

## **College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association**

### **Constitution**

#### **Article I - Name**

The Association shall be known as the "Alumni Association of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University."

#### **Article II - Objective**

The objective of this Association shall be to promote the interests of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and its alumni. It will aid in the preparation and development of veterinary students as well as the continued development of veterinary alumni. The Association shall be operated exclusively for the educational and /or charitable purposes that advance the interests of the College of Veterinary Medicine as determined by the Alumni Association Executive Board.

#### **Article III - Members**

Each graduate upon receipt of DVM degree shall become a member in good standing and all current members of the faculty of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine are members of this Association.

#### **Article IV – Officers and Executive Board**

The officers of this Association shall consist of a president; vice-president; and secretary/treasurer. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Association. The president and vice-president shall hold office for two calendar years from the date of election to office or until their successors are elected. The secretary/treasurer will hold office until a successor is elected. The election at the annual meeting shall allow for voting by proxy or mailed ballot to ensure adequate representation of the membership. In the case of premature departure of an executive board officer, an immediate replacement will be selected as soon as reasonably convenient by the Executive Board and he/she will hold office until the next general election.

There shall be an Executive Board composed of the immediate past president, president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, and not less than four members elected in the same manner as the officers of the Association. Only officers may serve on the Executive Board for more than four consecutive years. In no case shall any member of the Executive Board serve for a period more than ten consecutive years. In the event that a member reaches his/her term limit, he/she may not be re-elected to the board until a minimum period of two years has passed.

In the event that an Executive Board member misses three consecutive meetings

(including conference calls), he/she may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the remaining members unless special circumstances can be demonstrated.

Committees shall be formed by the Executive Board as required to meet special needs. All decisions or recommendations made by these committees will need to be approved by a majority (2/3 of a quorum) to be implemented.

#### **Article V - Amendments**

Proposed amendment(s) to the constitution shall be submitted to the membership of the board by the secretary/treasurer at least 45 days prior to the next annual meeting. The amendment(s) may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Voting by proxy or ballot shall be permitted in writing.