



Colorado State University
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA)

CONSTITUTION

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Article I – Name

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Colorado State University Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA). The Student Chapter is granted affiliation with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) under “Article VIII – Section 1 – Student Chapters” of the AVMA Constitution.

Section 2

The Internal Revenue Service recognizes the Student Chapter as a subordinate of the parent organization, the AVMA. The Student Chapter is entitled to group exemption as a 501(c)(6) tax-exempt organization.

Section 3

Whenever a provision of this Constitution is inconsistent with a provision of the related Bylaws, the provision in the Constitution shall be controlling.

Article II – Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To promote a spirit of friendly relations among the students regularly enrolled in the course of Veterinary Medicine.
2. To provide an additional opportunity for the members to gain professional knowledge.
3. To demonstrate the virtues of organized effort.
4. To lead by example and to build character through commendation of all worthy deeds and censorship of all unworthy deeds and actions of its members.

5. To make available to students the opportunities offered by the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA).
6. To promote veterinary medicine as a career and to attempt to enlighten the public about the many facets of the profession.
7. To prepare veterinary students to meet social, moral, and ethical obligations of the profession.
8. To provide a continuous and active rapport with SAVMA, to facilitate communication between veterinary medical students, and to represent Colorado State University at any national and international meetings.

Article III – Membership

Section 1

Regularly enrolled students of the Professional Veterinary Medicine (PVM) program may become members of this organization by payment of dues and assessments as established by the AVMA, SAVMA and/or this organization.

Section 2

Members of the faculty and such others, as the active chapter may see fit to elect, shall be honorary, non-voting members.

Section 3

SCAVMA shall not deny membership to any PVM student on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability.

Section 4

A member in ‘good-standing’ is one who has paid dues for that academic year, is in good standing with the honor board, and is not in default of an emergency loan. To graduate in good standing, a student must have been a paid member for at least three (3) of the four (4) years of the PVM program, including the senior year. Additionally, they must be in good standing with the honor board and not in default of an emergency loan.

Article IV – Executive Board

There shall be an administrative body of the Student Chapter known as the Executive Board. The number of members on the board, their term of office, the method of selection, and the filling of vacancies shall be provided by the Bylaws.

Article V – Officers

The officers of the Student Chapter Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, President Emeritus, two (2) National SAVMA Delegates, Club Representative, Vital Signs Editor, Webmaster, International Veterinary Student Association Representative, and one (1) Class Representative from each PVM class, except for the Senior Class Representative, which shall be shared by two (2) senior PVM students. All officers must be members in ‘good-standing’ of the SCAVMA. The election or appointment of these officers, their duties, tenure, and eligibility shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Article VI – Relations with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

Section 1

The Student Chapter shall operate via SAVMA under the official charter granted by the AVMA.

Section 2

The Student Chapter shall be self-governing in all matters not in conflict with the provisions of this charter.

Article VII – Amendments

Section 1

The governing documents and all contracts of SCAVMA are to be reviewed by the Executive Board at least every three (3) years. The Constitution may be amended by written resolution presented to the Executive Board with at least two (2) readings before final action is taken. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum present shall be required for passage. Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board members, as defined in Article V of this Constitution. In the event that a Class Representative from the Senior PVM Class and/or the President Emeritus is not in attendance, their votes are removed from the overall quorum requirement.

Section 2

The Chapter Secretary shall notify the AVMA of any proposed changes to this Constitution. The AVMA must approve these changes before they are effective.