Is our candidate qualified to serve as the NSM on our IACUC?

Current primary occupation and prior training are not related to carrying out research involving animals.
Examples of some who are disqualified: research staff member named on an animal use protocol, animal technician who manages routine anesthesia during research procedures, lab technician who has been trained to perform tail snips (even if s/he has never actually been named as a participant on an animal use protocol)

Is not currently responsible for directing other to perform research procedures on animals
Example of one who is disqualified: the PI on a project that involves animal research (even if the PI does not personally perform any of the procedures on the animals)

Is likely to be perceived by the general public as unbiased with regard to the interests of scientists involved in animal research?
Examples of some who are disqualified: VMU Supervisor, health care provider, active scientist in any field (even in a field that does not involve animal research, such as botany, geology, or mathematics), someone who was involved in animal research in the past (even if no longer active)

“Has a naïve attitude with regard to science and scientific activities” and “is without scientific training”?

DISQUALIFIED from serving as the NSM (may serve as another member of the IACUC)

QUALIFIED to serve as the NSM
Is our candidate qualified to serve as the NAM on our IACUC?

Is not employed by the local VA facility, and has no immediate family member who is.

TRUE

Does not volunteer in any other capacity at the local VA facility, and has no immediate family member who does.

TRUE

Does not serve on any other committee or subcommittee of the local VA facility, and has no immediate family member who does.

TRUE

Does not serve on the IACUC of any other institution that functions as a single administrative unit with the local VA facility with regard to animal research, and has no immediate family member who does.

TRUE

Is not an employee, involved in the animal research program, of any other institution that functions as a single administrative unit with the local VA facility with regard to animal research, and has no immediate family member who is.

TRUE

Does not work with research animals now and has never done so.

TRUE

Is likely to be perceived by the general public as a reliable voice for the interests of the general community with regard to ensuring the appropriate care and use of research animals?

TRUE

DISQUALIFIED from serving as the NAM (may serve as another member of the IACUC)

QUALIFIED to serve as the NAM
“Non-Scientific Member”
One whose training, experience, and current primary occupation are not “scientific”

“Scientific”
One with scientific training, or who does not have a naïve attitude toward science and scientific activities

- Biological scientists with no experience in animal research
- Animal technician who performs routine animal research procedures
- Retired scientist who used to conduct animal research, but no longer does
- Healthcare providers
- Scientists in fields that do not involve animal research (e.g., Botany, geology, mathematics)
- One trained in science, even if not currently practicing
- Practicing scientist who supervises, but does not personally conduct animal research
- Practicing scientist experienced in animal research
- VMU Supervisor

“Scientific Member”
Members of the clergy

Librarian

Instructors in Liberal Arts fields (e.g., English, history)

Those working in business or finance