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David Ylander, DVM, AAVSB Board President  
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RE: Request for Amendments to AAVSB Bylaws

Dear Dr. Ylander:

The California Veterinary Medical Board is requesting that the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) bylaws be amended to:

1. Designate a position on the Board of Directors that is specifically for a public member with the proviso that the candidate selected for that particular position (currently a public member position) must be a public member and not a licensee of any member board. An additional proviso would be that if no public members are nominated in any given year, that a member can be selected from those persons actually nominated, and
2. Designate a position on the Board of Directors that is specifically for a registered veterinary technician with the proviso that the candidate selected for that particular position must be a registered veterinary technician (RVT) unless no RVTs are nominated in which case a member can be selected from those persons actually nominated.

In addition to its request for the amendments to the Bylaws, the California Board is requesting that the AAVSB Board of Directors consider changes to the nomination process that might facilitate nominations for both public members and RVTs:

1. Emphasize in the nomination form that all board members are eligible for appointment to the AAVSB Board of Directors, including public and RVT members.
2. Include acknowledgment at the delegate assembly of all states who nominated members.
3. Include a brief biographies of the nominated persons in material sent to the boards prior to the meeting.

Thank you in advance for considering the request of the California Board.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Geranen  
Executive Officer

Cc: Terri Becker, DVM, CA Board President  
Robyn Kendrick, AAVSB Executive Director