
RESOLUTION 2025-1

A Resolution Opposing the AAVSB Proposal to Expand Membership to Jurisdictions Around the Globe

Submitted by: Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference, September 20, 2025, Cincinnati, Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall not expand membership beyond North America;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall instead prioritize strengthening its capacity to meet the needs of its existing Member Board jurisdictions with the current programs and services offerings and shall report to the Member Board jurisdictions a strategy for making these improvements with definitive deadlines and means to measure such improvement;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall prioritize the Association's support of its Canadian members on par with U.S. jurisdictions;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall establish a formal study group or task force to evaluate the feasibility, benefits, and challenges of expanding the scope of membership to international jurisdictions, with specific attention to regulatory compatibility, resource allocation, member support systems, and long-term strategic impact;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any formal study group or task force shall be composed of a majority of seated board members on Member Board jurisdictions or executive directors or registrars from Member Boards, and from a representative selection across the U.S. and Canada; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any future consideration of global membership shall be guided by the findings of such a study, reported to the Member Board jurisdictions, and be implemented only after AAVSB has demonstrably fulfilled its existing commitments to current Members and in accordance with the existing association bylaws.

RESOLUTION 2025-2

A Resolution Opposing AAVSB Endorsement of the Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) / Mid-Level Practitioner Position

Submitted by: Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference, September 20, 2025, Cincinnati, Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AAVSB shall not endorse the creation of the Veterinary Professional Associate position;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall refrain from endorsing the VPA position unless and until:

- (a) a nationally accredited educational and credentialing framework has been established;
- (b) sufficient regulatory infrastructure has been developed to oversee the role among the AAVSB's Member Board jurisdictions should those jurisdictions determine there is need for such position; and
- (c) broad consensus among Member Board jurisdictions supports the role as necessary, effective, and protective of public and animal interests;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall focus its efforts on strengthening and harmonizing recognition and utilization of existing credentialed veterinary technicians (CVTs, LVTs, and RVTs), particularly in jurisdictions where such roles are not yet formally recognized;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this resolution shall mean nor be construed to mean that the AAVSB is not empowered to assist the stakeholders in Colorado in their implementation of a VPA and that the AAVSB shall, in fact, provide

customary resources and aid to that jurisdiction consistent with the purpose and mission of the AAVSB;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any model documents centered on the VPA shall adhere to the AAVSB's Policies & Procedures: Model Document Creation, Review, and Voting by Member Boards;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published on the AAVSB website and in tandem published with any approved Model Document

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall annually publish current numbers of veterinarians, CVTs/LVTs/RVTs, and VPAs licensed in each Member Board jurisdiction on a consolidated webpage for public access to help build public confidence regarding the availability of care resources in Member Board jurisdictions;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall first work with its Members—and not outside interest groups—regarding the VPA and VPA-related issues within the will of the majority of those Member Board jurisdictions; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall adopt a cautious, evidence- based, and professionally collaborative approach when considering any expansion or restructuring of veterinary roles, ensuring the continued protection of the public, the profession, and animal welfare guided by the will of its Member Board jurisdictions.

RESOLUTION 2025-3

A Resolution on the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)

Submitted by: Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

*Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference,
September 20, 2025, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the practice of veterinary medicine is deemed to occur where the patient is located, and thus, the practitioner must hold a valid license in the jurisdiction where the veterinarian is practicing veterinary medicine;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for the safety and well-being of animal patients, there must be enforceable requirements for access to in-person veterinary care, including initial examinations, follow-up visits, and situations where a diagnosis cannot be reliably made virtually;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall provide legislative and other support to Member Boards that are working to clarify or codify the in-person requirement for establishing a VCPR in their jurisdictions' statutes and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall also offer support to Member Boards that oppose legislative efforts to authorize the establishment of a VCPR solely through virtual means;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any documents, model regulations, or policy guidance developed by the AAVSB shall include this resolution, affirming that Member Boards do not support the establishment of a VCPR solely by virtual means; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the AAVSB shall collaborate with Member Boards to develop and disseminate educational materials for veterinarians and clients, emphasizing the importance of in-person examinations in establishing a VCPR and the limitations of telemedicine in veterinary practice.



RESOLUTION 2025 - 4

Veterinary Technician Representative: Member Board Composition

Submitted by: AAVSB Board of Directors

Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference, September 20, 2025, Cincinnati, Ohio.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) supports and recommends that its Member Boards are populated with veterinary technicians in addition to veterinarians and public members, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) work with its Member Boards to promote the composition of Member Boards to include veterinary technicians in addition to veterinarians and public members, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intent of this Resolution 2025-04 be promoted through AAVSB programs and services, including the AAVSB Practice Act Model.



