

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment #7—2019
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by
House Advisory Committee

CONSTITUENT ALLIED VETERINARY ORGANIZATIONS

Amend Bylaws **ARTICLE VII, Section 4. Constituent Allied Veterinary
Organizations. a. Requirements**

Present and Proposed Wording

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

Section 4. Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations.

- a. **Requirements.** Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations are organizations of veterinarians with specific vocational interests allied to the interests of the Association; and that meet the following requirements as determined by the Board of Directors:
1. Have a national scope of operation;
 2. Represent a broad field of veterinary activity;
 3. Have a constitution and/or bylaws that does not conflict with the Association's Bylaws, and have a mission and purpose aligned with the mission and purpose of the Association;
 4. Support the mission and purpose of the Association;
 5. Be oriented to some phase of professional veterinary activity, but is not a local or regional organization;
 6. Not be a specialty organization recognized by the Association;
 7. An organization seeking consideration for representation as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization must include among its voting membership at least one percent (1%) of all voting members of the Association, **and** at least ninety percent (90%) of that organization's voting membership must be voting members of the Association. The number of voting members of a calendar year shall be calculated as of the date of March 31 of that year.
- b. **Application for Recognition as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization.** The Board of Directors, or its designee(s), shall adopt an application form and procedures to facilitate the consideration of applicants seeking representation in the House of Delegates as Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations. All applicants must complete the application form and submit the application, along with the designated fee, if any, to the administrative office of the Association. The Board of Directors, or its designee(s), shall (i) review the application of all applicants and determine, on the basis of the criteria set forth in these Bylaws and such other guidelines as the House of Delegates may prescribe, if individual applicants meet the ~~qualifications necessary~~ requirements for recognition as a Constituent Allied Veterinary Organization and (ii) make a recommendation to the House of Delegates regarding admission of such applicants to the House of Delegates. Approval of an application shall require the act of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the House of Delegates at a duly called session of the House of Delegates.

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

During the process of reviewing the proposed bylaw amendments currently before the House, the House Advisory Committee agreed that strengthening the requirements for future constituent allied veterinary organizations was prudent. Maintaining a cohesive philosophy that aligns with

the AVMA core values, mission, and vision among all organizations represented in the AVMA is important to the Association and its future.

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.)				

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HOD ACTION			