

**VMCVM ALUMNI SOCIETY**  
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**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the **Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society**, hereinafter referred to as the “**VMCVM Alumni Society**”. The Society shall be considered an affiliate of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association and the University of Maryland Alumni Association.

**Article II – OBJECTIVES**

The VMCVM Alumni Society shall have as its objectives:

**Section 1**

To promote cooperation, communication, and foster goodwill among the alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Section 2**

To encourage social and professional interaction at meetings throughout Virginia, Maryland, and the nation.

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**Section 3**

To promote activities which acquaint the public with the opportunities and values of veterinary medicine as a profession and career.

**Section 4**

To encourage private giving to the College in establishing support of academic endowments, scholarships, and assistantships.

**Section 5**

To participate actively in appropriate programs and activities of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association and the University of Maryland Alumni Association.

**Section 6**

To serve as the parent organization for all alumni groups within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Article III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1**

All graduates of any degree program offered by the College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech are members of the VMCVM Alumni Society. Current and former faculty, administrators, and staff members of the college, are also eligible for membership.

**Section 2**

Other persons, who by their interests and activities, have distinguished themselves through their support of, or work with, the College may be offered membership as an “Adjunct Member” of the

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VMCVM Alumni Society by action of the Board of Directors of the VMCVM Alumni Society.

Adjunct members will be eligible to serve on committees and as members of the board.

**Section 3**

No dues shall be required.

**Article IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1**

The VMCVM Alumni Society shall have a Board of Directors representative of the membership. It should strive for equal representation between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland. The Board may consist of up to 25 members. It shall also include the following ex-officio members: Current and former Deans of the College; Dean of the Maryland Veterinary Campus; Director of the Leesburg Campus; Associate Dean of Professional Programs; Assistant Dean of Advancement; Director of Alumni and Referring Practitioner Relations; Alumni and Constituent Engagement Coordinator; VVMA President, MDVMA President, as well as a class officer from each of the four DVM classes.

**Section 2**

The VMCVM Alumni Board shall establish an Alumni Council for the purpose of communication between and among classes. Each class shall designate at least one person as a contact from their class with the Alumni Board. The Council Members will serve as principal links for organization of class reunions, class newsletters, and other announcements.

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**BYLAWS**

**Article I – ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**Section 1**

The term of office for each elected Director shall be three years beginning at the annual meeting (in conjunction with the VVMA winter conference). A person may serve no more than two consecutive terms as a Director. However, any member of the Executive Committee shall remain a voting member of the Board until their term of immediate past-president has expired. A board member may also serve greater than two consecutive terms if no candidates are nominated by the Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committee recommends an individual to serve greater than two consecutive terms. A board member may elect to step down to serve as an Alumni Council member at the end of his/her three-year term.

**Section 2**

A Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the President to select a slate of candidates for the Board in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution.

**Section 3**

The slate of nominees shall be presented to the Board. The candidate with the highest number of votes in each vacancy shall be selected. Election results shall be announced prior to the annual meeting.

**Section 4**

At least one-third of the Board of Directors shall be elected each year.

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**Section 5**

In the event of a vacancy, an interim member may be appointed by the Board to fill the term of the vacancy until the next election. A person filling such a vacancy shall be eligible for election to two additional terms on the Board.

**Article II – OPERATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1**

The officers of the VMCVM Alumni Society shall be the President and President-Elect, and Past President elected by the Board of Directors by majority vote, from its membership. The term of the President shall be two years. He or she may be re-elected for additional terms if the Board of Directors so desires. The Alumni and Constituent Engagement Coordinator will serve as Secretary-Treasurer

**Section 2**

The Executive Committee is authorized to transact business between Board meetings.

**Section 3**

In the event of death, resignation, or disqualification of officers, the Board shall elect another Board member to fill the vacancy. The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President in the event a vacancy occurs. If the President-Elect cannot succeed to the Presidency, then the Board shall name an interim.

**Section 4**

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Board. All actions of the Board of Directors shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board members present.

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**Section 5**

A Board member absent from three consecutive meetings without being excused by the President will be replaced by the Board.

**Article III – MEETINGS**

**Section 1**

At least one general meeting of the VMCVM Alumni Society, to be known as the annual meeting, shall be held each year in conjunction with the VVMA winter conference.

**Section 2**

An annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in conjunction with this annual membership meeting.

**Section 3**

Additional Board meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, with the number of meetings to be determined by need.

**Article IV – COMMITTEES**

**Section 1**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall serve as the chair of the Executive Committee.

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**Section 2**

There shall be standing and/or ad hoc committees appointed by the Board of Directors, such as, (Nominations, Programs, Awards, and Scholarships). All members are eligible to serve on committees, subject to re-appointment annually.

**Article V – FINANCES**

**Section 1**

The VMCVM Alumni Society shall not conduct fund-raising drives. Promotion of VMCVM Alumni Society events, such as announcements, will be supported through the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. Insofar as possible, activities of the VMCVM Alumni Society will be self-supporting through registration fees.

**Article VI – AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1**

This Constitution may be revised or amended by a two-thirds majority of the Board, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Board members at least two weeks prior to a vote.

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**Article VII**

**Section 1**

This Constitution will take effect upon recognition of the VMCVM Alumni Society by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association as one of the official alumni organizations at Virginia Tech.

**Section 2**

The Constitution and Bylaws are effective as amended and adopted on September 22, 2000.

The Constitution and Bylaws are effective as amended and adopted on October 17, 2014.

The Constitution and Bylaws are effective as amended and adopted on September 9, 2019.