Role profile: BVA Council regional representative

Purpose of role

To support Council to:

- Fulfil its primary role of representing members' views on matters of veterinary policy.
- Provide an informed steer to BVA's Policy Committee and approve draft policy across a wide range of animal health and welfare, public health, and veterinary professional issues.
- Horizon scan for the hot topics of interest to the profession.
- Recommend and approve policy, lobbying and campaigning priorities for each Association year.

Key responsibilities

- Gathering the views of members in the region and monitoring the allocated email account.
- Ensuring that the views of members in the region are represented at Council meetings
- Maintaining contact with active BVA territorial divisions in the region.
- Contributing to discussions at meetings and via the online workspace.
- Reading papers in advance of meetings.
- Participating in four meetings per year (remote option available)
- Upholding and promoting the values of BVA at all times

Knowledge, skills, and expertise

Members must be MRCVS, hold current BVA membership, and be resident in the region being represented. We are looking for:

- Strategic thinking
- Analysis and evaluation
- Understanding of the current veterinary landscape
- Understanding of political and cultural climate in which BVA seeks to support its members and influence policy makers.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

Across Council we strive to ensure a range of expertise, interests, and backgrounds. We recognise and champion the importance of equality, equity, diversity and inclusion and we are committed to ensuring that all members have equal opportunity to contribute to our work, including by making reasonable adjustments where needed to enable committee members to participate fully.

Other information

- Members serve for a term of three years and may apply for a second term.
- Members receive free BVA membership during their term.
- Members are reimbursed for travel and other expenses in line with our expenses policy.

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