

AVMA Animal Welfare Assessment Contest®

**GOVERNANCE**

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The AVMA Animal Welfare and Assessment Contest® will be held on annual basis at a 'to be determined' location. The contest will include at least 3 divisions including: undergraduate, graduate and veterinary students.

## II. COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR, COORDINATING COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEES, & HOST INSTITUTION

**Coordinating Committee Chair:** The Coordinating Committee Chair oversees the preparations for, and the conduct of, the annual assessment contest in accord with the rules and regulations set forth by the Advisory Board.

**Coordinating Committee:** The Coordinating Committee comprises the Coordinating Committee Chair and at least 3 additional individuals. Coordinating Committee members chair the organizational subcommittees (e.g., Local Arrangements and Accommodations, Scenario Writing, etc.) and are responsible for activities in preparation for, and during conduct of, the annual contest and report to the Division Coordinators.

**Host Institution:** The host institution for the contest will be identified from volunteers, preferably one year in advance of the contest.

**Expenses and Compensation:** Members of the Coordinating Committee and its subcommittees will not be personally compensated for their time and intellectual contributions to the contest.

The host institution for the contest will be reimbursed for reasonable direct costs associated with conducting the contest (upon provision of appropriate receipts) and for indirect costs in the form of an administrative grant (amount to be determined by the Advisory Board). Any monies remaining from registration and sponsorship income after expenses have been paid will be retained by the contest for future use.

## III. ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board consists of 5 members representing: the American Veterinary Medical Association; the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges; the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; the Federation of Animal Science Societies; and the International Society for Applied Ethology. Members are identified by their respective organizations.



#### **IV. JUDGING SYSTEM**

A Committee of Judges selected by the Coordinating Committee and approved by the Advisory Board will place all classes, establish the placing cuts (1 to 7 points between pairs), and evaluate all oral reasons. Judges will be selected based on their background in animal welfare science, veterinary medicine, applied ethology and other disciplines specific to the content of the contest. Judges may not serve as coaches for any of the Divisions for the contest for which they serve as a judge.

#### **V. GUIDELINES FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH FOR-PROFIT & NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

The AVMA Animal Welfare and Assessment Contest® (AWJAC®) takes a proactive approach to identifying and developing opportunities to form mutually beneficial relationships with outside entities, also known as partnerships. The Advisory Board is responsible for review and oversight of any specific arrangements of a for-profit or not-for-profit partnership. All the parameters of a for-profit or not-for-profit partnership, including the roles, responsibilities and expectations of all partners, will be made clear in the form of a written agreement and require signatures from both the AWJAC® and the for-profit or not-for-profit partner to activate the partnership terms.

