CONSTITUTION

Pertaining to the Veterinary Anesthesia and Pain Management Club at The Ohio State University.

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

Section 1: Name of Organization

The name of the organization shall be the Veterinary Anesthesia and Pain Management Club at The Ohio State University, hereafter referred to as “VAPMC.”

Section 2: Purpose

Veterinary Anesthesia and Pain Management Club at The Ohio State University is intended to provide introductory material and supplemental information to students enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and any other students at The Ohio State University that have an interest in the subject area. The organization will present supplemental lunch lectures on subjects relevant to veterinary anesthesiology and topics in pain management. The club will also host wet-labs for members to attend. The wet labs will allow members to gain hands on experience with animal models and cadavers prior to their clinical year at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy

The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

Ohio State 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.

This organization 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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Veterinary Anesthesia and Pain Management Club, expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members 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.

**Article II - Membership:**

Qualifications and categories of membership will be discussed in this article.

Section I: Qualifications for Membership

Students that are available for full time membership to the VAPMC include all full time students of veterinary medicine at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine or any other student at The Ohio State University that is also full time and dues paying.

Section II: Categories of Membership

The VAPMC’s voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Other non- student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members per The Ohio State University policy.

For educational and leadership development reasons, student organizations are to be student initiated, student lead, and student run. Please refer to the Guidelines for Student Organizations for more information at https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/student\_organizations/resources.

Section III: Cost of Dues

The cost for dues will be determined unanimously on a yearly basis by the current executive board in an amount not to exceed $40 per year. Payment of dues in full is required to attend lectures and labs, unless the executive board determines otherwise.

**Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers**

This article will discuss the method and criteria for the removal of members and executive officers, if the need arises.

Section I: Criteria and Method for Removal of Members

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 approval by the organization’s advisor.

Section II: Criteria and Method for Removal of Executive Officers and Leadership

Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to:

1. Violation of the constitution or by-laws
2. Failure to perform duties
3. 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.

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 officer.

**Article IV - Organization Leadership**

This Article will discuss titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization’s voting membership. The titles of organization leaders, the length of terms, specification as to which leaders are elected or appointed and by whom, and the general duties of each leadership position should be clearly specified.

Section I: Required leadership positions

Required leadership positions include President, Secondary Leader in the form of Vice President or Co-President, Treasurer, Review Chair and Advisor.

Section II: Eligibility of Leadership

The President, Secondary Leader in the form of Vice President or Co-President, Treasurer, and Review Chair shall be a first, second, or third year student at the College of Veterinary Medicine and must remain in good standing with both the university and VAPMC. The Advisor eligibility will be discussed in Article VIII.

Section II: Length of Term of Leadership

Each leadership will hold it’s position for the length of one year from the date of elections held in the spring of each academic year.

Section III: Description of Leadership Positions

The president and secondary leader are in charge of overseeing the club and all positions. They will be required to attend any necessary trainings dictated by the university as well as the management of organization paperwork.

The Secretary will be in charge of all contact with group members via email regarding lectures, labs, and other pertinent communications.

The Treasurer will be responsible for management of all funds for the group, including management and applications of university funding. Attendance of any required trainings is also required.

The Review Chair will be responsible for creating surveys and contacting group members via email regarding feedback for each and every lab and lecture hosted by the VAPMC.

The Advisor responsibilities will be discussed in Article VIII.

**Article V- Election of Organization Leadership**

Section I: Election Process

All leadership positions, except Advisor, shall be elected via popular vote by members of VAPMC present at each election or by absentee ballot if requested by members that cannot attend. Elections for leadership positions will be held in the spring of each academic year.

The first year of leadership is exempt from voting and may remain in their positions for the following year as long as each officer elects to remain in their position. This is due to the initial process and timeline of founding the club.

**Article VI - Executive Committee**

Section I: Executive Committee Composition

The Executive Committee represents the general membership, conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. This Committee is to be comprised of the organization leadership positions.

**Article VII - Standing Committees**

Section I: Need for Standing Committees

The need for any Standing Committees will be determined by the executive committee as the first year of club activity progresses. If a need is determined, the Standing Committee will consist of members of the VAPMC that express interest and desire to obtain a larger role in the VAPMC.

**Article VIII – Advisors**

Section I: Qualification Criteria

Advisors of all student organizations at the University must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications. The Advisor of the VAPMC must be a member of the Anesthesia Department at the College of Veterinary Medicine and be willing and able to be an Advisor for the club.

Section II: Responsibility of Advisors

**Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution**

Section I: Methods of Amendment

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not.

**Article XII – Dissolution of Organization**

Section I: Allotment of Funding

If the VAPMC no longer becomes active at the university as a club and cannot obtain enough members or funding to continue, all funding will be distributed to other newly forming clubs at the College of Veterinary Medicine that are in the process of being founded or first year of activity. To be eligible to receive the remaining funding from the VAPMC, the club to receive funding must be in the process of registering with the university or registered with the university. Distribution of remaining funds is up to the current years officers.

Article – Objectives WHERE TO INCLUDE THIS?

The objectives of the VAPMC are as follows:

Section 1.

To promote the awareness of the specialty of veterinary anesthesia and pain management to the students of veterinary medicine at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, as well as all students at the Ohio State University that have an interest.

Section 2.

To promote and provide opportunities for the advancement of knowledge and skill in the practice of veterinary anesthesia and pain management at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 3.

To make available information about opportunities to work in the field of veterinary medicine to our members.

Section 4.

To provide a platform where veterinary medical students and faculty can

interact openly, particularly in regards to the topic of veterinary anesthesia and pain management.