

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 under the laws of the State of Illinois 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.

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ARTICLE IV

Membership

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

- (1) Charter member.
- (2) Member.
- (3) Associate member.

Section 2. Qualifications for membership:

(1) Charter member.

Charter members shall have the qualifications of members and shall be those who have had fifteen years experience in avian pathology joined together at 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 member in good standing of the American Veterinary Medical Association.
- (b) Have satisfactory moral and ethical standings in the profession and a minimum of three years' experience in avian diseases.

(3) Associate member.

- (a) Persons 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.

Section 3. Application for membership.

- (1) An applicant for membership (members and associate members) shall be proposed by two members and the application shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- (2) Application for membership (members and associate members) shall be approved by a membership committee and accepted by two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of the following:

President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

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

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 the written request of five members in good standing.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution and to the by-laws signed by at least three members in good standing, shall first be submitted to the officers for their consideration. The proposed amendment with the recommendation of the officers will be announced at least thirty (30) days in advance of any regular or special meeting at which time the proposed amendment will be discussed. An affirmative mail vote of at least two-thirds of the membership voting shall be required for the adoption of the amendment.

ARTICLE VIII

Election and Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be members or charter members elected by secret ballot by a majority vote of the members present. Only members and charter members are entitled to vote. 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 an open meeting or by mail by any member or charter member in good standing.
- 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 the nominating committee, and shall perform the usual duties of such office.
 - (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 the 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 a 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.

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ARTICLE IX

Dues

Section 1. The dues shall be as established annually by the organization.

Section 2. Dues shall become payable on January 1 of each year and shall be remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE X

Conduct of Business

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

Section 2. Suspension of by-laws may be voted at any meeting by unanimous consent of the members present provided a quorum is in attendance.

Section 3. The Roberts' rules of order, revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

July 11, 1958

*Motion to suspend by-laws
to include that otherwise
accomplished by 2/3 vote of members
present and voting - Proposed changes on
Amendment that two*