

American Association of Veterinary Parasitology: Student Chapter Constitution

Article I: Objective of organization

Section I:

To provide advanced experiences in veterinary parasitology to undergraduate students, graduate students, and veterinary students at Colleges and Schools of veterinary medicine, as well as other colleges and universities, throughout North America.

To recruit talented, highly motivated veterinary students to the discipline of veterinary parasitology

To allow students interested in veterinary parasitology to network more effectively with those active in the field and to assist faculty looking for graduate students interested in a career in parasitology.

To raise the profile of the importance of veterinary parasitology in the practice of veterinary medicine to all veterinary students

Section II:

To foster a network of contacts, community and support among all veterinarians and scientist in order to advance the progress and knowledge of veterinary parasitology.

Article II: Membership

Section I:

Open to all students at a College of Veterinary Medicine, as well as undergraduate and graduate students at those universities, as well as other colleges and universities in North America.

Section II:

Chapter dues and use of such moneys shall be determined by the Executive Council. Suggested dues are \$10.00 per member.

Section III:

The fiscal year will run from July 1 to June 30.

Article III: Executive Council

Section I:

The Executive Council will be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, all of which must be student members of AAVP, and chapter advisor.

Section II:

The President will preside at all meetings and will have all such powers normally accorded with the chief officer of such an organization. He/she will, with the Executive Council appoint all regular and special committees. He/she will serve to initiate special projects and will be responsible for the administration of any activities not otherwise assigned. The term of office will be one year.

Section III:

The Vice President will assist the officers of the chapter as directed by the President. He/she will preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. He/she will also publicize the meetings. The term of office will be one year, and this person will then serve as President for one year.

Section IV:

The Secretary/Treasurer will receive and be responsible for all the monetary resources of the chapter and will be jointly responsible with the other officers for signing all checks. These checks will be used for payment of organizational expenses to be paid for by chapter funds. Reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt and is subject to Council approval. He/she will be responsible for keeping records of funds, their disbursement, and for dealing with the Student Organization Resource Fee and the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, he/she will take minutes of each Council meeting, provide a copy to each officer, and put a copy on public display. He/she will record all chapter business, membership records, questionnaires, election results and be responsible for chapter correspondence. The term of office will be one year.

Section V:

The Secretary The chapter advisor must be an active member of AAVP and approved by the Executive Committee.

Article IV: Elections**Section I:**

The term of office for members of the Executive Council will be from July 1 to June 30. A slate or candidates for the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will be nominated by the membership. The Secretary will distribute letter or e-mail ballots to all active members and will in turn, receive and count the ballots. In the event of a controversy, the ballots will also be counted by the President and/or chapter advisor.

Article V: Meetings**Section I:**

General membership meetings will be held a minimum of twice during each semester, or as often as desired by the membership.

Section II:

The Executive Council meetings will be held at least once a year at the national meeting and are open to attendance by all members.

Article VI: Parliamentary Authority**Section I:**

The acting President may invoke Roberts Rules of Order, revised at a general or Executive Council meeting if he/she deems necessary.

Affirmative Action Statement:

The American Association for Veterinary Parasitology is open to all students regardless of race, religion, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual preference, or disability.