

**AVMA Report to the MVMA Executive Committee**  
**September 1, 2021**

Events since our last report to the entire MVMA BoD:

**July 28th - 30th - In person meeting of the AVMA HoD, Chicago Illinois**

### **Election Results**

AVMA President Elect - Dr. Lori Teller (candidate from Texas)

Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents - Dr. Marike Vissar (candidate from Michigan)

Council on Public Health - Dr. Sarah Babcock (candidate from Michigan)

COMPLETE ELECTION RESULTS - <https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2021-09-15/house-fills-council-hac-seats>

Comment on elections - Vote values are determined for each state based on the number of AVMA members. Dr. Babcock was in a crowded slate so we networked with our colleagues in California, New York and Texas (states with the largest number of AVMA members) and asked for their support. While we never know how individuals vote, Sarah was elected on the first ballot along with Dr. Meckes. This is unusual for a council position with that many applicants.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 8** – Reclassifying ventilation shutdown methods as not recommended

OUTCOME - referred back to the Board of Directors for consideration by the Panel on Depopulation

This was a contentious issue. While no one wants to use ventilation shutdown as a means of depopulation (please note the distinction between depopulation and euthanasia), under unique circumstances it is often the only and most humane option. Our state veterinarian and a number of prominent poultry veterinarians in our state reached out to us on this issue and asked that we support referral back to the BoD and Panel on Depopulation.

**Resolution 9** – Rules for officer election campaigns

OUTCOME - Candidates and supporters of candidates should not contribute donate anything of value (more than \$10) to HOD members including food, beverage, and entertainment.

**Resolution 10** – Policy on veterinary compounding

OUTCOME - referred back to the Board of Directors for further clarification by the Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents

**Resolution 11** – Revised policy on use of random-source dogs and cats for research, testing, and education

OUTCOME - RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised the policy on Use of Random-Source Dogs and Cats for Research, Testing, and Education as noted in attachment 1 (additions are underlined, deletions are struck through). *Contact us for new policy document*

**Resolution 12** – Revised policy on veterinary foresight and expertise in antimicrobial discussions

OUTCOME - RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Veterinary Foresight and Expertise in Antimicrobial Discussions as noted in the attachments (Attachment 1, edited version - additions are underlined; deletions are struck through; Attachment 2, clean copy). Statement about the Resolution The policy was reviewed by the Committee on Antimicrobials. The revision is to better align it with other existing AVMA policy, and for clarity.

**Resolution 13** – Revised policy on notification to the veterinarian of violative residues in foods of animal origin

OUTCOME - RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Notification to the Veterinarian of Violative Residues in Foods of Animal Origin, as noted in attachment 1 (additions are underlined, deletions are struck through; clean copy provided as attachment 2).

Statement about the Resolution -The policy was reviewed by the Food Safety Advisory Committee - suggested revisions are to:

- Clarify that veterinarians consider drug residues, as well as the residues of pesticides or environmental contaminants, when making decisions regarding medications used in their patients.
- Make it clear that such medications are prescribed and administered in the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR).
- Emphasize the importance of continued collaboration by FDA-CVM and USDA-FSIS to ensure they identify and address residues in an expedient manner to notify veterinarians as soon as possible if a residue is detected.
- Encourage veterinarians to inform clients of their obligation to maintain a written residue prevention plan and to inform their veterinarian if a drug residue is detected.
- Remove language that indicates all violators should be notified in a public forum. First-time violators do not often become repeat violators and the FSAC does not believe public scrutiny for every residue detected is in anyone's best interest.

**Resolution 14** – Policy on use of prescription drugs in veterinary medicine

OUTCOME - RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the policy on Use of Prescription Drugs in Veterinary Medicine as noted in the attachment, which will supersede the policies on Guidelines for Veterinary Prescription Drugs, Writing Veterinary Prescriptions, and Clients' Requests for Prescriptions. *Contact us for new policy document*

**Resolution 15** – Working group promoting AVMA member value

OUTCOME - RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House Advisory Committee form a working group to explore and define Delegates' role as AVMA ambassadors in promoting AVMA member value, reporting back to the HOD at the next meeting.

**Resolution 16** – Statement to the profession

OUTCOME - RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Board of Directors consider issuing a statement to the profession as noted below:

*Your AVMA recognizes the economic, staffing, and morale challenges that currently exist in the US veterinary workforce. Your AVMA is working on these complex problems and will be delivering information to aid in your understanding of these issues, including JAVMA articles going forward, as well as providing tools to assist you, such as convening the economic summit in the fall of 2021 with a focus on these issues.*

**AVMA Representative at the Great Lakes Veterinary Conference**

The AVMA Immediate Past President, Dr. Doug Kratt, was unable to attend due to a COVID crisis at a neighboring clinic, but we were pleased to have Dr. Robert Knapp, our District 5 Board of Directors Representative, attend to answer questions and to update us on AVMA activities. We had very good turnout at our breakfast meeting and we thank you for your support as we represent the MVMA and all Michigan AVMA members.

Respectfully submitted,

Drs. Stephen Steep and Jill Lynn