

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the American Association of Avian Pathologists.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The American Association of Avian Pathologists shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III Objectives

Section 1. To provide an organization for the promotion of mutual interest of those persons engaged in the field of avian diseases.

Section 2. To stimulate scientific progress in avian pathology.

Section 3. To encourage adequate training in poultry diseases and management in schools of veterinary medicine.

Section 4. To encourage graduate and other forms of advanced training in avian diseases.

Section 5. To encourage the publication of a scientific journal on avian diseases.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1. The types of membership in this organization shall be:

- (1) Charter member.
- (2) Member.
- (3) Life member.
- (4) Associate member.
- (5) Honorary member.
- (6) Retired member and Retired associate member.

Section 2. Qualifications for membership:

- (1) Charter member.

(a) Charter members shall have the qualifications of members and shall be those who have had fifteen years experience in avian pathology joined together at the 1957 Annual Meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association to initiate this association, plus others elected by a two-thirds vote of the original charter membership. These latter must also have fifteen years of experience in avian pathology and shall be elected within the first year following adoption of the constitution and by-laws.

(2) Member.

- (a) Be a permanent resident of one of the five districts (Article V, Section 3, Par. 2) and be a graduate of a veterinary college.
- (b) Have satisfactory moral and ethical standings in the profession and a minimum of three years' experience in avian diseases.

(3) Life member.

- (a) A category of membership to which charter members, members, and associate members, upon entering retirement, may be elected following nomination. In order to be considered for life membership, a person must have made significant contributions to the field of avian pathology and to this association, and shall have been active in the field a minimum of 25 years. Life members shall not be required to pay any dues or assessments.
- (b) Retirement is interpreted to mean that the member or associate member is not engaged in any veterinary activity for which a full time salary is paid.

(4) Associate member.

- (a) Persons without a degree in veterinary medicine who have been engaged in some phase of avian pathology for a minimum of three years and who have made significant contributions to the knowledge in this field.

(5) Honorary member.

- (a) Scientists who have made unusually significant contributions to the field of avian pathology. Not more than two honorary members shall be selected in any one year. An honorary member shall not be required to pay any dues or assessments.

(6) Retired member and retired associate member.

- (a) Upon entering retirement, a member or an associate member may become eligible for retired membership. Retirement is interpreted in the manner described under 3(b), life member. Dues for retired members shall be either none or shall be at a reduced rate. This rate shall be set and periodically reviewed by the Governing Board of the Association. "Avian Diseases" would be supplied at membership rate if requested.

Section 3. Application for membership:

(1) An applicant for membership (member, associate member, retired member or retired associate member) shall be proposed by two members, and the application shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer.

(2) Applications for membership (member, associate member, retired member or retired associate member) shall be approved by the membership committee and accepted by a two-thirds vote of the governing board of the association.

(3) Nominations for election as life members and honorary members shall be submitted to the membership committee, approved by the membership committee and approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing board of the association.

Section 4. Rights of membership:

(1) Except as outlined in paragraph 2, membership rights are as follows: The rights to vote, to hold elective office and to hold committee chairmanship shall be restricted to charter members, members, life members and retired members. Associate members, retired associate members and honorary members shall have all other rights and privileges of membership.

(2) Due to limitations imposed by geographical distances, costs of travel and the added costs and delays in conducting a mail vote, members who reside outside of the four designated North American regional districts will have no voting rights except when present at the annual or called meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE V Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board of seven Directors.

Section 2. The election of these officers and their duties shall be as provided in the by-laws.

Section 3.

(1) The organization shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, the past-president and one board member from each of the four designated North American regional districts and two members at large. The area board members will be elected for a four year period and so arranged that the election for only one area will occur each year. In order to begin the timing of this election of board members this first year ('59-'60), the duration of tenure in office will be as follows: Northeastern District, 2 years; Southern District, 3 years; Central District, 4 years, and Western District, 1 year.

(2) The specific districts of the association are as follows: Northeastern--Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C. and the following Provinces of Canada: (Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Newfoundland).

Southern--Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Central--Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Alaska.

Western--California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Washington, Wyoming, Hawaii, Mexico and the following Provinces of Canada:(British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba).

Central and South America--namely those countries south of Mexico, but including the islands of the Caribbean.

(3) Each district, with the exception of Central and South America, shall elect its area board member by the following procedure: The Secretary-Treasurer shall solicit nominations by mail from the voting membership in the district. The three names receiving the greatest number of nominations will appear on the official ballot. This official ballot will be distributed to the voting membership for mail vote. The ballots are to be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer for official count which is to be approved by the President or whom-ever he may designate. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. Should the office be vacated, the first runner-up in this election shall complete the unexpired term; if not available, the second runner-up shall complete the term. If neither is available the vacancy shall be filled by election by the board of directors.

The two board members at large shall be elected at the annual meeting by those assembled. The candidates shall be presented by the nominating committee. Each board member-at-large shall be elected for a two year term. Vacancies in the office of board members-at-large shall be filled by election at the next annual meeting by those assembled. The elected member(s)-at-large shall complete the normal term of office of the member he replaces.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The organization shall hold an annual meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association unless specified otherwise by the officers.

Section 2. A special meeting may be called by the President upon written request of five members in good standing.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

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Central--Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Alaska.

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ARTICLE VIII Election and Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot by a majority of the voting membership present.

The officers shall serve for one year and until their successors shall have been elected. The first election shall be held at a called meeting of the association and future elections at regular annual meetings.

Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be made by a committee of three members appointed by the President. Officers shall be ineligible to serve on the nominating committee. Additional nominations may be made in open meeting or by mail by any member or charter member in good standing. The vice-president shall be a nominee for the office of president.

Section 3. Duties of the President and Vice-President:

(1) The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except Nominating Committee, and shall perform the usual duties of such office. Upon completion of his term, the President shall serve for one year as voting member of the board of directors.

(2) The President shall appoint the following committees and others as deemed necessary:

(a) Nominating Committee (three members).

(b) Membership Committee (three members).

(c) Resolutions Committee (three members).

(3) The Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except Nominating Committee, preside at meetings in absence of the President, and shall succeed to the office of President should that office be vacated.

Section 4. Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as executive officer of the Association. He shall conduct business affairs of the organization, collect dues, issue receipts, draw vouchers, and pay bills and expenses. He shall arrange for safe keeping of funds, shall keep records of all transactions and submit a yearly statement of financial affairs to the organization. He shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall perform the usual duties of a Secretary-Treasurer and such other duties as are assigned by the President.

Section 5. Duties of the Board of Directors: The Directors and the Officers of the organization shall act upon business matters requiring immediate action that may arise from time to time and that do not require action or approval from the membership. The primary purpose of the Board of Directors is to provide continuity of effective action from year to year concerning objectives and policies adopted by the organization.

ARTICLE IX

Dues

Section 1. The annual dues and initiation fee shall be as established by the organization.

(1) The dues shall be \$20.00 per year until changed by the organization. The dues shall include a subscription to "Avian Diseases."

(2) In addition to the annual dues a new member shall pay a membership fee of \$5.00.

Section 2. Dues shall become payable on January 1 of each year and shall be remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer. Any member whose dues are in arrears for one year will be disassociated from the organization after due notice has been given. Persons who have lost their membership status may be reinstated upon approval by the Board of Directors after payment of one year's dues which are in arrears as well as dues for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE X

Conduct of Business

Section 1. Fifteen eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of six, two of whom shall be the President, Vice-President or the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. Suspension of By-Laws may be voted at any meeting by **unanimous** consent of the members present provided a quorum is in attendance.

Section 4. The Roberts' Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings.