



American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics (AAVPT)

Constitution

Constitution Article I

Name

The name of this organization is The American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, hereinafter referred to as "the Academy."

Constitution Article II

Incorporation

The Academy is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a nonprofit educational organization.

Constitution Article III

Objectives

Section 1. The purpose of the Academy is the promotion of the science of veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics.

Section 2. The objectives of the Academy are:

a. To support and promote education and research in comparative pharmacology, clinical veterinary pharmacology and other aspects of pharmacology of interest to the veterinary profession;

b. To sponsor a periodical Journal of the Academy that will publish reviews, summaries and original treatises on all aspects of veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics. The Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics,

hereinafter referred to as "the Journal," shall be an official instrument of the Academy;

c. To sponsor and conduct workshops, symposia or other scientific and educational meetings pertaining to veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics;

d. To enhance the exchange of educational materials and ideas among veterinary pharmacologists;

e. To organize committees of experts to research and make recommendations to the profession on current problems in veterinary therapeutics.

Constitution Article IV Membership

Section 1. The types of membership in the Academy shall be:

- a. Fellow
- b. Associate Fellow
- c. Distinguished Fellow
- d. Emeritus Fellow
- e. Student Member

Constitution Article V Requirements for Membership

Section 1. The following general prerequisites must be met to the satisfaction of the Council before any candidate is eligible to become a member of the Academy:

- a. The candidate must have satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the profession.
- b. The candidate must meet the requirements as set forth in the following section.

Section 2. Requirements that must be met to become one of the following types of members are:

- a. Fellow. The candidate must possess the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and the Doctor of Philosophy degree or their equivalent in an allied discipline, or possess the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree or the Doctor of Philosophy degree and have at least five (5) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology, and have made a meaningful contribution toward advancement of the discipline.

b. Associate Fellow. The candidate must possess the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree or the Doctor of Philosophy degree or their equivalent and have at least two (2) years experience in veterinary pharmacology and be currently active in some aspect of the field, or have at least five (5) years experience in veterinary pharmacology and have made a meaningful contribution to the discipline.

c. Distinguished Fellow. This category of membership is reserved for individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of veterinary pharmacology. The titles Fellow and Distinguished Fellow may be held simultaneously.

d. Emeritus Fellow. This category of membership is for members of the Academy who have retired. Their membership status as a Fellow or Associate Fellow will be converted to Emeritus Fellow upon submission of a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer after their retirement. The titles Emeritus Fellow and Distinguished Fellow may be held simultaneously.

e. Student Member. This category of membership is for graduate students, interns, or residents whose sponsor is a Fellow or Associate Fellow, in good standing, of the Academy. The candidate must have a baccalaureate degree or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (or its equivalent) and be actively enrolled in an intern, residency, Master's or Doctor of Philosophy degree program in pharmacology or related fields in which the candidate's work pertains primarily to pharmacology.

Section 3.

Candidates for membership as Fellows and Associate Fellows shall submit to the Council (through the Secretary-Treasurer) a written application containing all information necessary to enable the Council members to judge the candidates' training, experience and interest. Candidates for membership as Fellows or Associate Fellows must also be sponsored by two (2) Fellows in good standing. An affirmative vote by eighty percent (80%) of the Council shall be required in order for a person to be recommended to the Fellows of the Academy as a candidate qualified for election to membership. Emeritus Fellow status may be obtained through notification of the Secretary-Treasurer of the desire of qualified Fellows or Associate Fellows to be listed as Emeritus Fellows of the Academy. Candidates for Student member will be admitted to the Academy on the basis of written application to the Secretary-Treasurer, sponsorship by one (1) Fellow or Associate Fellow member, in good standing, and an affirmative vote by eighty percent (80%) of the Council.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct an election of new Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Distinguished Fellows by a mail ballot. For informational purposes, a brief summary of each candidate's qualifications shall be provided to the voting membership (Fellows) along with the ballot. An

affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (66.6%) of those responding within thirty (30) days after the ballot was mailed shall be required for election to these membership categories. If elected, membership is effective on the first day of the next January or July following the election. Dues submitted with the application shall be applied to the calendar year during which membership becomes effective.

Section 4. Nominations for membership as a Distinguished Fellow must be proposed by a Fellow in good standing. The Fellow proposing the candidate for Distinguished Fellow shall become the sponsor for the person and shall submit to the Council written support for the proposal containing all of the information necessary to enable the Council members to judge the suitability of the applicant's qualifications. Thereafter, the election of the candidate shall be the same as for other types of membership.

Section 5. Fellows of the Academy shall have voting rights and may hold office in the Academy. Members elected as Associate Fellows, Distinguished Fellows (unless retaining Fellow status simultaneously), Emeritus Fellows, or Student Members may neither vote nor hold office.

Constitution Article VI Officers and Administration

Section 1. The elected officers of the Academy, shall consist of the following: President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and six Councilors. The immediate Past-President shall also be a member of the Council. These ten persons, designated above, shall constitute the membership of the Council. The President, however, shall have no vote in the Council except in cases where a tie vote exists. A Comptroller, appointed by the President with the approval of the Council, shall be an ex officio member of the Council, hence he or she shall not have voting rights in matters decided by the Council.

Section 2. The method of election of the Council and its duties shall be stated in the Bylaws.

Section 3. All elected and appointed members of committees shall be ex officio members of the Council, but they shall not have voting rights in matters decided by the Council.

Section 4. The general management and business of the Academy shall be vested in the Council.

Constitution Article VII Amendments

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be signed by at least three (3)

Fellows in good standing and shall be submitted to the Council through the Secretary-Treasurer for recommendation. Any proposed amendment, with the recommendation of the Council, shall be submitted by mail to the Fellows at least thirty (30) days in advance of the regular or special meeting of the membership at which the amendment is to be adopted.

An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (66.6%) of the Fellows voting by mail shall be required for adoption of an amendment.