

Dear Members of the Board of Governor ACPV,

The Training Program at The Ohio State University (OSU) was placed on an inactive status because of the lack of the required number of diplomates in the program. We do respect that decision since the program currently does not meet the college by Laws. What I am writing about is the possibility of considering an addition to the by Laws that will keep groups like ours affiliated with the college. Programs like ours are research driven and it is research on poultry health and affiliation with the college is beneficial to both the college and the department. The college benefits by being connected with research institutions engaged in poultry health research and the department will likewise benefit from that affiliation. I suggest that the college consider allowing students pursuing higher education in poultry health at research institutions (academic or federal institutions) to sit for the college certification examinations without the requirement for certified diplomates in the program. Obviously mentors for these students are experts in poultry health, hence these students are introduced to the field by association with these mentors. Regardless of these students background, they have to pass the same examination as others with different backgrounds. I would be glad to provide further information on this proposal or other proposals that will provide flexibility in accepting students of varying backgrounds to sit for the college examination.

Best regards.

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