

**STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF EQUINE PRACTITIONERS**

Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME

SECTION 1: The name of this Chapter shall be the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1: To endeavor to improve the stature and increase the knowledge of students of veterinary medicine interested in the field of equine practice.

SECTION 2: To elevate the standards of equine practice.

SECTION 3: To attract attention to the relationship between equine practice and the public interest.

SECTION 4: To promote understanding and good will among its members.

SECTION 5: To cooperate with the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

SECTION 6: To stimulate interest, activity and advancement in equine health.

SECTION 7: To encourage cooperation, participation, and membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

SECTION 8: ALL POWER CLAUSE: To do everything and anything reasonably and lawfully necessary, proper, suitable or convenient for the achievement of the above stated or for any of them or for the furtherance of the said purposes.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: There shall be one class of membership in this chapter: ACTIVE.

- 1a. Active members shall be students at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, interested in the general field of equine medicine.

SECTION 2: Candidates for membership must be members of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The dues for the current year shall be paid to the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association until the deadline determined by their executive council.

After this date, dues shall be paid directly to the treasurer of this Chapter. Approval will be granted to all students in the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine who are in satisfactory scholastic standing (i.e. not on probation). The dues shall be returned in the event that the applicant is not eligible.

SECTION 3: Dues and assessments of the Chapter for active members shall be five (5) dollars per capita.

- 3a. Student membership in the American Association of Equine Practitioners shall be optional. Dues for that organization shall be paid directly to the American Association of Equine Practitioners by individual student applicants.

SECTION 4: The fiscal year of this Chapter shall be the academic school year (fall and spring semesters).

SECTION 5: The Code of Ethics of the American Veterinary Medical Association shall be the code of behavior for this Chapter.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of the Chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

- 1a. President shall preside at all meetings, shall have all such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of the Chapter. He/she shall be responsible for the duties of the Program Chairman.
- 1b. Vice-president shall assist the officers in the Chapter in whatever manner the President directs. He/she will preside at meetings in the absence of the president.
- 1c. Secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting of the Chapter or its executive board, shall read the minutes of the previous meeting at the beginning of each meeting of the Chapter, shall keep general records of Chapter activities, shall make a calendar or Chapter events and activities available to its members.
- 1d. Treasurer shall keep bills and expenses, shall submit a financial statement at each business meeting, shall maintain Chapter accounts and dispense funds from those accounts with the approval of the Executive board of the Chapter, shall submit an annual financial report to the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

- 1e. Class representatives shall be elected from each class by a majority vote and shall be responsible for public announcement of activities of the Chapter.
- 1f. There shall be an Executive Board of this Chapter. The Executive Board shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, one representative from each class, chairmen of any committees appointed by the officers, and at least one faculty advisor. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the major administrative policies governing the affairs of the Chapter and shall devise and mature measures for the Chapter growth and development. It shall fill vacancies in office as is essential to the conduct of the affairs of the Chapter when such vacancies occur between elections.
- 1g. Elected positions may be combined if there are no nominees for an office.
- 1h. An officer, at the end of his/her term, may return to any position.
- 1i. Faculty advisors for the Chapter shall be nominated and selected by the members. Advisors shall be evaluated by the executive board annually. At the time of the evaluation, it will be determined if a new advisor is needed and if the current advisor shall remain.

SECTION 2: ELECTION

- 2a. The term of office of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and representative from each class to the Executive Board shall be from the close of the last business meeting of the academic year in which they are elected to the close of the last business meeting of the following academic year. They shall be elected by a simple majority of a ballot vote by the members.
- 2b. The election shall be held just prior to the last business meeting of the Chapter in an academic year. A slate of candidates selected by the active membership for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, class representatives and chairmen of standing committees as necessary shall be considered along with additional nominations from the floor.

SECTION 3: Committees shall be chosen by the president with the assistance of the Executive Board and shall serve until the last business meeting of the Chapter of the year in which they were selected or until the committee is dissolved.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

- SECTION 1: The regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held once per month during the academic year at a time and place designated by the Executive Board. The regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held once per month during the academic year at a time and place designated by the Executive Board. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called by him/her upon recommendation of a majority of the Executive Board. Such meetings shall be announced to the membership not less than seven (7) days prior to the stated time of the meeting.
- SECTION 2: A quorum for the transaction of business at a duly called meeting shall consist of 25% of the active Chapter present and eligible to vote.
- SECTION 3: A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority, exclusive of the President.
- SECTION 4: A business meeting shall be conducted as a part of every regular meeting of the Chapter.
- SECTION 5: The Active Chapter shall endeavor to have a representative at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

ARTICLE VI: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

- SECTION 1: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the conduct of the meetings when not covered by the Bylaws or a higher law.
- SECTION 2: A rule of proceeding may be suspended by majority vote of those active members present and voting at a meeting.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION

- SECTION 1: The Chapter may be dissolved on thirty (30) days notice by majority vote at a meeting or by letter ballot. Such dissolution shall be effective ninety (90) days after such vote is taken, provided all outstanding obligations of the Chapter have been satisfied.
- SECTION 2: In case of dissolution of this Chapter, its assets shall be dedicated to the local Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDING BYLAWS

- SECTION 1: Amendments to the bylaws shall be presented by a member of the Chapter in writing and read at a regular meeting. The proposed amendment shall be read again and voted upon at the next regular meeting. A 2/3 majority

of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required to ratify the proposed amendment.

SECTION 2: All amendments to these bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the student government.

SECTION 3: Any article of the bylaws of part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government constitution of bylaws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of the Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the Chapter and the President of Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.