

Constitution:
Veterinary Business Management Association

ARTICLE IName

The name of this organization will be Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA).

ARTICLE IIPurposes

SECTION 1. To increase student interest and awareness regarding issues pertinent to their financial affairs, preparation for entry into the job market, and/or the veterinary businesses in which they will be engaged after graduation.

SECTION 2. To involve students in discussions led by knowledgeable veterinary practice management consultants.

SECTION 3. To provide a forum for learning life skills and the principles of successful business management.

ARTICLE IIIMembership

SECTION 1. Any North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine student may be a member of the VBMA. This organization will not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, handicapper status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status or weight. Only North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine students may be voting members or officers.

SECTION 2. A person becomes a member of this organization upon payment of his/her dues.

ARTICLE IVOfficers

SECTION 1. The officers of the VBMA will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sponsorship Liaison. There will also be Class Representatives for each respective class.

SECTION 2. The officers will be elected by ballot in the Spring semester to serve as Officer Elect until the end of the semester, at which point they will take full office.

SECTION 3. An opportunity for nominations of candidates will be provided and announced during a regular VBMA meeting.

SECTION 4. Officers will be elected by a majority of those club members submitting their ballots and who have paid their dues.

SECTION 5. Vacancies occurring among the offices will be filled at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, by the appointment of the President, provided however that upon a vacancy in the position of President, the Vice President will become President.

SECTION 6. The duties of the officers will be as follows:

1. President – To preside over all meetings of the VBMA and all meetings of the VBMA officers; to administer the VBMA program; to represent the VBMA in an official capacity.
2. Vice President – To preside in the absence of the President; to maintain the list of membership; to perform such other tasks as the President may assign, to plan and implement, with advice from fellow officers, a schedule of meetings and/or educational symposiums during each academic year.
3. Secretary – To prepare the minutes of all regular VBMA meetings; to send official VBMA correspondence; to coordinate preparation and distribution of VBMA publications
4. Treasurer – To receive and distribute VBMA funds upon authorization by the President; to coordinate fundraising activities with the Sponsorship Liaison.
5. Sponsorship Liaison – To send correspondence to various individuals/companies to solicit sponsorship for the club's speakers.

ARTICLE V

Appointed Positions

The President will appoint, with the consent of the majority of the officers, such project directors, committee chairmen, committees, as may contribute to the successful operation of the VBMA.

ARTICLE VI

Dues

Each member will pay \$5.00 dues per year and will not be entitled to vote at VBMA meetings until his/her dues have been paid in full.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted upon an affirmative vote by the general membership at the meeting following the initial proposal.

SECTION 2. Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to this Constitution.

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