



Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Council, hereinafter referred to as the MSUCVMAC.

Article II - OBJECTIVES

The MSUCVMAC shall have as its objectives:

Section 1. To promote cooperation, communication, and foster goodwill among the alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 2. To encourage social and professional interaction at meetings throughout Mississippi and the nation.

Section 3. To promote activities that acquaint the public with the opportunities and values of veterinary medicine as a profession and career.

Section 4. To encourage private giving to the College in establishing support of academic endowments, scholarships, and assistantships.

Section 5. To participate actively in appropriate programs and activities of the MSUCVMAC and the Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 6. To serve as the parent organization for all alumni groups within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 7. To help give guidance with externships, mentorships and clinical rotations.

Section 8. To assist in a more consistent clinical rotation for students and provide suggested guidelines for accredited rotation hospitals.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All graduates of any degree program offered by the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University are eligible for membership to the MSUCVMAC. Current and former faculty, administrators, and staff members of the college are also eligible for membership.

Section 2. Other persons, who by their interests and activities, have distinguished themselves through their support of, or work with, the College may be offered membership as an "Adjunct Member" of the MSUCVMAC by the action of the Board of Directors of the MSUCVMAC.

Alumni Council. Adjunct members will be eligible to serve on committees and as members of the board.



Section 3. Membership will be \$30 per member per year based on The Foundation's recommendation. All dues will be allocated to the MSUCVMAC by the Mississippi State University Foundation, Inc.

Article IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The MSUCVMAC shall have a Board of Directors representative of the membership. It should strive for equal representation to reflect the MSUCVM. The Board may consist of up to 25 members. It shall also include the following ex-officio members: Current and former Deans of the College; MVMA President, as well as an elected student (by the MSUCVMAC Board of Directors) from each of the four DVM classes.

Section 2. The MSUCVMAC Board shall establish an Alumni Representative for the purpose of communication between and among classes. Each class shall designate at least one person as contact from their class with the Alumni Board. The Council Members will serve as principal links for the organization of class reunions, class newsletters, and other announcements.

BY-LAWS

Article I - ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. The term of office for each elected Director shall be three years beginning at the annual meeting (in conjunction with the MVMA winter conference). A person may serve no more than two consecutive terms as a Director. However, any member of the Executive Committee shall remain a voting member of the Board until the term of the immediate past president has expired.

A board member may also serve greater than two consecutive terms if no candidates are nominated by the Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committee recommends an individual to serve greater than two consecutive terms.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the President to select a slate of candidates for the Board in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Section 3. The slate of nominees shall be presented to the Board. The candidate with the highest number of votes in each vacancy shall be selected. Election results shall be announced prior to the annual meeting.

Section 4. At least one-third of the Board of Directors shall be elected each year.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy, an interim member may be appointed by the Board to fill the term of the vacancy until the next election. A person filling such a vacancy shall be eligible for election to two additional terms on the Board.



Article II - OPERATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The officers of the MSUCVMAC shall be the President and President-Elect, and Past President elected by the Board of Directors by majority vote, from its membership. The term of the President shall be two years. He or she may be re-elected for additional terms if the Board of Directors so desires. The Board of Directors will also nominate an Administrator.

Section 2. The Executive Committee is authorized to transact business between Board meetings.

Section 3. In the event of the death, resignation, or disqualification of officers, the Board shall elect another Board member to fill the vacancy. The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President in the event a vacancy occurs. If the President-Elect cannot succeed to the Presidency, then the Board shall name an interim.

Section 4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Board. A majority vote of the Board members present shall decide all actions of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. A Board member absent from two consecutive meetings without being excused by the President will be replaced by the Board.

Article III - MEETINGS

Section 1. At least one general meeting of the MSUCVMAC, to be known as the annual meeting, shall be held each year in conjunction with the MVMA winter conference held at Mississippi State University College of Veterinary of Medicine campus.

Section 2. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in conjunction with this annual membership meeting.

Section 3. Additional Board meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, with the number of meetings to be determined by need.

Article IV - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and Administrator. The President shall serve as the chair of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. There shall be standing and/or ad hoc committees appointed by the Board of Directors, such as, (Nominations, Programs, Awards, and Scholarships). All members are eligible to serve on committees, subject to re-appointment annually.



Article V - FINANCES

Section 1. All monies donated, raised, received, or sponsorships and dues on behalf of the MSUCVMAC shall be collected through Mississippi State University Foundation, Inc. These funds will be directly allocated to the MSUCVMAC. All events, such as announcements, will be supported through the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University Foundation, Inc and MVMA.

Article VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be revised or amended by a two-thirds majority of the Board, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Board members at least two weeks prior to a vote.

Article VII

This Constitution will take effect upon recognition of the MSUCVMAC by the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine as one of the official alumni councils at Mississippi State University.

The Constitution and by-laws are effective as amended and adopted on a date to be determined.