

CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICIANS

Article 1- Name

- Section1. The name of the Association shall be the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Inc.
- Section2. The Association shall be a not-for-profit organization in fact, and its officers shall comply with the laws of the state in which the Association is incorporated.

Article II- Purpose

The purpose of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Inc., hereinafter known as the Association, shall be the dissemination of information related to the diagnosis of animal diseases, the coordination of the diagnostic activities of regulatory, research, and service laboratories, the establishment of uniform diagnostic techniques, the improvement of existing diagnostic techniques, the development of new diagnostic techniques, the establishment of accepted guidelines for the improvement of diagnostic laboratory organizations relative to personnel qualifications and facilities, and to act in a consultant capacity to the United States Animal Health Association on uniform diagnostic criteria involved in regulatory animal disease programs.

Article III- Officers

The officers of the Association shall be President, President-Elect, Vice-president, and Secretary/Treasurer. The officers plus the Immediate past president shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article IV- Executive Board

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall constitute the administrative body of the Association and shall perform duties as may be prescribed by the Bylaws.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary-Treasurer, and at least six (6) Board members.

Article V- House of Delegates

- Section1. The House of Delegates shall constitute the legislative body of the Association and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Bylaws.
- Section2. The House of Delegates shall consist of Delegates and Alternate Delegates from each of the various states and areas as specified in the Bylaws.

Article VI- Membership

- Section1. Any laboratory worker engaged in the field of disease diagnosis in animals is eligible for membership.
- Section2. The Bylaws may provide for and specify the qualifications for other classes of membership in the Association.
- Section3. Members of the Association shall retain their membership only so long as they comply with the provision of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Article VII- Meetings

The meetings of the Association shall be annual and special.

Article VIII- Dissolution

In the event of the termination and dissolution of the Association, the remaining assets will be distributed by the House of Delegates to an organization or organizations qualifying under Section 501 (c) (6) or Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Article IX- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegates provided that the specific amendment(s) to be acted upon has been presented in writing at a previous meeting of the House of Delegates.

Article X- Effective Date

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective when adopted by the House of Delegates.

Section 2. Any Constitution existing prior to the acceptance date of this Constitution shall be declared null and void.

Adopted November 9, 1982
Amended October 27, 1987