WAVMA Distinguished Fellow

The WAVMA Fellowship program identifies and recognizes those aquatic veterinarians who have carried out outstanding services for WAVMA and the aquatic veterinary medical profession, through clinical endeavor, scientific research, teaching or other significant ways, by conferring them the honorific ”WAVMA Distinguished Fellow” title.

You must be a member of WAVMA to be considered for the title but it is not necessary to continue with a WAVMA membership once the title has been awarded.

What is Expected of a WAVMA Fellow

WAVMA Fellows are expected to continue being active WAVMA members, with sustained involvement in:

a) Developing criteria for, and awarding the “WAVMA Distinguished Fellow” honorific to other WAVMA members in the future that distinguish themselves as leaders in aquatic veterinary medicine;

b) Write up, and peer reviewing of original manuscripts to be published in WAVMA publications (e.g. The Aquatic Veterinarian);

c) Mentoring WAVMA members applying for the WAVMA CertAqV program (where currently they are CertAqV);

d) WAVMA policies and programs (e.g. WebCEPD program) that directly affect the practice of aquatic veterinary medicine;

e) Be prepared to serve on the WAVMA Fellows Committee. Please see WAVMA Fellows Committee Description available from www.wavma.org/WAVMA-Fellows.

The Process of Selection:

Nomination

Nomination is available all year round. However, the committee will only accept nominations up to the end of April (starting from 2021) for consideration and announcement at the current year’s AGM. All WAVMA members are welcome to nominate themselves or other distinguished colleagues. The nomination package consists of a filled nomination form, (Online Nomination Form), the candidate’s curriculum vitae and at least two letters of support. Nomination material should be submitted to FellowsChair@wavma.org.

Evaluation of Applications

Nominations will be screened and ranked by a subcommittee of the Fellows Committee (sFC). The applications of the highest ranked candidates will be forwarded to the Fellows Committee (FC) members for voting.

Selection criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Candidate to have brought significant contributions to WAVMA and its mission;
2) Candidate to be a Member in good standing;
3) Candidate to have contributed substantially to the advancement of clinical practice, teaching, research or any other area of aquatic veterinary medicine considered relevant by the nominator.

Approval

The FC sends the applications of the selected candidates to the Executive Board for approval. The approved Fellow(s) are announced at the Annual General Meeting.