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To: The American Association of Avian Pathologists Board of Directors

From: The Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Revise the AAAP Constitution and Bylaws

During the process of coordinating the activities and management of the AAAP and the American College of Poultry Veterinarians, the bylaws of the two organizations were carefully compared. Numerous inconsistencies, areas of significant lack of clarity, deviations from current or desired practice, critical omissions, and many other issues were noted in the AAAP bylaws, which have become seriously outdated. An Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Revise the AAAP Constitution and Bylaws, consisting of the undersigned members and the Membership Services Director, Janece Bevan-Kerr, was formed to examine these issues and propose remedies. The Subcommittee constructed an extensive list of amendments to the existing Constitution and Bylaws to correct the deficiencies. Presentation and voting on a large list of individual amendments would be an arduous task and fraught with peril due to the possibility of the introduction of major conflicts and inconsistencies if some amendments were rejected, upon which other amendments which passed were dependent. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee therefore recommends that the attached document be presented as a package of amendments for consideration by the membership according to the current bylaws, with an eventual up-or-down vote on the entire document as a coherent package of amendments.

Signed,



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