



Credentiailling Committee

The Credentialing Committee was established to address matters of credentialing aquatic veterinary practitioners and evaluating appropriate educational programs.

Credentiailling Committee objectives

The Committee is charged with the following objectives:

- Research and document current programs that credential veterinarians as competent in aquatic veterinary medicine, including academic and non-academic education and training, and Board Certification programs that provide experienced and new veterinary graduates the knowledge and skills to practice aquatic veterinary medicine.
- Identify veterinary core-competency education, knowledge and skill requirements necessary for general or specialized aquatic veterinary practitioners;
- Develop, administer and update as necessary, a Certified Aquatic Veterinarian Program to recognize and certify veterinarians with sufficient education, training and experience as practitioners of aquatic veterinary medicine.

Membership and appointment

- The Committee will consist of at least three members who are both Full Members and WAVMA Certified Aquatic Veterinarians, one of must be a member of the Executive Board, and at least one of whom will be in full time private practice.
- Members are encouraged to serve 2-year renewable terms to ensure continuity.
- The Committee shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair to serve a one-year term ending December 31 of each year, and delegate a representative that would provide project progress updates during scheduled WAVMA Board meetings.
- The Committee may delegate specific tasks to subcommittees or work groups.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, preferably monthly, through electronic means (such as e-mail, telephone or internet conference calls, etc.) and are encouraged to meet in-person at least annually at the Association's Annual General Meeting or other suitable locations, to do the Committee Business.

Funding

Any actual costs for activities or programs developed and implemented by this Committee must be approved by the Executive Board.

Contributors' rewards

All Credentialing Committee contributors kindly donate their time and effort on a volunteer basis.

Certificates of appreciation will be provided by the WAVMA President to Credentialing Committee leaders, and to members providing an exceptional contribution.

Reporting

- The Committee shall advise and recommend WAVMA actions for Executive Board approval.
- The Committee shall provide a written progress report to the Executive Board annually at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, and other times as requested or necessary.

Establishment and expectancy

The Committee will remain in effect indefinitely, and its output will be reviewed by the Executive Board at least annually to determine the functional efficacy of the Committee.

Date Approved by WAVMA EB

October 14, 2010; Revised February 2018; Revised February 2020

2023 Membership

Chair:	Matthijs Metselaar	(UK)
Members:	James Bogan	(USA)
	Jena Questen	(USA)
	Devon Dublin	(Japan)
	Nick Saint-Erne	(USA)
	Brian Joseph	(USA)
	David Scarfe	(USA)
	Sherri Kasper	(USA)
	Julius Tepper	(USA)
	Jack Kottwitz	(USA)
	Laura Urdes	(USA)
	Richmond Loh	(Australia)
	Chris Walster	(UK)
	Howard Wong	(Hong Kong)
	Dusan Palić	(Germany)
	Irene Yen	(USA)