



*Serving Veterinary Regulatory Boards in the Interest of Public Protection*

**About Us**

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is a not-for-profit, 510(c)(3) association whose membership is comprised of 57 veterinary licensing boards including the United States, 4 Canadian provinces, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The AAVSB is committed to serving the veterinary regulatory agencies, our Member Boards, by providing quality, relevant programs and services that these Boards can rely on to carry out their statutory responsibilities in the interest of public protection.

The AAVSB Member Boards have direct input and formally set policy and direction for the AAVSB by submitting resolutions, nominations, and Bylaws amendments and by appointing Delegates who elect the AAVSB Board of Directors and vote on other important matters at the annual Delegate Assembly. The Board of Directors is responsible for governing the association and is vested with the authority to carry out policies set by the Member Boards.

**Programs & Services**

- ★ Veterinary Information Verifying Agency, (**VIVA**), is a centralized depository for veterinary credentials and a source of verified data for Member Boards. The VIVA database includes national exam results, license and disciplinary information.
- ★ Veterinary Technician National Exam, (**VTNE**), is the exam offered to ensure candidates have a specified level of knowledge and skills to enter practice and/or be licensed as a veterinary technician. This exam is owned and administrated by AAVSB.
- ★ Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence, (**PAVE**), is designed to evaluate the education of foreign veterinary graduates (graduates of non-accredited veterinary programs outside the US and Canada) on behalf of participating Member Boards.
- ★ Registry of Approved Continuing Education, (**RACE**), is a national clearinghouse for review and approval of continuing education providers and their programs.
- ★ **Member Services**, Information, Education and Governance. The AAVSB conducts an Annual Meeting which provides an invaluable opportunity for the Members to network with other Member jurisdictions and professionals, receive relevant training and education, and participate and vote at the Delegate Assembly. The AAVSB provides other Member services including the Practice Act Model (PAM), newsletters and other special e-communications, outreach, and discussion forums via "MyAAVSB".

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# American Association of Veterinary State Boards - 2011 Strategy Map



## Vision

To inspire active participation of all veterinary regulatory agencies in North America and to be their collective voice

## Mission

To reliably provide quality resources and accurate information for veterinary regulatory agencies and professionals and allied groups in the interest of public protection

## Values

Responsive resourceful service while striving for continuous quality improvement

## Strategic Focus Areas and Objectives

### Outreach

Increase awareness and improve access to services at the member level, and secure strong, active relationships with allied groups in furtherance of the AAVSB's mission.

- Increased awareness of AAVSB's mission
- Increase Member Board participation
- Increase in # of nominations and volunteers for BOD, Committees, Task Forces
- Joint projects initiated with allied groups

### Programs

Focus on continuous quality improvement and be the leader in providing effective programs for the membership.

### Indicators

- Stakeholder survey results
- Program financial information
- Increase in # of customers served

### Organizational Health

Optimize organizational performance to assure a proficient, sustainable organization that can change and cope appropriately, and be prepared for future growth.

- Solid financial position as indicated in financial, investment, and audit reports
- Performance reviews (BOD and Committees)
- Committee/BOD satisfaction survey

## 2011 - 2013 Priorities

- Develop marketing strategies to promote AAVSB programs to all stakeholders
- Implement a communications program with educational institutions and students regarding licensure and AAVSB programs
- Dialog with AVMA regarding topics of mutual interest
- Increase contacts with Member Boards

- Explore options for evaluating clinical proficiency for the foreign grad program
- Explore CE tracking and audit program
- Investigate vet assistants credential
- Develop tools for disciplinary action
- Explore program for application and renewal processing

- Review/revise charges for all Committees
- Investigate options for unifying testing and credentialing
- Implement a leadership and development task force
- Develop capital investment and reserve funds policy including program defense
- Develop orientation programs for AAVSB BOD and Committees