

STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FELINE PRACTITIONERS
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

- Section 1. The name of the Association shall be the (college) Student Chapter of the American Association of the American Association of Feline Practitioners.
- Section 2. The Association shall be a non-profit group.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

- The OBJECTIVES of this Association shall be:
- Section 1. To endeavor to do all things necessary to promote the interests, to improve the public stature, and increase the knowledge of veterinarians in the field of feline medicine and surgery.
- Section 2. To evaluate standards of feline medicine and surgery.
- Section 3. To encourage and promote feline research
- Section 4. To promote understanding and good will among its members.
- Section 5. To cooperate with veterinary and cat fancy organizations.
- Section 6. ALL POWER CLAUSE: To do everything and anything reasonably and lawfully necessary, proper, suitable, or convenient for the achievement of the purposes above stated, or for any of them, or for the furtherance of said purposes.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. There shall be three classes of membership in this association: STUDENT, FACULTY, and ASSOCIATE.
- 1A. STUDENT MEMBERS shall be engaged in the study of Veterinary Medicine in an accredited school of Veterinary Medicine. They shall have an active general interest in the field of feline medicine and surgery. They shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the association and pay rightful dues and vote.
- 1B. FACULTY MEMBERS shall hold a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from an accredited school of Veterinary Medicine. They shall maintain active interest in the education of students and practitioners with regards to feline medicine and surgery, as well as veterinary medicine in general. All rights and privileges shall be accorded to them except the right to vote. No dues shall be required of them.

10. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be organizations or individuals interested in the work of the association and subscribing to its support. They shall pay dues but will have no vote. They shall be entitled to all other rights and privileges of the Association except holding office.

SECTION 2. CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP in this Association shall make application, and pay dues for the current year, to the secretary-treasurer.

SECTION 3. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS of the Association shall be determined annually by the executive board, but until changed by the board shall be for STUDENT and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS _____ payable in advance to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

3a. A member shall be delinquent if his dues are not received by the end of the quarter/semester for which they are payable.

3b. Persons who have been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated, at the discretion of the executive board, upon payment of dues for the current year.

SECTION 4. The FISCAL YEAR of this Association shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. An EXECUTIVE BOARD of one representative of each class and a SECRETARY-TREASURER shall be elected OFFICERS of this Association.

1a. CHIEF EXECUTIVE shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the five members of the Executive Board from amongst that Board. He shall have all such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the Chief Executive of the Association.

1b. SECRETARY-TREASURER shall be elected from the general membership. The office shall conduct its business affairs under the general direction of the Executive Board. He shall keep minutes, bills, expenses, submit a financial statement and budget at each annual meeting, and other usual duties of the office.

- 1c. CLASS REPRESENTATIVES of the EXECUTIVE BOARD shall consist of one representative elected from each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior). The SECRETARY-TREASURER shall also be a member of the EXECUTIVE BOARD.
The board shall be responsible for the major administrative policies governing the affairs of the Association and shall devise and mature measures for the Association's growth and development. It shall fill vacancies if they arise between elections. With the consent of the membership the executive board may change its numbers.

SECTION 2. ELECTIONS shall be held at least once yearly. They shall be held at a time agreed upon by the executive board and with the consent of the membership. Elections will be by written secret ballot or direct count without the candidates being present. A number equal to fifty percent (50%) of the listed membership must be present for both nominations from the floor and/or a nominating committee appointed by the executive board, and the balloting. The candidate receiving the largest amount of votes shall be elected.

SECTION 3. STANDING COMMITTEES shall consist of the following:

- 3a. Program Committee shall assist in the planning and executing of programs and meetings of the association.
- 3b. Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the executive board each year at least one month prior to the scheduled election date.
- 3c. Public Relations and Notification Committee shall provide at least 5 days notice of any event scheduled by the association and any other usual duties of such a committee.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The REGULAR MEETINGS of the Association shall be held monthly, when possible as determined by the executive board. Meetings may be held more frequently with the permission of the Executive Board as long as at least five days notice is permitted for the general membership.

SECTION 2. All regular meetings shall be open to any person associated with the University's College of Veterinary medicine who wish to attend. Special seminars and workshops may have an entry charge for non-members.

SECTION 3. A QUORUM for the transactions of business at a duly called meeting shall consist of 25% of the membership roster present and eligible to vote.

SECTION 4. A QUORUM of the Executive Board shall consist of three (3) members of the Board.

ARTICLE VI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, REVISED, shall govern the conduct of meetings when not covered by the by-laws or a higher law of "common sense".

ARTICLE VII: RELATIONSHIP TO THE AAFP

SECTION 1. Details of the Working Agreement between AAFP and SCAAFP shall be determined by the executive board and the officers of AAFP.

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The association may be dissolved by majority vote of the membership eligible to vote. Such dissolution shall be effective ninety (90) days after such a vote is taken, provided all outstanding obligations of the Association have been satisfied.

SECTION 2. In case of dissolution of this Association, its assets shall be dedicated to the (same college) Student Chapter of the AVMA

ARTICLE IX: TO AMEND BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. These by-laws may be AMENDED at any regular meeting of the Association by a fifty (50%) vote of the active members present and eligible. The proposed amendment shall be in the possession of the secretary-treasurer not less than thirty days (30) before the meeting to provide ample opportunity for consideration by the executive board.

ARTICLE X: ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. ADOPTION of these by-laws shall be by affirmative ballot of the majority of members present. These bylaws shall be made available for evaluation prior to the next meeting.

SECTION 2. A SPECIAL ELECTION shall take place after the acceptance of these by-laws. The Officers elected shall hold office until the second meeting of the Fall Quarter, and these officers shall select a nominating committee as prescribed in these by-laws.

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