

BYLAWS

MISSISSIPPI VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ARTICLE I – NAME

1.1 This Association shall be known in accordance with its corporate title MISSISSIPPI VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

1.2 Its corporate officers hereinafter described shall comply with the laws of the State of Mississippi governing corporations and with all terms of the Charter of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the MISSISSIPPI VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED (MVMA) shall be to promote the importance of the veterinarian as a medical professional in his or her role in protecting animal and public health.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

3.1 MVMA membership is defined in the Policy Manual. MVMA membership categories shall include:

- 3.1.1 Active
- 3.1.2 Inactive
- 3.1.3 Honorary
- 3.1.4 Life

3.2 MVMA Associate membership is defined in the Policy Manual.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

4.1 MVMA officers shall be charged with all duties affecting the entire Association and shall be known as the corporate officials of the Association and may also be referred to as the Executive Board.

4.2 Election and duties of MVMA officers are outlined in the Policy Manual. The nine officers plus the AVMA Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall constitute the Executive Board.

- 4.2.1 President
- 4.2.2 President-Elect
- 4.2.3 Vice President
- 4.2.4 Secretary-Treasurer
- 4.2.5 MVMA District Representatives (At-Large, North, South, Central)
- 4.2.6 Past-President
- 4.2.7 AVMA Delegate and Alternate Delegate

ARTICLE V – ASSOCIATION WITH THE AVMA

5.1 The Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, Incorporated shall maintain affiliation with the American Veterinary Medical Association.

5.2 MVMA representation to the AVMA will consist of

5.2.1 Delegate

5.2.1 Alternate Delegate

5.3 The MVMA Delegate to the AVMA will represent the views of the MVMA membership at AVMA House of Delegate (HoD) meetings and provide a report of HoD activities at the annual meeting of the MVMA.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

6.1 The regular conferences and business meetings of the association shall be set by the Executive Board as defined in the Policy Manual. It shall be the responsibility of the President and the Executive Director to organize these business meetings that they may proceed in good order.

6.2 Special meetings shall be called by the President, or, in his absence, by the President-elect, upon written request of ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing, who shall specify the particular object of such meeting. The President is also authorized to call meetings at his discretion, the active members being duly notified as above.

6.3 At a special meeting no other business than that which shall have been specified in the requisition and in the published call for the meeting shall be transacted.

6.4 Twenty percent (20%) of the MVMA members in good standing in the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A quorum shall always be presumed present at regular meetings unless an actual count be called for.

6.5 In the absence of the President, President-elect, and Vice-President, the ~~senior~~ Past President shall preside. In case none of those should be present the Association shall elect a President pro tempore from the floor.

6.6 Every member shall observe order and decorum in the Association meetings, and shall pay due respect to the President and other officers and to fellow members.

6.7 All questions of order, not especially provided for, shall be decided by the usual parliamentary rules, Robert's Rules of order being taken as the guide and standard.

6.8 An active member in good standing who had registered at a regular meeting of the Association, but is unable to attend the business sessions because of previously assigned duties, may cast a ballot for announced business using an absentee ballot.

ARTICLE VII - CODE OF ETHICS

7.1 The Association goes on record endorsing and abiding by the Code of Ethics of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

ARTICLE VIII - SUSPENSION AND ALTERATION OF BYLAWS

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8.1 Any motion for suspension of any article of the Constitution or of the Bylaws, excepting as herein provided, must be offered in writing, be signed by the party making the motion and must be adopted by a 2/3 vote of members present.

8.2. A Bylaw may be suspended only for the purpose of facilitating important business of the Association, and the suspension must be of such character that it cannot interfere with the vested rights or privileges of any member.

8.3. All proposals for alteration of the Constitution or Bylaws shall be stated in writing, and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer. No alteration proposed shall be acted upon until it has been referred to the Executive Board. Proposed alterations to the Bylaws shall be presented at the next business meeting by the Executive Board and voted upon within 30 days by the MVMA membership. Approval shall be determined by 2/3 vote of the ballots cast. Approved changes shall take place immediately following a favorable vote.

ARTICLE IX – Awards and Honors

9.1 At its discretion the Executive Board may award the following honors. Selection of individuals to receive honors is outlined in the Policy Manual.

9.1.1 Veterinarian of the Year

9.1.2 Young Veterinarian of the Year

9.1.3 Veterinary Technician Scholarship (Hinds Community College)

9.1.4 Veterinary Technician Scholarship (Mississippi State University)

9.1.5 Harvey F. McCrory Scholarship (Mississippi State University)

9.1.6 MVMA Companion Award, MVMA Economic & Performance Award and the MVMA Large Animal Award (Mississippi State University)