

WAVMA Practitioner Credentialing Committee

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

Charge/Objective

The Committee is charged to fulfill the following objectives:

1. Research and document current programs that credential veterinarians as competent in aquatic veterinary medicine, including existing academic and non-academic education and training programs that provide experienced and new veterinary graduates the knowledge and skills to practice aquatic veterinary medicine;
2. Develop veterinary core-competency education, knowledge and skill requirements necessary for general or specialized aquatic veterinary practitioners;
3. Develop and administer programs to recognize or certify veterinarians as general or specialized practitioners of aquatic veterinary medicine.

Structure, Membership and Appointment

- The Committee will consist of at least three members who are Full Members, one of must be a member of the Executive Board, and at least one of which will be in full time private practice.
- It is preferable that the Committee expand to include one Student Member, and members who participate in the following programs: Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons "Modular" Advanced Veterinary Practice Certificates (CertAVP) or Diplomat (DipAVP) program in Aquatic Health Management; the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (ACVS), Aquatic Animal Health Membership or Fellowship programs; the Board Certification program of the American College of Zoological Medicine; the Board Certification program of the American College of Zoo and Reptile Veterinarians; and/or an appropriate European Board of Veterinary Specialization program.
- Members will serve 2-year renewable terms, staggered to provide continuity.
- The Committee shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair to serve a one-year term ending December 31 of each year.
- The Committee may delegate specific tasks to subcommittees or work groups.

Meetings:

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

Reports:

- The Committee shall advise, and recommend WAVMA actions for Executive Board approval.
- The Committee shall provide a written progress report to the Executive Board twice each year one of which will be at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, the other by November 1 for inclusion into the Association's Annual Report.

Life 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: October 14, 2010

Members: (updated October 2013)

Dušan Palić (Chair)

Mohamed Faisal (Vice Chair)

Tim Miller-Morgan

Brian Palmeiro

Nick Saint-Erne

David Scarfe

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