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The Eastern Aquaculture Veterinary Association (EAVA) was formed in 1992 by a group of veterinarians working with aquatic animals in the Eastern United States and Atlantic Canada.

EAVA's objectives are listed within its Constitution, which was accepted in August 1994 and include:

- To provide an organizational body for veterinarians working with all aspects of aquatic animal farming, research and industry
- To promote mutual improvement and goodwill among members of the association
- To elevate, sustain and improve the professional character and education of its members
- To enlighten and direct public opinion in relation to surgical and medical veterinary science as it pertains to cultured aquatic animals and to promote the public health in connection with such science
- To encourage cooperation, exchange, and good will between member veterinarians and those of other nations of the world involved in the practice of aquatic animal medicine and research
- To actively encourage and promote research in the field of aquatic animal veterinary science
- Affiliation with the Canadian Association of Aquatic Veterinarians (C.A.A.V) and other veterinary associations dealing with aquaculture to develop a national veterinary policy on issues that affect farmed fish health or the practice of veterinary medicine within the aquaculture industry
- To promote the interests of EAVA within the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA).

EAVA meets twice annually. A CE session is associated with the biannual business meetings. The CE agenda is based on input from members. This ensures the topics covered truly are relevant to membership attending. The presentations and information provided during these CE sessions are posted on the EAVA website whenever possible, so it can be accessible to members who were not able to attend in person.

The EAVA website contains an archive of past membership communications and documents relating to the membership. Membership communication is possible through the member-only email list server which allows for information inquiries and idea sharing, in a timely manner, to aid veterinarians with day to day challenges associated with the practice of aquatic animal medicine and research. The association gives support to veterinarians who are dealing with aquatic animal health issues through the development of guiding policy documents and/or letters of support, that provide aid in moving issues of importance forward. The executive is made up of four elected volunteer members, voted in annually. The four person executive includes the president, past president, treasurer and secretary.

This document is meant to outline the EAVA objectives and share benefits of becoming a member. If you are interested in joining, please fill out the membership form attached.