



2026 ACVECC Call for Volunteers - Committee Criteria and Description

We invite you to dedicate a few meaningful hours a month to a fulfilling role within the **ACVECC** committee structure.

Your time and service are incredibly **valuable** because our committees are the essential engine that works alongside the Board of Regents (BOR), ACVECC Staff and other committees to ensure the College runs smoothly and **advances our mission** of defining and supporting excellence in veterinary emergency and critical care.

Your Vital Role and Value

By serving, you contribute your unique expertise to vital projects, helping the **ACVECC** maintain its high standards and better support its members, ultimately strengthening the entire veterinary ECC community.

Committees are the **backbone of the College**, translating the BOR's strategic direction into focused action (e.g., reviewing applications, developing content). You will typically dedicate time per month (virtual meetings and project work), offering opportunities for **professional growth and networking** with other leaders as each committee may be a bit different with their schedule and needs.

- **Mission Impact:** You execute the detailed work that allows the BOR to focus on high-level governance, directly shaping the future of our specialty.
- **What You'll Do:** Actively participate in committee meetings and contribute to assigned tasks, sharing your specialized knowledge, and collaborating respectfully with fellow Diplomates.

Thank you for your interest! Please contact the ACVECC Office at office@acvecc.org with questions.

If you are interested to serve on an ACVECC committee, please complete the electronic [application](#) by January 29, 2026.

Please review each Committee's purpose, goals, and criteria below before completing the [electronic volunteer application](#).

Credentials Committee

Committee Purpose, Goals, and Initiatives

The Credentials Committee monitors and reports the performance of mentors and training programs, monitors the progress of residents and fellows, and evaluates for final approval for examination the credentials of residents and fellows. We aim to have 21 members, given the volume of annual reports.

The Credentials Committee approves Annual Reports and Credentials Applications each year. These duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Providing through the office of the Executive Director of the college information and application/registration forms to residency training facilities for prospective residents or fellows.
- Establishing the specific criteria for monitoring the performance of mentors and training programs, as that performance relates to the successful training of residents and fellows and certification of new Diplomates.
- Establishing specific criteria for reporting on the performance of mentors and training programs so prospective residents or fellows are well informed about the Programs to which they apply.
- Monitoring and reporting on the performance of mentors and training programs.
- Establishing the specific criteria for monitoring the performance of residents and fellows consistent with the residency training standards and guidelines.
- Monitoring the performance of residents and fellows.
- Reporting to the resident or fellow, mentor, residency training facility, and the Regents any deficiencies in training or any concerns about the progress of a resident or fellow.
- Evaluating and certifying eligibility of applicants requesting examination by the College.
- Notifying the Council of Regents and the Executive Director of applicants who are not deemed eligible for examination and delineate the areas of deficiency to the applicant, mentor, and program director.
- Determine which journals appear on the "Approved Journals for Publication Requirement" list.
- Determine which conferences appear on the "List of Approved Conferences."

Term Length: 3 Years

Open Positions: 3

**Expected Time Commitment:**

We are typically busy in July (finalizing annual reports for finishing third year residents prior to the exam), Sept-Oct (reviewing annual reports for 1st and 2nd year residents), and Jan-Feb (reviewing credentials applications for third year residents).

We do not have scheduled meetings but occasionally meet ad hoc via Zoom to discuss potential changes to the credentials process.

We also intermittently vote (remotely) regarding adding new journals to the Acceptable Journals for Publication list and resident appeals (e.g., to extend time for credentialing).

Who are we looking for?

Any diplomate who is interested in helping ensure our residents are meeting their requirements as outlined in the standards and is also interested in finding ways to help improve the credentialing process.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

The DEI Committee strives to create an environment that is welcoming to all, fostering the spirit of inclusion in veterinary emergency and critical care. The committee aims to identify strategies to increase diversity in veterinary emergency and critical care, as well as to work toward creating an inclusive and equitable environment for everyone.

The DEI committee currently partners with VECCS as a joint committee that seeks to embrace diversity and support inclusive and equitable environments for our members through education, support, and allyship, advocacy and recruitment of diverse individuals.

The committee activities include support of a DEI track at IVECCS, oversight/selection of DEI-focused scholarships for students and technicians interested in attending IVECCS, specific initiatives to enhance our professional activities through a DEI lens (including the training and mentorship of residents and/or other clinicians in training), and the creation of regular educational content via social media platforms and a quarterly newsletter.

Term Length: 2 years**Open Positions:** 5**Expected Time Commitment:**

Time commitment varies based on level of member interest, time of year, and/or specific activities or "working group" initiatives elected by the individual committee member (e.g.



IVECCS, Residency Training/Credential requirements, equity in training and mentorship with a focus on neurodiversity, Newsletter, internal education, etc.)

- Minimum time commitment: 2-4 hours every 2 months due to regular meetings every 4-8 weeks (with possible smaller working group meetings of varying frequency)
- Maximum time commitment: potential for 5-8 hours of volunteer work during IVECCS (minimal request for 2 hours of volunteer service during IVECCS -- if traveling to the meeting) with additional bursts of increased time in Spring and Summer leading up to IVECCS

Time commitment can really vary depending on the projects and level of participation, but it is hoped that each member will have some time to contribute between meetings (outreach, education, collaboration on initiatives, etc.)

Who are we looking for?

- **Large Animal Specialists & Mentors:** We want to better support our students and doctors-in-training as they navigate their scope of practice. If you have experience in **Large Animal training, education, or mentorship**, we need your guidance!
- **Diverse Professionals:** We aim to keep our committee well-rounded with stakeholders from all corners of the profession, including but not limited to:
 - Private Practice
 - Academia & Education
 - Industry & Leadership roles
- **Creative Minds:** We are looking for someone to help us boost our visibility and maintain an engaging **newsletter** to keep our community informed and connected.
- **The Curious & Enthusiastic:** Above all, if you are excited about this work and want to contribute to an expansive, inclusive team, we want to hear from you.