RESOLUTION 2024-1

Submitted by: AAVSB Board of Directors

Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference, September 28, 2025, San Diego, California.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the American Association of Veterinary State Board (AAVSB) create a task force charged with identifying those AAVSB Member Boards that do not regulate veterinary technicians and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the task force be charged with working with those identified Member Boards that do not regulate veterinary technicians and explore the political, legal, and practical bases for why they do not regulate veterinary technicians and report its findings to the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-1

Submitted by: AAVSB Board of Directors

*Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference,
September 17, 2022, Charlotte, North Carolina.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Member Boards of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards recognize the benefits from and pledge their support in principle for the Veterinary Information Verifying Agency program and the efficiencies in the licensure process realized from its use.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Member Boards of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) will research and report back in writing to the AAVSB on any concerns or statutory, regulatory, or policy language that would prohibit a Member Board from participating in and accepting from the AAVSB North American Veterinary Licensing Examinations scores and primary source transcripts indicating graduation from a veterinary education program.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Member Boards of American Association of Veterinary State Boards recognize the benefits from and pledge their support in principle for the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) undertaking the pre-approval process for access to the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Member Boards of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) will research and report back in writing to the AAVSB on any concerns or statutory, regulatory, or policy language that would prohibit a Member Board from recognizing and accepting from the AAVSB North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) scores from applicants who have been pre-approved for access to the NAVLE by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA).

RESOLUTION 2019-01

Submitted by: AAVSB Board of Directors

*Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference,
September 28, 2019, St. Louis, Missouri*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, each AAVSB Member Board, in the spirit of providing information to the VIVA centralized database which benefits all Member Boards, will strive to provide, or make available, the following data points to the AAVSB on a regular basis:

- Licensee full name
- License type
- License number
- License status
- License issue date
- License or registration expiration date (renewal date)
- Exam ID (NAVLE or VTNE Number)
- Date of discipline* (if applicable)
- Type of discipline* (if applicable)
- Supporting documentation for discipline (PDF format) (if applicable)

*See Definition of Discipline for the VIVA Database Policy

RESOLUTION 2018-01

Submitted by: AAVSB Board of Directors as recommended by the Member Services Task Force

*Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference,
September 15, 2018, Washington, D.C.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, each AAVSB Member Board, in the spirit of providing input into the AAVSB programs and services, will review applicable statutes, rules/regulation, and policies related to accepting the primary source data verified by AAVSB staff and maintained in the secure centralized databank known as VIVA and transmitted to Member Boards at the licensee's request through the AAVSB VAULT program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, each AAVSB Member Board will share with the AAVSB any barriers or restrictions in the jurisdiction's statutes, rules/regulation, and policies related to participating in the AAVSB VAULT program and timely reporting of license information for new licensees as well as updated license information and final public disciplinary information to the AAVSB VIVA databank; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, each AAVSB member board will identify the benefits of accepting and participating in the AAVSB VAULT program and timely reporting of license information for new licensee as well as updated license information and disciplinary information to the AAVSB VIVA databank; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the AAVSB will continue to seek guidance from its Member Boards to tailor services to meet Member Board needs.



RESOLUTION 2017-01

Submitted by: AAVSB Board of Directors

*Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference,
September 16, 2017, San Antonio, Texas.*

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) explore a mechanism, through contractual relationships, AAVSB governance documents, or otherwise, that provides member boards with direct input and access into the availability and provision of programs and services that address the needs of the membership, including a uniform, national examination or other assessment mechanism validated for entry-level competence determinations of applicants as veterinarians and veterinary technicians.



RESOLUTION 2016-01

Submitted by: AAVSB Conference Committee

*Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference,
September 24, 2016, Scottsdale, Arizona.*

NOW therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors adopt a policy to permit the AAVSB
to schedule its Annual Meeting & Conference during the month of October if desired
September dates are reasonably unavailable.



RESOLUTION 2010-01

Submitted by: Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine

Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference, September 18, 2010, Baltimore, Maryland.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AAVSB Board of Directors charge the Bylaws and Resolution Committee with investigating the legal and practical implications of alternatives to delegate voting privileges based upon physical presence at the Annual Meeting and, if deemed appropriate, propose modifications to the bylaws to allow for proxy voting or other means of absentee participation on matters duly before the delegates.



RESOLUTION 2006-01

Submitted by: Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

*Passed by the AAVSB Delegate Assembly at the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference,
September 16, 2006, Kansas City, Missouri.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the AAVSB Board of Directors enter into discussions and negotiations with the NBVME over timely access to all relevant information regarding examination candidates that may impact the licensure eligibility of applicants and require disclosure of such information by NBVME to AAVSB and/or its Member Boards;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that such discussions fully and thoroughly evaluate how AAVSB and NBVME can work more closely together and report such findings to the AAVSB Member Boards in written format at the earliest possible convenience and also report such results at the 2007 AAVSB Annual Meeting.