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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SMALL
RUMINANT PRACTITIONERS

CONSTITUTION

As amended by the membership on August 2, 2010
Grammar corrections by the Board of Directors on July 18, 2011

ARTICLE I - NAME AND INCORPORATION

Section 1

This Association shall be known as the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners. It shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization in Cook County under the laws of the State of Illinois.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1

To further educational and scientific progress in the field of small ruminant veterinary practice and to encourage education, training and research in veterinary medicine for the purpose of promotion of good health and productivity of small ruminants.

Section 2

To cooperate with veterinary and agricultural organizations and regulatory agencies of government, to encourage adoption of such technical and managerial programs and policies as will promote health and productivity of small ruminants, to increase public and governmental awareness of the expertise of small ruminant practitioners and involvements of AASRP and elevate standards of practice for the public interest.

Section 3

To promote good fellowship among members of the Association.

Section 4

To hold and sponsor scientific meetings, provide printed material when appropriate and maintain an electronic mail link and internet web site to assist in the aforementioned objectives.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership classes and criteria for those classes shall be set by the Board of Directors and delineated in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2

The method of election, duties and tenure of office shall be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V – Board of Directors

Section 1

There shall be a Board of Directors which shall conduct the business of the Association in the intervals between annual, regular or special meetings of the active membership.

Section 2

The membership of the Board of Directors, method of selection or appointment, duties and tenure of office shall be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1

There shall be standing committees of the Association as are prescribed in the Bylaws; their method of appointment, tenure of office and duties shall be defined therein.

Section 2

Special committees may be appointed for specific functions.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1

Regular or annual meetings of the Association shall be held as described in the Bylaws.

Section 2

Special meetings may be arranged as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1

The amendments to the Constitution may be proposed and submitted to the President in writing by a member of the Board or by petition signed by ten (10) active members of the Association. The proposed amendment shall be transmitted to each Board member not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the Board at which the amendment is to be considered. A majority vote of Board members shall be required for submission to the general membership for approval at the next annual meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership casting ballots shall be required for adoption of a proposed amendment. An amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption unless a later time is designated.