

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS

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During the past year, this committee considered three proposed changes in the By-Laws of the American Association of Avian Pathologists. These proposals and the committee's recommendations are as follows:

Proposal 1. That Article V, Section 1 and all appropriate subsequent articles and sections be changed so that the office of Vice-President be changed to the office of Vice-President and President Elect.

The committee recommends against instituting this change. While the customary practice of Vice-President succeeding President is recognized as being practical and generally desirable, we believe it is not in our best interest to bind the association to this succession under all possible circumstances.

Proposal 2. That Article IV, Section 2(2)(a) be changed to include a definition of what constitutes a veterinary degree with respect to graduates from countries other than the United States and Canada.

The committee recommends against instituting this change. From time to time the American Veterinary Medical Association publishes Procedures for Evaluating Equivalency of Education. The committee feels these Procedures should be referred to as general guidelines for the acceptance of degrees from foreign countries. However, we do not believe it is in the best interest of AAAP to make these procedures binding upon our association. We also feel it is unnecessarily cumbersome to attempt to include the definition of a veterinary degree within our By-Laws.

Proposal 3. That Article IV, Section 2 (2)(b) be changed from its present reading of:

"Have satisfactory moral and ethical standings in the profession and a minimum of three years' experience in avian diseases."

to:

continued . . .

"Have satisfactory moral and ethical standings in the profession and a substantial and sincere interest in avian diseases."

After careful consideration, it is the feeling of a majority, but not all, of the members of the committee that the requirement of three years experience in avian diseases is unnecessarily restrictive. We further believe that this restriction may be depriving our association, and at least some young members of our profession, an opportunity to work together toward our stated objectives, for an arbitrary three year period of time. It is our belief that this period could better be used to encourage young avian pathologists to persist in this field if they were accepted as worthy of membership without a waiting period.

We wish, therefore, to recommend that the changes suggested in Proposal 3 above be considered as an amendment to the By-Laws of the American Association of Avian Pathologists.

Respectfully submitted,

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