The Constitution

***Article 1***

**Section 1: Name:** Poetry for Veterinarians

**Section 2: Purpose:** At its broadest, Poetry for Veterinarians hopes to encourage members of the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) to examine the shared lives of humans and animals from a more personal point-of-view. This purpose will be more specifically achieved through meetings at which members of the CVM will collectively and in an open discussion format reflect how a certain artistic portrayal of animals informs our interpretation of human-animal interaction. To help foster and grow this practice of reflection among the College at-large, these meetings, while geared toward the interests of its members, will be open to any student or faculty member of the University.

**Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy:** Poetry for Veterinarians does 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 bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment. Additionally, as a student organization at The Ohio State University, Poetry for Veterinarians expects its members and any welcomed participant in one of our discussions to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members and discussion participants are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>. If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleIX@osu.edu](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

***Article 2***

**Membership:** Only students at The Ohio State University can be voting members of Poetry for Veterinarians. Faculty, staff, and non-OSU affiliated individuals are welcome to join this club as non-voting members. To become a member, an individual needs simply to add his or her name to the mailing list for the Poetry for Veterinarians’ weekly newsletter and state their status as student, faculty, staff, or other. Payment of dues is not required. Membership will grant a student the privilege to help select which artistic portrayals are to be discussed in our meetings and to partake in any food that is provided. Beyond members, however, meetings will be open to any member of the CVM.

***Article 3***

**Methods for Removing Members and Officers:**

**III.a.** If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor. This vote can take place at any meeting at which only the officers and/or advisor of the club are present.

**III.b.** Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor. This vote can take place at any meeting at which only the officers and/or advisor of the club are present.

**III.c.** In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and

Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officers.

***Article 4***

**Organization Leadership**

Any member can nominate him/herself or another member if given permission from the nominee. All positions will be elected by student members at the end of every academic year, to begin their yearlong appointment the following fall term. The advisor position will be chosen by invitation from the officers and subsequent acceptance from the faculty recipient, to last until the faculty member gives up the position or is voted out by two-thirds majority.

**President**

The president is responsible for beginning meetings, facilitating discussion, recruiting members, and collaborating with other officers. The President will serve as the liaison with the faculty advisor.

**Vice President**

The vice president will aid in beginning meetings, facilitating discussion, recruiting members, and collaborating with other officers.

**Treasurer**

The treasurer is responsible meetings, facilitating discussion, recruiting members, and collaborating with other officers. The treasurer is responsible for submitting for end of school year audits and reimbursements and recording.

**Advisor**

The Advisor will provide professional and personal expertise in regards to the organization’s mission.

***Article 5***

**Election/Selection of Organization Leadership**

Any member will be eligible for a leadership position. To be considered for a position, a member must nominate him/herself or be nominated by another member if given permission from the nominee. All positions will be elected by student members at the end of every academic year, to begin their yearlong appointment the following fall term. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot at an end-of-the-year meeting dedicated to electing the following year’s leaders. Candidates with the majority of votes will be elected. An elected officer will be expected to serve for the full term of one year. For either personal or scholastic reasons, however, an officer will be allowed to resign but only when a replacement has been found and elected through a standard vote at the soonest meeting possible. Motions for impeachment of any officer can be brought forth by any member. An impeachment will be successful if a two-thirds vote in favor is achieved along with the consent of the advisor.

***Article 6***

**Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee will consist of the three officers: the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer.

***Article 7***

**Standing Committees**

Poetry for Veterinarians will function without standing committees.

***Article 8***

**Advisor(s)**

Poetry for Veterinarians will enlist the guidance of one Advisor and any number of Vice Advisors. Any and all advisors should have an interest in the both the arts and the sciences and a professional insight into the relationship between humans and animals. Any and all advisors are more than welcome to attend meetings and are encouraged to contribute in discussions. However, attendance is not mandatory.

***Article 9***

**Meetings**

Meetings will be held every one to two weeks during the lunch period for the duration of each semester. To maintain active member status, a member must attend 50% of these meetings in each semester.

***Article 10***

**Behavior at Meetings**

Under the auspices of the Executive Committee, the organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution.

***Article 11***

**Amending Constitution**

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization either in writing or in front of members at a meeting and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting and in the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-thirds majority of voting members.

***Article 12***

**Dissolution**

The club will be dissolved by a combined unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, the Advisor, and a two-thirds vote by the members. At the time of dissolution, any debts will be returned and any outstanding assets will be donated to a local charity.