

Association committees shall have the privilege of the floor at all Delegate Assembly meetings. Only seated Delegates and seated Alternate Delegates are eligible to make and second motions and to vote on matters put forth to the Delegate Assembly.

Section 7. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

Section 8. Records.

The Association shall keep accurate and complete minutes of all business meetings of the Delegate Assembly, and shall make these minutes available to any Member Board for any proper purposes at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Section 1. Composition.

There shall be eight members of the Board of Directors including four Officers and four Directors at Large. The Officers shall be identified as President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President and Treasurer. The Officers and Directors at Large are collectively referred to as the Board of Directors. The Officers may, at times be collectively referred to as the Executive Committee. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least six Licensed Veterinarians [and one Public Member.] OR [one Public Member and one Licensed Veterinary Technician.]. The Executive Director shall serve as Secretary and as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Qualifications.

To be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, a candidate shall, when nominated and elected, be a Delegate, Alternate Delegate, member of a Member Board, or have served as a member of a Member Board within the preceding one year. Each duly elected Board of Directors member shall be eligible to complete the term of office specified in these Bylaws regardless of change in status. If a Director ceases to meet eligibility criteria stated above, such Board of Director member shall, after completion of the current term, be eligible to serve one additional term on the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Elections.

The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Delegate Assembly of the Association by the Delegates, either from nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee, or by nominations from the floor. Each Director shall assume office at the close of the Annual Delegate Assembly at which the member is elected and shall serve as specified in these Bylaws or until a successor is elected.

a vote, nor take part in the final deliberation in any matter in which the Board of Directors determines to be a conflict of interest. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting shall reflect disclosure of any conflict of interest and the recusal of the interested Board of Directors member.

ARTICLE IX. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Section 1. Representatives.

There shall be a minimum of four (4) AAVSB Representatives to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) elected at the AAVSB Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly either from nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee or nominations from the floor. Upon election by the AAVSB Delegates, AAVSB Representatives to the NBVME shall assume their responsibilities at the first NBVME Board of Directors meeting following the expiration of the term of the NBVME Representative whom they are replacing.

Section 2. Duties.

The Representatives shall attend all meetings of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and shall report to the Board of Directors following each National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or subcommittee meeting. The Representatives shall present the consensus opinions of the Association at such meetings and shall not vote in conflict with these Bylaws.

Section 3. Election.

Delegates at the Annual Delegate Assembly shall elect the Representatives at the Annual Delegate Assembly of the Association either from nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee or by nomination from the floor. Each Representative shall assume his or her responsibilities at the close of the Annual Delegate Assembly at which elected and shall serve as specified in these Bylaws or until a successor is elected and qualified.

Section 4. Qualifications.

- a. Three Representatives must, when nominated and elected, be Licensed Veterinarians currently practicing in public or private practice and be either (i) a member of a Member Board, or (ii) have been a member of the AAVSB Board of Directors within the previous year, ~~or~~ (iii) have been a member of the NBVME within the previous year, or (iv) a current Associate Member.
- b. One Representative must, when nominated and elected, be a Public Member and be either (i) a member of a Member Board, or (ii) have been a member of the AAVSB Board of Directors within the previous year, ~~or~~ (iii) have been a member of the NBVME within the previous year or (iv) a current Associate Member.

Section 5. Terms.

- a. The term of office shall be for a period of three (3) years.
- b. No Representative may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

There shall be three (3) members on the Nominating Committee. Two (2) members shall be elected at the Annual Delegate Assembly of the Association by a plurality of votes, either from nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee or by nominations from the floor. A candidate for the Nominating Committee must be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, a member of a Member Board, a current Associate Member, or the chairperson of an Association committee at the time of nomination and election. The elected members of the Nominating Committee shall have attended at least one (1) Delegate Assembly meeting prior to nomination. All members shall serve a one (1) year term.

The terms of the elected members are two years.

- a) For purposes of establishing staggered terms and to ensure only one of the two elected positions is elected per year, the terms of the elected members in the year of adoption shall be as follows:
 - i. One election for a one year term, and
 - ii. One election for a two year term.

The President shall appoint a third member of the Committee whose term will be one year. Nominating Committee Members may not serve consecutive terms, but are eligible for reelection consistent with this Article X, Section 1. The President shall name the chair of the Committee. In the event of a vacancy, the President in consultation with the Board of Directors shall appoint the Nominating Committee member until the next Annual Delegate Assembly at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.

Further, the section (a) of Article X, Section 1 shall be automatically removed from these Bylaws two (2) years after the adoption of this amended Section 1, without further action from the Delegate Assembly.

The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Member Boards at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Delegate Assembly, a slate of candidates for each position on the Board of Directors to be filled, and for each of the two members of the Nominating Committee. Persons serving on the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible to be slated or elected to any elected position within the Association within their elected term.

Section 2. Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) Committee.