

AO VET Education Commission Chairperson Job description

AO VET seeks: *A highly motivated individual with a track record in AO, AO VET and adult medical education. The successful applicant will lead the AO VET Education Commission members to advance the AO VET education portfolio. The applicant needs to be able to work in a multi-cultural environment with no global and regional travel restrictions and is expected to provide visionary leadership in AO VET Education. The Education Commission Chair is responsible for setting quality education standards and positioning AO VET as an academic leader in musculoskeletal veterinary surgery.*

Position Chair, AO VET Education Commission (AOVEC)

Territory Global

Reporting to Chair, AO VET International Board

Term 3-year term

Start date July 1, 2026

End date June 30, 2029

Requirements **General mandatory requirements:**

- Possess broad knowledge and experience regarding issues within the AO Foundation and AO VET by way of being a
 - Current or past member of any AO VET Commission
 - Past member of the AO VET International Board.

'Past' members of the mentioned bodies who served no longer than 7 years ago can apply.
- International reputation as a veterinary clinician, scientist and/or administrator reflected in peer-reviewed publications, invited presentations, professional society officers, academic rank, government, or industrial posts and/or similar accolades
- Cannot hold any other governance position in AO VET or AO bodies (except task forces and International Board). In case, of an election the successful candidate will be required to resign the other position within 6 months after their election.
- Veterinary surgeon in active practice, contributing to the AO VET community
- Active AO VET faculty who has been involved in at least one teaching event as Faculty or Course Chair in the last three years
- Have completed the AO Faculty Education Program (FEP) training

- Have completed or be signed up for the AO Course Chair Education Program (CEP) training
- Active AO VET member of a minimum of 12 months current and continuous duration
- Good/clear communicator, good listener with the ability to work in multi-cultural environments
- Good command of the English language - equivalent to / greater than a proficiency level of 3 (General Professional Proficiency) as described in the Interagency Language Roundtable Language Skill Level Descriptions; see details under: <https://www.govtllr.org/Skills/ILRscale2.htm>)
- Diplomacy and conflict resolution skills
- Team player who can work together to achieve goals
- Be highly motivated to develop and manage interpersonal connections across professional specialties
- Willing and prepared to travel globally (no exclusions)
- Prepared to spend the equivalent of an average of approximately 2-4 days per month on AO VET/AOVEC affairs and attend virtual and physical meetings as required. These meetings include approximately:
 - International Board Meetings (approx. 3 physical meetings per year plus virtual meetings as needed)
 - AOVEC meeting (one physical meeting per year) and attend regular virtual meetings (approx. 2 hrs/month)
 - Education Platform meeting (2 days per year)
 - AO Foundation Trustees meeting (3 days per year)

General desired requirements:

- International experience (e.g. fellowship, faculty or research)
- Highly motivated to build and manage educational programs in the region (including curricula, courses, seminars, symposia, and webinars)
- Recognized member or officer on key national, regional, or international veterinary associations
- Prior experience in veterinary practice management and/or other business operations (e.g. industry consultant, MBA, practice owner/operator)
- Experience in developing and delivering online educational offerings as stand-alone or blended activities
- Recognized as an excellent educator
- Postgraduate qualification in education or medical education

Responsibilities

The AO VET EC Chairperson will have to:

- Protect the interests of AO VET
- Act in compliance with the bylaws and regulations of the AO Foundation
- Comply with the AO Code of Ethics and Shared Values
- Be accountable to the AO VET International Board and represent the needs of the AO VET International Board in the AOVEC.
- Present and represent the full spectrum of EC activities (marketing, communications, membership, philanthropy, sponsorship) to the AO VET International Board as the chairperson.
- Ensure that the objectives of the AOVEC are achieved
- Closely collaborate with the members of the International and Regional Boards and the AO VET management staff towards the fulfillment of the goals, objectives, and tasks of AOVEC
- Conduct AOVEC meetings efficiently and effectively and define all necessary agenda and documentation items discussed in the meeting
- Sign and issue the minutes of the AOVEC
- Support the implementation of AOVEC resolutions and actions
- Define the AOVEC strategy, focus, and priorities based on feedback from the community and management on current trends in the field of veterinary orthopedic surgery
- Represent AO VET on the EC Platform as a voting member to achieve alignment between the different Clinical Divisions concerning objectives, policies and processes to enhance effectiveness and efficiency
- Establish effective collaboration with other AO VET Commissions, AO Clinical divisions, AO bodies, and approved industrial partners
- Promote AO VET Education offerings
- Guide the AOVEC in publishing annual strategic education guidance to the regions