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MEMORANDUM

To: AAVSB Member Board Administrators for distribution to Board Members
From: AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee
Date: May 23, 2013
Subject: Recommendations on Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The following includes the recommendations from the AAVSB Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors on the two proposed Bylaws amendments for this year. These amendments will be voted on at the 2013 AAVSB Annual Meeting in Kansas City on September 21st. The copy of the current Bylaws can be found on the AAVSB's website on the About Us page at <http://aavsb.org/AboutUs/>.

Proposed Amendment #1

<i>Location in Bylaws:</i>	Article VII. Board of Directors and Officers. Section 2. Qualifications.
<i>Current Language:</i>	"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."
<i>Proposed Language:</i>	"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 supported by the Member Board on which he/she previously served as a member. "
<i>Proposed By:</i>	Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine
<i>Jurisdiction's Thoughts:</i>	Allows Member Boards the discretion to appoint former members of the licensing board to serve on the AAVSB Board of Directors even if the former members have been off the licensing board for more than a year.
<i>Recommendation from the Bylaws Committee:</i>	<i>The Bylaws Committee does not support the proposed amendment.</i>
<i>Recommendation from the Board of Directors:</i>	<i>The Board of Directors does not support the proposed amendment.</i>
<i>Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors' Thoughts:</i>	The Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors believe that individuals who serve on the Board of Directors of an association of regulatory boards like the AAVSB should not be too far removed from service on their regulatory board for both legal and philosophical reasons. It was acknowledged that some jurisdictions have shorter terms and not as much opportunity to become involved in the AAVSB, but they noted that the AAVSB is striving to engage members of Member Boards early in their terms. Legal counsel supports the Board of Directors' opinion and advises that there may be legal consequences to the AAVSB's governance if the Board of Directors members were comprised of individuals too far removed from service on their regulatory boards.

Proposed Amendment #2

<i>Location in Bylaws:</i>	Article VII. Board of Directors and Officers. Section 2. Qualifications.
<i>Current Language:</i>	“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.”
<i>Proposed Language:</i>	“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 Directors member shall, after completion of the current term, be eligible to serve one additional term up to two (2) additional terms on the Board of Directors.”
<i>Proposed By:</i>	Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine
<i>Jurisdiction's Thoughts:</i>	Allows current members of the AAVSB Board of Directors the opportunity to continue their service on the AAVSB Board including having the opportunity to move into an Officer position(s) even if they are no longer on their regulatory board.
<i>Recommendation from the Bylaws Committee:</i>	<i>The Bylaws Committee does not support the proposed amendment.</i>
<i>Recommendation from the Board of Directors:</i>	<i>The Board of Directors does not support the proposed amendment.</i>
<i>Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors' Thoughts:</i>	The Bylaws Committee acknowledged that the opportunity to serve two additional terms on the AAVSB Board of Directors regardless of their status on their Member Board is particularly beneficial to those Member Boards who have shorter terms. They also recognized that it may provide more continuity and expertise on the AAVSB Board by giving the AAVSB Board members (whose status may change) an opportunity to continue to serve on the AAVSB Board. However, the Committee and the Board of Directors feel that adding an additional term could put Board of Directors members too far removed from their service on their regulatory board and that this could have a negative impact on the AAVSB's governance.