

RESOLUTION 3

Submitted by

District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association

Co-sponsors: National Association of Federal Veterinarians, American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians, Delaware Veterinary Medical Association, Maryland Veterinary Medical Association, Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association

COMMISSION THE NCVEI TO STUDY AND ADDRESS ECONOMIC ISSUES IMPACTING VETERINARIANS IN PUBLIC PRACTICE AND ACADEMIA

RESOLVED, That the AVMA Executive Board commission the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues (NCVEI) to 1) study economic factors impacting on veterinarians in federal and State public practice and academia, including salaries and benefits, recruitment, retention and professional opportunities; 2) evaluate how these factors compare with allied health professions, and how these factors affect allied professions; and 3) make recommendations on how to close any gaps that currently exist and to prevent gaps from growing with time.

Statement about the Resolution

The NCVEI was established as a non-profit organization by the AVMA, American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) with a mission “to improve the economic base of the veterinary profession, ensuring that the delivery of veterinary care and service meets the needs of society”. The AVMA, AAHA and AAVMC are represented on the NCVEI Board of Directors.

The NCVEI to date, has focused on improving business practices of clinical practitioners and has developed a series of tools to help veterinarians evaluate and improve the economic status of their practices, including small animal, equine and large animal veterinarians as well as members of the support staff.

The NCVEI has not addressed economic issues impacting on recruitment and retention of veterinarians working in public practice, of veterinary medical college faculty, of veterinary students in any detail comparable to private practice, but should do so to fulfill its mission.

For the NCVEI to engage in a detailed study of economic factors impacting veterinarians working in public practice, adequate funding will be required.

	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	REFER TO . . .*	NO RECOMMENDATION
<i>Executive Board</i>				
<i>House Advisory Committee</i>				
<i>Reference Committee#</i>				#####
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Financial Impact:	\$150,000.00 (estimated)
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