGANIZATIONS**

Amend Bylaws **ARTICLE VII, Section 4. Constituent Allied Veterinary  
Organizations. c. Obligation to Maintain Status**

**Present and Proposed Wording**

(deletions are ~~struckthrough~~; additions are underlined)

- c. Obligation to Maintain Status.** Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations must continue to meet the requirements set forth in Article VII, Section 4(a) to maintain their status as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization and retain its right to representation in the House of Delegates. If the organization is unable to maintain such requirements as of July 1 of each year, the Executive Vice President, or his or her designee, shall notify the organization that it has one year from the end of the summer session of the House of Delegates to meet the eligibility requirements to maintain status described in this section. If the organization does not demonstrate compliance to maintain status by the beginning of the following summer session, it will lose its representation in the House of Delegates. With respect to the requirement regarding voting members of the AVMA set forth in Article VII, Section 4(a)(6), the following requirements shall apply for purposes of maintaining status in the House of Delegates:
1. ~~If an organization has been continuously represented in the House of Delegates since July 8, 1995:~~ (i) Its U.S. resident voting membership must include a minimum of three hundred (300) voting members of the Association, **and** at least ~~seventy-eighty-five percent (87.5%)~~ seventy-eighty-five percent (87.5%) of all of its U.S. resident voting membership must be voting members of the Association or (ii) at least ~~five-three hundred and fifty (500350)~~ five-three hundred and fifty (500350) of its U.S. resident voting members must be voting members of the Association; ~~or~~
  2. ~~If an organization's application for representation in the House of Delegates as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization was accepted any time after July 8, 1995, a number equal to at least one percent (1%) of all voting members of the Association at the time the organization was admitted to the House of Delegates must be voting members of that organization, and at least eighty-five percent (85%) of that organization's U.S. resident voting membership must be voting members of the Association.~~

**Statement about the Bylaws Amendment**

In response to the House of Delegates' referral to the House Advisory Committee (HAC) of Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2-2018 in July 2018, the HAC chair appointed a Working Group on Allied Representation to examine possible changes in the requirements for Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations to maintain status in the House of Delegates.

The Working Group was appointed to include diverse representation from various types and sizes of organizations in the House of Delegates. Members of the Working Group are:

Jon Pennell, Chair (Nevada VMA)  
 Amanda Bisol (Maine VMA)  
 Marcus Brown (American Association of Feline Practitioners)  
 Debra Decker (American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association)  
 William Grant (California VMA)  
 Kristin Obbink (American Association of Food Safety and Public Health Veterinarians)  
 Jim Weber (Kentucky VMA).

The Working Group recommended to the HAC a proposal substantially similar to this proposed amendment. The proposed amendment reflects the desire of the Working Group and HAC to adopt realistic requirements that can be reasonably met by current HOD constituent allied organizations.

This proposed bylaw amendment is separate and does not reflect the content of related amendments currently under consideration.

	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>				
(*Use this space for additional narrative, if needed.)				

	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	REFERRED TO...
<b>HOD ACTION</b>			