



March 13, 2023

VIA Email

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Dear Dr. Barton,

The American Board of Veterinary Specialties recently met to review the three-year report submitted by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians (ACPV). During this discussion, members raised concerns about some components of the ACPV's report. As such, the ABVS has tabled a vote on the recognition status of the ACPV until its October 2023 meeting. Please read below for more information about the ABVS's concerns.

Per the submitted report, the ACPV completed their most recent JTA in August 2013. Further, a task force reviewed the 2013 JTA in 2019 and concluded 1) the 2013 JTA was "still relevant" and the "date for the next JTA has not been scheduled". The ABVS Policies and Procedures (P&P) requires AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organizations (RVSOs) complete a job task analysis (JTA) at least once every 10 years (Appendix 1, B12a). Please confirm the ACPV intends to meet this important requirement of all RVSOs.

The ABVS would also like to remind the ACPV that they may require all Diplomates to pay an annual fee to support their certification functions. However, no AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organization (RVSO) may require individuals to pay for non-certification functions by requiring membership in the RVSO. We encourage the ACPV to determine how much of their current annual dues support the college's certification functions versus how much supports non-certification functions (e.g., educational initiatives, journals, etc.). The ACPV may require Diplomates to pay an annual fee for the former, and the ACPV may revoke Diplomate status of an individual for non-payment.

The ABVS requests the ACPV confirms their intent to initiate a new JTA by August 2023 as required by current P&P requirements. The ABVS will resume consideration of the recognition status of the ACPV in October 2023.

Should you have any questions, please refer them to Ms. Anne Czeropski (ABVS Administrative Assistant) at ACzeropski@avma.org or Dr. Ed Murphey (ABVS Staff Consultant) at EMurphey@avma.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher G. Byers'.

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