

American National Standards Institute Accredited Standard Committee Z136 for the Safe Use of Lasers (ANSI ASC Z-136)

In 1999, at the request of the Laser Institute of America, the AVMA appointed a representative to the American National Standards Institute Accredited Standard Committee Z136 (ANSI ASC Z136) for the Safe Use of Lasers and the standing subcommittee (SSC3) that reviews and revises ANSI Z136.3 American National Standard for the Safe Use of Lasers in Health Care.

Charge\Objective

To ensure that the interests of the AVMA and the veterinary profession are properly represented regarding the safe use of lasers in health care facilities. ANSI standards are used widely by industry and commerce and often by municipal, state, and federal governments in their regulatory processes.

Appointment and Membership

Nominations will be solicited from the general membership and other stakeholders and reviewed by the oversight entity, the Council on Veterinary Service (CoVS). The CoVS will then submit its candidate(s) to the Executive Board for its consideration and appointment. Nominees must be AVMA member veterinarians and have the ability to communicate and conduct business through multiple platforms, including electronic means. The representative will be appointed to a three-year term, beginning at the end of the Annual Session of the House of Delegates, and they will be eligible for reappointment every three years. However, the representative's appointment will conclude at the end of the association year in which the current Standards document is published.

Meetings

The ANSI Z136.3 subcommittee is scheduled to hold one face-to-face meeting annually and work in the interim through conference calls and other electronic means.

Expenses

The AVMA representative to the ANSI Z136.3 subcommittee's travel is governed by the applicable travel policies of the AVMA. The representative may be reimbursed for travel, lodging, and meal expenses for the meetings in accordance with the standard AVMA travel policies.

Reports

The AVMA representative is to report to the AVMA Executive Board through its oversight entity, the Council on Veterinary Service.