Constitution

**Article I – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.**

Section 1: This organization shall be named Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance.

Section 2: The purpose and objectives of this organization are to:

* Educate veterinary medicine and pharmacy students about each profession’s training applied to veterinary pharmaceutical care.
* Educate animal owners and caretakers on medication adherence~~.~~
* Increase interprofessional collaboration between veterinary medicine and pharmacy.

Section 3: Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance shall not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with [Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines](https://activities.osu.edu/posts/documents/student-organization-registration-guidelines-updated-may-2021.pdf).

**Article II – Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership**

Section 1: Membership is open to any dues paying veterinary medicine or pharmacy student enrolled at The Ohio State University Columbus campus.

**Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.**

Section 1: The organization shall have an Executive Committee consisting of two Co-Presidents, two Co-President Elects, a Treasurer, and Community Outreach Chairs of an equal number from each college. There will be one President and one President Elect which will alternate every year from each the College of Pharmacy and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 2: The term for Executive Committee members shall be one full academic year beginning the day after spring term ends.

Section 3: Election of Executive Committee members shall be held at a designated meeting each academic year. Nominations by any voting member of Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance shall be submitted prior to the election and elections will be taken by ballot. Persons receiving majority vote shall be elected.

Section 4: Any officer may be removed from office by two-thirds vote of the members. Any persons removed may appeal to the general membership and may be reinstated by two-thirds approval. The organization’s non-discrimination policy protects members from removal based on discriminatory statuses.

Section 5: Any vacancies in office may be filled by appointment by the Co-Presidents until approval of general membership at the next group meeting.

Section 6: Executive board members shall provide the only votes on all matters with the exception of candidate elections, unless otherwise specified.

Section 7: At this time, the VPA will be represented by the following leadership positions:

Veterinary Co-President: The duty of the Veterinary Co-President is to work in conjunction with the Pharmacy Co-President on achieving, maintaining, and updating the long term goals of the VPA. They are to establish and maintain friendly relations with faculty of both colleges to advance the goals of the VPA. Further, they are obligated to assist other executive board members with the accomplishment of a task to ensure it is completed in a timely manner. The duties of the Veterinary Co-President are to be fluid and not necessarily limited to those listed here.

Pharmacy Co-President: The duty of the Pharmacy Co-President is to work in conjunction with the Veterinary Co-President on achieving, maintaining, and updating the long term goals of the VPA. They are to establish and maintain friendly relations with faculty of both colleges to advance the goals of the VPA. Further, they are obligated to assist other executive board members with the accomplishment of a task to ensure it is completed in a timely manner. The duties of the Pharmacy Co-President are to be fluid and not necessarily limited to those listed here.

Veterinary President-Elect: The tasks of the Veterinary President-Elect include, and are not limited to: Ensuring involvement of the VPA in College of Veterinary Medicine events, managing contact between the executive board and general members, being a liaison of the club for veterinary students, and coordinating with outreach chairs to schedule speakers and coordinate events.

Pharmacy President-Elect: The tasks of the Pharmacy President-Elect include, and are not limited to: Ensuring involvement of the VPA in College of Pharmacy events, managing contact between the executive board and general members, being a liaison of the club for pharmacy students, and coordinating with outreach chairs to schedule speakers and coordinate events.

Treasurer: The duties of treasurer include, and are not limited to: managing the budget, file tax information, manage accounts and any related items, manage club expenses and receipts, and take primary responsibility for the management of any merchandise.

Treasurer-elect: The treasurer elect will be from the opposite college as the current treasurer to ensure equality between the colleges. The duties of the treasurer-elect include, and are not limited to, assisting the treasurer in all aforementioned duties.

Pharmacy Outreach Chair: Duties of the Pharmacy Outreach Chair include, but are not limited to, coordinating speakers for meetings, contacting people/organizations to partner with for events, helping coordinate events, promoting events within the college and in the community, etc.

Veterinary Outreach Chair: Duties of the Veterinary Outreach Chair include, but are not limited to, coordinating speakers for meetings, contacting people/organizations to partner with for events, helping coordinate events, promoting events within the college and in the community, etc.

**Article VII – Advisors or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.**

Section 1: Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance shall have two Faculty/Staff Advisors in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Council of Student Affairs at The Ohio State University. There shall be a co-advisor from each the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Pharmacy.

Section 2: The organization’s Advisors shall be chosen from the population of faculty and staff at The Ohio State University. One Advisor shall be the primary Advisor and will be chosen based on the needs of the organization and Advisors. This selection process will be conducted by the Executive Committee and will be based on voluntary terms of the Advisors’ acceptance of the position.

Section 3: The primary Advisor shall have the deciding vote in the event of an unsolvable tie.

Section 4: The Advisors shall

* Assist the organization in carrying out roles and responsibilities;
* Provide feedback to the organization in regard to operations and give direction toward future operations;
* Serve as a resource;
* Have the right to swear in new officers when appropriate; and
* Share knowledge, experience, expertise, and advice for the planning of group activities.

**Article VIII- Member Requirements**

The Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance requires for any activate membership that any member must pay dues and be an active student at the Ohio State College of Pharmacy or College of Veterinary Medicine. Any member who violates these requirements will be removed from the organization by an agreement from the leadership board.

**Article IX– Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.**

One general meeting of the membership is required per semester. General meetings will be monthly or at the discretion of the Executive Board, for all Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance members. Minutes shall be taken at all meetings. Executive meetings will be held at least once a month and/or at the request of an Executive Board member. All meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to any member of Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance except during elections, disciplinary actions, or other reasons deemed necessary by the Executive Board. In these instances, only members of the Executive Board, and any other person(s) whom the Executive Board deems necessary will be allowed to attend.

**Article X– Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.**

Section 1: Any current member of the organization may propose an amendment to the constitution. The proposal must be submitted in written form to a member of the Executive Board or the Advisor(s). The proposal shall then be distributed to all Executive Board members and Advisors within one week.

Section 2: Proposed amendments will be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Board and will be adopted by two-thirds majority vote of all Executive Board members.

**Article XI – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

Section 1: Dissolution of the Veterinary Pharmacy Alliance may be proposed by any member of the Executive Board or the Advisor(s) during an Executive Board meeting. The proposal must be discussed immediately and may be passed by two-thirds majority vote of all Executive Board members.

Section 2: In the event that a proposal for dissolution is passed, the Executive Board and Advisor(s) shall establish a timely plan for the dissolution of the organization. After all payments of purchase orders and bills have been remunerated, remaining funds shall be transferred to the Student Development student fund account.

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