

The Ohio State University
Student Chapter of the Society for Theriogenology Constitution

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

Section 1- Name

The student chapter's official name is listed as: The Society for Theriogenology, Ohio State University Student Chapter and will also be known as "Therio Club," "Theriogenology Club," and/or "Repro Club" informally.

Section 2 – Purpose

The Society for Theriogenology, Ohio State University Student Chapter is affiliated with the Society for Theriogenology (SFT). The aim of the student organization is to provide unique learning opportunities and leadership in veterinary reproductive medicine in all species consonant with the Society for Theriogenology's professional mission statement.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons 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 the guidelines.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Membership is open to all students currently enrolled in The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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

The Executive Board of The Ohio State University Theriogenology Club will consist of a core of 9 (nine) members: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, 2 fundraising chairs, and 2 dystocia team coordinators. Each class may have a representative present at the meetings of the Executive Board.

Duties

President: shall organize speakers and locations for meetings; serve as liaison between club and faculty; organize regular executive meetings, and help organize the club's part in the annual open house with the following year's executive board.

Vice President: shall assist the president; shall organize AI Short Course in conjunction with the Food Animal Medicine Club; shall be responsible for potential SFT grants; shall take over for the president in the event that the president is unable to complete their term.

Secretary: shall be responsible for informing student body, faculty, and staff of Theriogenology Club events; responsible for reserving lecture/event times and locations; responsible for drafting and sending a monthly newsletter to members of the club; responsible for making approved changes to the club's constitution as necessary.

Treasurer: shall be responsible for the finances of the Theriogenology Club; responsible for obtaining refreshments for meetings.

Historian: shall maintain the student chapter website, bulletin board, Facebook page, and Carmen page.

Fundraising Chairs: shall update the club on fundraising opportunities; shall coordinate volunteers, if necessary, for fundraising events; maintain and manage club merchandise.

Dystocia Team Coordinators: shall organize the yearly dystocia team and fetotomy lab; shall coordinate dystocia team volunteer schedules.

The Executive Board as a whole shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Club, shall determine its policies or charges, and shall actively prosecute its purposes, and shall have discretion in the disbursement of its funds. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it deems advisable and may in the execution of the powers granted appoint such agents as it may consider necessary.

Article IV – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

The advisor will remain Dr. Marcos Da Silva, DVM, MS, PhD, Diplomate ACT and associate advisor will be Dr. Erin Runcan, DVM, Diplomate ACT unless another advisor is requested or required by the organization. In this case a new advisor will be selected and voted on as per the organization members and must be a current member of the faculty of The Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and a board certified Theriogenologist. It is also required that said faculty member serve as a member of the Society for Theriogenology in good standing.

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

The Ohio State University Theriogenology Club shall have at minimum 1 (one) meeting per semester of classes in the active academic year. The Executive Board shall strive to provide a variety of meeting topics.

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

Proposed amendments to the Ohio State Theriogenology Club's constitution should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed by the members of the executive committee. The proposed amendment will then be reviewed once more in the following general meeting and will be voted on by the present active members. In order for an amendment to be added a two-third majority of voting members (a quorum being present) is required. The constitution may not be amended more than once per academic year.

Article VII – Method of Removal: members and executive board.

Members can be removed for inappropriate behavior or failure to pay club dues. A member will be notified of the infraction prior to removal and be given a chance to comply with club policy at the discretion of the Executive Board. Removal of the member will require a majority vote from the Executive Board. A tied vote shall be broken by the Advisor's vote.

Article VIII– Method of Removal: executive board.

Members of the Executive Board may be removed due to failure of duties, inappropriate behavior, or failure to pay club dues. Removal of a member of the Executive Board requires a majority vote of the remaining Board members (at least 5).

Article IV– Method of Dissolution of Organization

In the case in which no membership is attained and the officer positions can not be filled, The Ohio State University Theriogenology Club will be disbanded. All funds within the treasury will be disbursed in a manner voted on as per the current year's executive board.

By-Laws

Article 1 – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

Article II - Membership

In order to be a member in good standing, a student shall pay dues in a timely manner.

Membership Dues

All members shall pay annual dues. The annual dues shall be reviewed and determined by the Executive Board each year.

Article III - Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

Elections will be held the first week of March for the following year's executive committee. A sign up sheet will be sent via email to allow interested parties to volunteer to run for the various positions. In the case of multiple parties showing interest in the same executive position, voting will be conducted by all members present with the majority candidate winning election into office. If the candidate does not receive the desired position, the candidate can choose to run for other positions not yet voted on during the election meeting. The president will not vote unless a tie occurs.

In the case a member of the executive committee can no longer fulfill their duties, they may resign and a new member elected into their place.

In order to be eligible to run for a position within the executive committee, interested parties must be current dues paying members of The Ohio State University Theriogenology Club in good standing.

Article VI – Advisor/Advisory Board Responsibilities

The advisor of The Ohio State Theriogenology Club will be expected to assist club officers in arranging, planning, conducting meetings and wet-labs when needed. They should remain accessible to serve as a resource to all officers and club members for education, instruction, necessary guidance on club topics, and other areas in the science of veterinary reproductive medicine.

Article VII - Meeting Requirements

The Ohio State University Theriogenology Club will hold a minimum of 1 (one) meeting and 1 (one) wet lab per semester per academic year. Meeting topic is subject to the opinion and final vote of the executive board.

Article VIII - Method of Amending By-Laws

The By-laws stated within this constitution may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present (a quorum being present).

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