

2024 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ICVA (VETERINARIAN) NOMINEE

FRANK WALKER, DVM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Education: Iowa State University

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Employment: Consultative and Emergency Services

Licenses: North Dakota

MEMBER BOARD SERVICE

North Dakota Board for Veterinary Medicine

Dates Appointed to the Board

• 2002 - 2014

Board Service

President and Secretary

AAVSB SERVICE

- 2021 Present: Representative to the ICVA
- 2018 Present: Associate Member
- 2018 2019: Nominating Committee Member
- 2017 2018: Immediate Past President
- 2016 2017: President
- 2015 2016: President-Elect & Finance Committee Member
- 2013 2015: Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair
- 2011 2013: Director
- 2008 2010: Bylaws and Resolution Committee Member
- 2003 2005: Constitution & Bylaws Task Force Member



Frank E. Walker, DVM

BIO

Dr. Frank E. Walker received his DVM degree from Iowa State University in 1977. He built and operated a private mixed animal practice for 25+ years with an emphasis on large animals. His expertise is with cow-calf herd health. Dr. Walker has been actively involved in the development and growth of non-traditional livestock and buffalo industries in the state of North Dakota. He currently practices on a consultative and emergency basis for select clients.

Dr. Walker is an active member of the **North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association** having served on a variety of committees and on the Board of Directors. Initially he held the Secretary-Treasurer position from 2003 to 2015, then was elected to a Director position, and won the President-Elect position in 2018. He served as President from August, 2019 to July, 2020 and currently serves on the Continuing Education committee. He has had significant involvement with legislative issues impacting veterinary practice within the State of North Dakota. NDVMA presented the Veterinarian of the Year award to Dr. Walker in 2021.

He is member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and in 2004, was elected to the AVMA Council on Education (COE) which provides accreditation for colleges of veterinary medicine. He served as the vice-chair of the COE from 2008-2009 and has experience with consultative and comprehensive site visits to veterinary colleges in the US, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. He is knowledgeable about non-traditional and distributive educational models for veterinary medicine. From 2006-2010 he was appointed as liaison from the COE to the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) which provides accreditation for veterinary technician programs. In this position he represented each organization to the other, participated in site visits to veterinary technician programs and chaired site visits. In 2010, he was invited to participate in North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium (NAVMEC) meetings in March and July of that year. In 2018, Dr. Walker was a candidate for the AVMA District VII Director position.

Dr. Walker served on the **North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners** for 3 terms from 2002-2014. He rotated through leadership positions including secretary and president within each term and was appointed as delegate to the AAVSB annual meetings. As delegate, he was impressed with the quality of continuing education and leadership opportunities provided by AAVSB and the potential to strengthen and inform member boards.

He has been an active member of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). From 2003 to 2019 he served on numerous committees and taskforces including the Constitution & Bylaws taskforce, the Nominating Committee, the Bylaws & Resolution Committee, and Finance Committee. In September 2011, he was elected to fill an uncompleted term on the Board of Directors and subsequently was re-elected to a 2-year term in September 2012. During this time, he was appointed as the liaison to AAVSB's RACE Committee. Additionally he participated on a joint taskforce for strategic planning with ICVA. In this position he attended ICVA meetings and NAVLE form review and gained critical understanding of the direction and functioning of ICVA and its relationship with AAVSB. In 2013, he was elected AAVSB's Treasurer where he served until January 2015 when he was appointed by the Board to fill the vacant president-elect position. In September 2015, Dr. Walker was elected to the Board of Directors as the President-Elect and also served as President (2016-2017) and Past President (2017-2018). He continues his involvement as an Associate Member and in 2021 was elected to serve as representative to the ICVA Board of Directors; where he currently serves on the Governance Committee.

He would like to continue his involvement since ICVA is dealing with critical issues that impact NAVLE testing and security.

Dr. Walker has additional training and is certified in Small Business Management. He has a lifelong interest in cattle and maintains his own ranching operation with 145 head of cow-calf pairs. By demonstrating successful practices in his own herd, he is able to assist many local operators with herd health and management issues. Past community service activities include treasurer for a community orchestra association, participation in the county emergency management committee, chair of the Eddy County Planning and Zoning Committee, and president of the Eddy County Farm Bureau. Dr. Walker is active within his local legislative district and has twice been a candidate for the state senate.



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TO: AAVSB Nominating Committee

FROM: North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Supporting statement for Dr. Frank Walker

Dr. Frank Walker has served as the AAVSB representative on the ICVA Board of Directors since 2021 and would like to continue in that capacity for another term. Dr. Walker currently serves on the Governance Committee and would like to continue his involvement as ICVA is dealing with critical issues that impact NAVLE testing and security.

Dr. Walker served as a member of the North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from July 2002 through June 2014. During that time, he served multiple terms as Board President. Dr. Walker has been an active member of AAVSB, serving on the AAVSB Constitution and Bylaws committee, Nominating committee and Bylaws and Resolutions committee. He was elected to the Board of Directors and went on to serve as President.

In addition to his service on the North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Dr. Walker has also been a board member of the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association. He served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years before moving into a director position and then served as President in 2019-20. He is actively involved with many legislative initiatives that impact veterinary practice within the state of North Dakota.

In 2004, Dr. Walker was elected to a six-year term on the AVMA Council on Education, representing private mixed clinical practice. During his service on the COE, he participated in several accreditation site visits and consultative site visits to veterinary medical colleges. He also served as the COE's liaison representative to the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities and participated in accreditation site visits to veterinary technology programs.

Because he is no longer practicing full time, Dr. Walker has adequate time to devote to volunteer service. Dr. Walker has traveled extensively, both in North America and overseas. His breadth and depth of experience, his professional demeanor, his strong desire to be of service to the veterinary profession, and his commitment to public protection make him an ideal candidate for continued representation on the ICVA Board of Directors.

Sara Lyons, DVM

NDBVME Executive Secretary