

AVMA HOD Update and Report – AAAP Fall Newsletter

The AVMA House of Delegates met in Anaheim, CA for the annual summer session, with Michelle Kromm attending the HOD Meeting for AAAP as Delegate. Our AAAP representatives are Karen Grogan (Delegate) and Michelle Kromm (Alternate Delegate). The below report summarizes key points from this summer's meeting and provides general AVMA information.

AVMA General Updates

- Membership in AVMA is strong and growing with >111,000 members, which exceeded the membership goal for 2025 of 110,600. **NOTE: Please remember to renew your AVMA membership when you renew your AAAP membership so that AAAP will continue to meet the requirements for being a constituent allied veterinary organization with the rights to vote in the HOD and to have representation on AVMA councils and committees.**
- Regulatory Affairs
 - MUMS 2.0 Initiative
 - AVMA convened a January 2026 Roundtable involving more than 60 organizations, including AAAP represented by Dr. Michelle Kromm, to identify strategies for improving development of products for underserved species and indications.
 - Key priorities were identified and a MUMS 2.0 Blueprint was produced.
 - ADUFA / AGDUFA Reauthorization
 - FDA has begun the reauthorization process for the Animal Drug User Fee Act (ADUFA) and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act (AGDUFA).
- AVMA Foundation (AVMF):
 - Over \$1 million awarded through grants and scholarships during 2025
 - Continued expansion of the REACH charitable care program
 - Disaster relief funding exceeding \$150,000 was distributed in 2025.
 - **AAAP members are encouraged to support the AVMF. Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships and AAAP members working in disaster relief scenarios can also apply for support. Giving can be done online. [More info here: https://www.avmf.org/our-impact/](https://www.avmf.org/our-impact/)**
- AVMA PLIT and AVMA LIFE consolidated under the new **AVMA Insurance Services** brand

AVMA Federal Advocacy Update

AVMA has continued to make steady progress on the profession's top policy initiatives amid a challenging political landscape. Efforts are focused on the Farm Bill, Rural Veterinary Action Plan and Rural Veterinary Workforce Act. The AVMA PAC allows AVMA and veterinarians to build relationships with elected officials. Money contributed by veterinarians (via the PAC) is used to open doors & start conversations on issues related to veterinary medicine.

- Less than 2% of members support the AVMA PAC.
- Consistent with AVMA's bipartisan approach, the AVMA PAC Board strives to keep an even distribution of PAC funds to each political party by the end of each two-year election cycle.
- The AVMA PAC Board set a fundraising goal of \$350,000 for 2026.

- **AAAP members are encouraged to support the PAC. Giving can be done online. Funds are used for lobbying and helping AVMA GRD improve outreach to members of Congress. No dues money is allowed to support PAC. [More info here: https://pac.avma.org/about-us/](https://pac.avma.org/about-us/)**

AVMA HOD Bylaws Proposed changes and Resolutions (Summer 2026 Session): During each semiannual HOD session, delegates review, discuss and vote on resolutions and bylaws changes. Resolutions typically involve an update to an AVMA policy and thus originate from an AVMA council/committee before they are reviewed by the AVMA BOD and then sent to the HOD. *If you are serving on an AVMA council or entity that sends a resolution for the HOD, please contact your AAAP HOD reps, it can help us to have ‘insider perspective’ on the proposal!*

Two by-law changes and four resolutions were passed during the Summer 2026 HOD session. The specific changes and resolutions can be viewed here: <https://www.avma.org/about/house-delegates/hod-resolutions-and-proposed-bylaw-amendments>

Current 2026 AVMA Officers:

- AVMA Past-President (2025-2026): Dr. Michael Bailey
 - AVMA President (2025-2026): Dr. Jennifer Quammen
 - AVMA President-Elect (2025-2026): Dr. Robert Knapp
 - AVMA Vice-President (2024-2026): Dr. Elizabeth Boggier
 - AVMA BOD officer assigned to AAAP (2024-2026): Dr. Michael Lent
 - Elected AVMA House Advisory Committee (HAC) members: Dr. Kristen Clark, Dr. Debra Nickelson, Dr. Theresa Kelliher
- Candidates were announced for future AVMA Elected Positions: election in Summer 2027
 - AVMA President-Elect
 - Sandy Willis (current chair of BOD, animal health/diagnostics background)
 - N. Isaac Bott (Utah, Mixed animal practice)