

VETERINARY IRELAND—DEMOCRACY AT WORK

As a guide to “how your Organisation works”, Members may find the following chart a useful tool.

VETERINARY IRELAND MEMBERSHIP

Members meet at least once a year to formulate overall policy for the Organisation.

INTEREST GROUPS

- * Food Animal
- * Companion Animal
- * Equine
- * Local Authority Employees
- * State Sector Employees
- * Education, Research & Industry

Members opt to join one or more **Interest Groups**.

The structure of these Groups vary depending on their own requirements - e.g. Food Animal Group has 23 geographic **Branches** and the Cattle Association (CAVI).

Each Group holds its own **AGM**.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

- * 24 on Food Animal National Committee
- * Up to 20 members on others

Each Interest Group has its own **National Committee**, elected by and from the Members of the Group.

SPECIFIC PURPOSE COMMITTEES

- * Animal Health
- * Animal Remedies
- * Animal Welfare
- * Business & Practice Development
- * Public Health
- * Irish College of Veterinary Surgeons

Specific Purpose Committees work on particular topics.

The members working on these Committees are drawn from the elected **National Committees** of the **Interest Groups**, or are appointed by them depending on a particular member's expertise.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

- * Up to 25 Members
- * All Interest Groups represented
- * Larger Groups get increased Representation

Overall control of policy implementation - as formulated by the **Members** at the **AGM** - is vested in the **National Council** and the **Board of Directors**.

The Members of these bodies are nominated by the **National Committees** and include delegates from the **Specific Purpose Committees**.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- * Currently 9 Members

HEAD OFFICE

- * 5 Staff based at HQ

Executive Staff implement plans developed by National and Specific Purpose Committees, National Council, Board & AGM.