

Constitution of the Student Section of the European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (EAZWV)

I. General provisions

Article 1: General

- The section goes under the name “Student Section” and exists as a section according to Article 14 of the EAZWV Constitution.

Article 2: Aim and Objective

- The Student Section aims to bring the EAZWV Student Members together, and facilitate networking and education opportunities, with the main goal of contributing to the aims and objectives of the European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians.

II. Membership

Article 3: Members

- 1) Every Student Member of the EAZWV will be included as a member of the Student Section.
- 2) Member status is divided into two subcategories:
 - a) Undergraduate – Students who have not yet qualified as Veterinarians;
 - b) Postgraduate – qualified Veterinarians currently enrolled in one of the following educational programmes: internship, residency, master’s degree, doctorate, PhD.
- 3) Every Student Member is entitled one vote in the Student Assembly. This may be cast in person or by another means defined by the Student Board (e.g. through the EAZWV website).

Article 4: Termination of Student Section Membership

- Membership ends when the member loses Student Member status, either by transferring to a different category of membership or terminating their membership of the EAZWV.

III. Composition of the Section

Article 5: Governing bodies

The Section shall be composed of:

- 1) The Student Assembly;
- 2) The Student Board.

Article 6: The Student Assembly

- 1) The Student Assembly is entitled to:
 - a) Approve the annual report and discharge the Student Board at the end of their mandate;
 - b) Elect the members of the Student Board;
 - c) Decide on the alteration of this Constitution and the disintegration of the Student Section.
- 2) The Student Assembly shall hold regular annual meetings.
- 3) Decisions of the Student Assembly are taken by the simple majority of the voting Members. In the event of a tie the president shall have the deciding vote.

Article 7: The Student Board

- 1) The Student Board decides on all matters of the Student Section, as far as not determined otherwise by the Constitution, namely on the following responsibilities:
 - a) To convene the Student Assembly and decide on its preliminary agenda;
 - b) To present the annual report to the Student Assembly;
 - c) To execute the decisions of the Student Assembly;
 - d) To represent the interests of the Student Members;
 - e) To organize events as pointed out in Annex 2.
- 2) The Student Board shall consist of the following officers elected by majority at the Student Assembly for a two-year period, with the possibility of re-election for the same position for one further period of two years.
 - a) Student President;

- b) Student Secretary;
 - c) Student Communication Officer;
 - d) Student Education Officer.
- 3) Every EAZWV Member that has Student status at the time of the Student Assembly can submit their application for any of the Student Board positions.
 - 4) Duties specific to each position are outlined in Annex 1 of the Constitution. Duties may be reviewed by the Student Board without recourse to membership provided that the responsibilities defined in Article 7, Paragraph 1 are still met

IV. Alterations to the Constitution or disintegration of the Section

Article 8: Alterations to the Constitution or disintegration of the Section

- 1) Decisions on alterations to the Constitution or a motion to disintegrate the Section shall be reviewed by the Student Board and shall be communicated to the Student Members, together with the Student Board's comments, at least three months prior to the meeting of the Student Assembly.
- 2) Decisions on alterations of the Constitution or of the disintegration of the Section shall be taken by the Student Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the voting Members.

V. Final provisions

Article 9: Final Provisions

- The English version of this Constitution is the original text.
- The present Constitution enters into force with immediate effect.

Approved in the Student Assembly, Berlin, Germany, May 25th, 2017.

On behalf of the Student Section of the European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians:
The Student Section Board (Johanna Kasberg, Rafaela Fiúza and Sara Abreu)

Annex 1: Role Descriptions of Officers

- 1) Student President: responsible for coordinating the work of the Student Section and connecting the Student Section to the EAZWV Board; manage budget; help organize general activities.
- 2) Student Secretary: assist with the update of the list of members of the Student Section; take the minutes of any Student Board meeting and of the Student Assembly and circulate the later out to the Student Members; prepare and send the agenda of the Student Assembly to the members; ensure that all activities are carried out in line with the procedure laid out in the Constitution; help organize general activities.
- 3) Student Communication Officer: liaise with the Communication Working Group regarding communication between the Student Section and the EAZWV membership, including featured articles in the email newsletter; manage the Student Section's social media accounts; help organize general activities.
- 4) Student Education Officer: manage Student Placements list; answer Student questions and requests; liaise with EAZWV Education Working Group; define organizational committee for Student Section events; help organize general activities.

Annex 2: General activities

The Student Board is responsible to organize at least:

- 1) a Student Workshop, every second year (uneven years)
- 2) a Student Summer School, every second year (even years), preparation should be carried out together with the EAZWV Education Working Group
- 3) a Student Mentor Mixer at the EAZWV Conferences that take place in Europe, together with the EAZWV Education Working Group
- 4) a Students Night out at the EAZWV Conferences that take place in Europe