

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE IVMA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association is a corporation governed by Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The By Laws can be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Corporation present and voting at any Annual Meeting. The amendments to the By-Laws have been reviewed by IVMA legal counsel and approved by the Executive Board. A vote will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation at lunch on Thursday, September 30 at the IVMA Annual Meeting in Ames to ratify the amendments. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the IVM office.

Summary of 2021 Amendments to the IVMA Articles of Incorporation.

1. Removed reference to board and inserted Executive Board. Also provided for payment of outstanding debts: Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Executive Board shall, acting in its representative capacity, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal + office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
2. Added for clarity with the changes to the indemnity provisions: The business of this corporation shall be conducted by an Executive Board, the members of which must be members of this corporation. Members of the Executive Board shall be considered "directors" under the definitions contained in Iowa Code chapter 504.851 or any subsequent statute.
3. Added for clarity: An Emerging Leader Liaison (ELL) to the Administration Committee will be selected each year by the members of the Administration Committee from a pool of applicants derived from members in good standing of the association who are within seven years of graduation from an AVMA-approved veterinary medical program and who have completed and submitted an application for this position. The term of this position shall be two (2) years with the intent of having two (2) liaison positions, a senior position and a junior position, serving as a liaison between recent graduates and the Administration Committee. In the event that there are no applications received, or a position becomes vacant during the term of the ELL, the position may be filled by nomination and majority approval by the Administration Committee.

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1. Add a First Year Registered Veterinary Technician membership category with the intent to offer them a complimentary first year membership as directed by the IVMA Membership Committee. This is similar to complimentary membership for new CVM graduates.
2. Add a Veterinary Student membership category for students at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. This category is currently not listed in the IVMA By-Laws.