Maintenance of Credentials Committee

Committee Purpose, Goals, and Initiatives

The maintenance of credentials committee is composed of a chair, vice chair, and 7-12 members. Currently we are looking for 2-5 members. The time commitment and objectives are approximately 3-4 weeks annually of monitoring the submissions for credentialing points and once annual review of credentials starting in 2027.

The MOC committee is tasked with ensuring Diplomates are required to maintain their credentials for board certification to meet all necessary requirements. The duties shall include the following:



- Monitoring the progress of Diplomates from 2016 onward who are required to undergo Maintenance of Credentials (MOC) in the MOC database.
- Establishing criteria for maintenance of credentials, evaluating the eligible activities yearly for any additions or modifications needed, and working with the office of the Executive Director for any modifications needed to the MOC database.
- Answering questions related to the MOC requirement and eligibility of activities to fulfill MOC requirements.
- Reviewing MOC submissions yearly and approve automated yearly updates to Diplomates delivered via the electronic database.
- Providing through the office of the Executive Director of the college information related to submission of application for MOC.
- Verifying eligibility of Diplomates for application for maintenance of credentials
- For Diplomates at the 10-year mark, evaluating MOC submissions for final approval of MOC and approving the distribution of letters related to MOC submissions.

Term Length: Terms are for three (3) years.

Open Positions: 2-5

Expected Time Commitment:

3-4 weeks annually of reviewing submissions for credential points, typically takes 1-2 hours weekly. Once annually we will have a meeting to review credentials, since this has yet to happen it is hard to predict time commitment for this.

Who are we looking for?

Diplomates with strong organizational skills and familiarity with the residency training database website.

Residency Training Committee

The Residency Training Committee establishes the specific standards for training residents as outlined in the Residency Training Standards and Guidelines that are written and edited from time to time by the Joint Committee on Training and Certification. These duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Establishing the detailed requirements for Residency Training Facilities and Residency Training Programs consistent with the Residency Training Standards and Guidelines.
- Reviewing, evaluating, and approving Residency Training Facilities such that all Programs are in compliance with the Residency Training Standards and Guidelines and meet the requirements of the College and the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS).
- Developing the specific requirements under the Knowledge, Immersion, Experience, and Skills requirements of the Residency Training Standards and Guidelines. Provide



this information through the Executive Director to all active residents and fellows, to all Residency Training Facilities, and to all prospective candidates and institutions requesting such.

- Developing the specific requirements for the benchmark prerequisite of the Residency Training Standards and Guidelines. Provide this information through the Executive Director to all active residents and fellows, and to all Residency Training Facilities.
- Providing guidance and support to mentors, supervisors, and residency program directors according to Residency Training Standards and Guidelines and the standards and procedures adopted by the College and the AVMA.

Term Length: 3 Years

Open Positions: 3

Expected Time Commitment:

On average, you can expect to dedicate about 4 to 6 hours per month to this role. Time includes virtual meetings and a few hours of independent prep work, such as reviewing training standards or offering a helping hand to mentors via email. While things can get a little busier during "review seasons" when we evaluate new programs, we balance that with quieter months to ensure the experience remains enjoyable and manageable.

Who are we looking for?

Large Animal Diplomates in reviewing benchmarks. Small Animal Diplomates are also welcome to apply.

The ideal volunteer is a mentor at heart who enjoys providing clear guidance to programs and ensuring every training facility offers a supportive, top-tier environment for growth.

Scientific Committee

Committee Purpose, Goals, and Initiatives

The duties of the Scientific Committee include the following:

- Coordinating all continuing education and research endeavors of the college, including the PGR.
- Coordinating with the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS) to assist in the organization of the annual International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium (IVECCS).
- Selecting resident abstract awards at the annual IVECCS and submitting the abstracts to *Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care*.
- Overseeing the poster session and award at the annual IVECCS.



- Overseeing and ensuring the timely publication of all proceedings generated from ACVECC educational programs.
- Reviewing and evaluating all grant proposals for the ACVECC Research Grant in emergency and critical care medicine and RECOVER awards. Recommending recipient(s) to the Council of Regents and reviewing the final research project report.

Term Length: 2 Years

Open Positions: 3

Expected Time Commitment:

Our predictable busy times are between February and May of each year, where we will review and score pre-proposal submissions for the ACVECC Research Grants. Following this, the committee will review and score full proposals submissions. We anticipate the workload to consist of email communication and independent work to read the proposals, prior to meeting via teleconference to discuss the proposals and make selections.

Who are we looking for?

ACVECC Diplomates with specific interest and experience in scientific research.

Veterinary Committee on Trauma (VetCOT): Identification and Verification Subcommittee

The primary goal of the VetCOT Identification and Verification subcommittee is to identify and verify Veterinary Trauma [Centers](#). The subcommittee utilizes the "Resources for the optimal care of the injured [veterinary patient](#)" to accomplish this.

The VetCOT identification and verification subcommittee is a critical component of the Veterinary Trauma Center network effort. We would love to have you participate; feel free to reach out if we can answer questions: info@vetcot.org.

Term Length: 3 years

Open Positions: 4

Expected Time Commitment:

Twice yearly review of hospitals that have submitted documentation to either be identified or verified as a Veterinary Trauma Center (process similar to grant or journal article review). Every other monthly 1-1.5-hour virtual meetings for discussions.

Who are we looking for?

Diplomates with an interest in contributing to the effort to advance trauma patient care and outcomes through process improvement and collaboration.