

The Constitution of the
Student Chapter of the American Association of Feline Practitioners

Article I- Name, Mission & Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1. The organization will be known as the Student Chapter of the American Association of Feline Practitioners of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University.

Section 2. To introduce veterinary students to the goals and objectives of the AAFP and help interested students augment their learning in feline medicine and surgery. The chapter works toward these goals by offering lecture programs and hands-on experiences to chapter members and other students interested in feline topics.

Section 3. 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.

Article II- Membership

Section 1. Any individual affiliated with The Ohio State University may be a member, assuming they are in good standing with said university. However, only currently enrolled veterinary students may be voting members or officers. Those not enrolled as veterinary students are eligible to be affiliate members.

Section 2. A person is considered to be a member upon payment of dues for the current academic year.

Section 3. Dues for voting and affiliate members will be set annually by majority decision of the Executive Council prior to the beginning of Autumn quarter.

Section 4. Any registered members of the organization will retain said membership until graduation provided they are current on dues. Membership is said to be terminated:

1. When a member graduates from The Ohio State University
2. If a member is no longer affiliated with The Ohio State University.

Section 5. Removal of members

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student

Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article III- Organization Leadership

Section 1. The officer positions shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Merchandise, and Officer Elect(s).

Section 2. Officers will be elected during the Spring Semester. An opportunity for nominations of candidates will be provided and announced prior to a decision by the Executive Council. To be elected, a candidate must secure a majority of votes of those eligible voting members present at the time of election.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring among the offices will be filled by appointment of the President, at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs. In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the role of President, and a new Vice President shall be appointed.

Section 4. An officer may be removed from office for dereliction of duty by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council. The officer in question must be given fourteen days advance notice of the removal vote in order to submit a statement in their defense.

Section 5. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

1. President- To preside over all meetings of the AAFP and all meetings of the AAFP officers; to administer the AAFP program; to register the AAFP annually with the appropriate office of The Ohio State University; to represent the AAFP in an official capacity; to assist the VP in planning meetings, symposia, and community service; to delegate responsibility to the officer elect(s).
2. Vice President- To preside in the absence of the President; to perform such other tasks as the President may assign; to plan and implement, with advice from fellow officers, a schedule of meetings and/or educational symposia during each academic year.
3. Secretary- To prepare minutes of all AAFP meetings; to maintain a list of membership; to send official AAFP correspondence; to coordinate preparation and distribution of AAFP publications.
4. Treasurer- To receive and distribute AAFP funds; to keep an account of all monetary transactions; to coordinate and oversee fundraising activities.

5. Merchandise Chair- To oversee the design and production of annual merchandise; to organize a method of sale and distribution for said merchandise.
6. Officer Elect(s)- To learn and assist with officers as instructed by the president; to intend to assume a position in the organization the following year.

Article IV- Executive Council

Section 1. The Executive Council will consist of those persons in the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Council will meet at the direction of the President to discuss organizational business, program planning and other such concerns as they pertain to the function of the organization.

Article V- Adviser

Section 1. The adviser must be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. If a person serving as an adviser is not a member of these classifications, a co-adviser must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications.

Section 2. The adviser's duties shall include assisting the organization, as the adviser sees fit, in development of vision, mission, programs and activities.

Article VI- Events and Meetings

Section 1. Events shall be held for general members at least twice per semester, excluding Summer. An announcement of all general events should be made sufficiently in advance in order to notify all constituents.

Section 2. Meetings of the officer board and meetings of the Executive Council will be determined and announced in advance by the President.

Article VII- Constitutional Amendments

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the constitution must be made in writing. Amendments will be presented at a meeting of the Executive Council in which all members must be in attendance. Each amendment must receive a vote following proposal to be considered for acceptance.

Section 2. A proposed amendment will be accepted only if the Executive Council unanimously votes in favor of the amendment.

Article VIII- Dissolution

Section 1. This organization shall be dissolved upon a three-fourths vote of the membership, as well as a three-fourths vote of the Executive Council.

Section 2. Upon dissolution of this organization, the Executive Council shall, upon payment of all liabilities of this organization, dispose of all assets in the following manner:

1. Reimburse dues to all members on a prorated basis;
2. Forward the remaining assets to the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine with the request that they should be retained and made available to this organization should it be reorganized within one year, or;
3. Contribute the remaining assets to a non-profit organization that serves the needs of the veterinary profession in Ohio.