

# **BYLAWS - Updated July 2025**

## **CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF THE STUDENT AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

### **ARTICLE 1 – DUES AND MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 – National and local dues shall be paid to the local chapter in the amount determined by the executive board, in consideration of national dues set by the SAVMA House of Delegates.
  - 1.1.1 Fourth year dues have been paid for by Tufts SAVMA for those members that are in good standing with our chapter upon entrance into fourth year for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years.
  - 1.1.2 The decision to cover fourth year dues for those in good standing will be re-evaluated by the members of the executive board from year to year.
- 1.2 – All members must be considered a “member in good standing” in order to attain full Tufts SAVMA benefits while a student at Tufts and AVMA privileges during fourth year and after graduation.
- 1.3 – In order to be considered a “member in good standing,” a member must pay dues all years in which they are a veterinary student and complete one of the following:
  - A. Serve as an Executive Board member for one term  
OR
  - B. Complete two years of active service (4 hours each year) on a Chapter committee  
OR
  - C. Complete one year of active service on a Chapter committee and another year as Chapter committee chair, per Article 6
- 1.4 – Chapter committee requirements can only be earned if the member has paid dues for that year.

### **ARTICLE 2 – OFFICERS**

- 2.1 – All officers will be elected following criteria presented in Article 4 – Elections.
- 2.2 – Officers having immediate charge of TCSVM Chapter shall consist of a President, President - elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurers, and National

SAVMA Delegates.

- 2.3 – Only current officers are able to access Meeting Minutes
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## **2.5 – PRESIDENT**

- 2.5.1 – The President shall serve a term of one year, beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> of their 2<sup>nd</sup> year and ending March 1<sup>st</sup> of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- 2.5.2 – From March 1<sup>st</sup> of their 2<sup>nd</sup> year to December 31<sup>st</sup> of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year: The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Chapter executive board, club leaders, and general members.
- 2.5.3 – The President shall serve as the chairperson of the executive board and shall be considered an ex officio member of all clubs with power to supervise their work.
- 2.5.4 – Upon completion of duties in February of President's 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the president shall serve as ex officio advisor to the chapter from end of term throughout graduation.
- 2.5.5 – The President shall be a voting member of the executive board and chapter. The President may cast one vote in the event of a tie.
- 2.5.6 – The President shall be an authority on the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws and be responsible for overseeing updates as voted by the executive board.
- 2.5.7 – The President shall offer support and assistance to all officers, and clubs in any way possible.
- 2.5.8 – From March of their second year through March of their third year: The President must oversee all chapter functions as thoroughly as possible.
- 2.5.9 – From March of second year through February of their third year: The President shall attend the SAVMA Symposium and AVMA Convention and represent the TCSVM student Chapter at any President's meetings.
  - The President-Elect will attend the SAVMA Summit
- 2.5.10 – From March of second year through December of third year: The President shall maintain a working relationship with the administration. After this time until the completion of the term in February of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, they shall serve as advisor to President-elect in these duties, and step in at any necessary point.
- 2.5.11 – From March of second year through December of third year: The president shall organize club leader meetings when requested and shall serve as liaison between TCSVM administration and the umbrella clubs on campus. This includes keeping an updated list of club leader's contact information. After this time and until the completion of their term in February of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, they shall serve as an advisor to the President-elect in these duties, and help the elect position when their service is requested.
- 2.5.12 – The President and President-elect must conduct a presentation of SAVMA/TCSVM Chapter during 1st year orientation or within one month of the beginning of the academic year.
- 2.5.13 – The President, with the assistance of the President-elect, shall coordinate

and oversee the annual AVMA guest visitor.

- 2.5.14 – From March of second year through December of third year: The President will send out and facilitate semesterly club funding applications. After this time and until the completion of their term in February of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, they shall serve as an advisor to President-elect in these duties, and help the elect position when their service is requested.
- 2.5.15 – From March of second year through December of third year: The President will send out and facilitate semesterly travel grant applications. After this time and until the completion of their term in February of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, they shall serve as an advisor to President-elect in these duties, and help the elect position when their service is requested.
- 2.5.16 – The President and President-elect shall be responsible for the submission of Tufts SAVMA grant application to the ALL for Students Funding offered by the National SAVMA, AVMA, and the AVMA Trust for the Fall and Spring submission of their second year. They will also be responsible for the Post-event reports associated with those funding cycles. It is their responsibility to inform the clubs and committees of their funding and ensure that the AFS guidelines are followed during the event.

## **2.6 – PRESIDENT ELECT**

- 2.6.1 – The President-elect shall serve a term of one year, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> of their first year and ending March 1<sup>st</sup> of their second year, at which time they will be promoted to president.
- 2.6.2 – From April of their first year to April of their second year: the President-elect shall be the presiding officer over committees. From January of second year until taking over as President, they will oversee the general and executive board meetings.
- 2.6.3 – From January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> of first year: The President-elect shall learn the working of the Chapter in order to prepare for the office of the presidency.
- 2.6.4 – From March 1<sup>st</sup> of first year through November 30 of second year: The President-elect shall work closely with the chapter president to oversee chapter functions and activities.
- 2.6.5 – The President-elect must attend all executive board meetings and chapter meetings.
- 2.6.6 – From June 1<sup>st</sup> of their first year - May 31st of their second year: The President-elect shall hold committee head meetings as deemed necessary by President-elect or Committee leaders, and it is strongly encouraged to have one at the beginning of the fall semester.
- 2.6.7 – The President-elect is responsible for assigning committee chairpersons as necessitated by Article 7 – Committees and supervising all committee work.
- 2.6.8 – The President-elect shall help all officers and committee chairs in every

way necessary.

- 2.6.9 – The President-elect shall attend the SAVMA Symposium, Chapter Summit and AVMA Convention, and represent the TCSVM student Chapter at any President's meetings.
- 2.6.10 – The President and President-elect must conduct a presentation of SAVMA/TCSVM Chapter during 1<sup>st</sup> year orientation or within one month of the beginning of the academic year.
- 2.6.11 – From January of second year until assuming the role as President: The President-elect must oversee all chapter functions as thoroughly as possible with the assistance of the President.
- 2.6.12 – The President-elect shall organize and run the first year BBQ with assistance from the Social committee.
- 2.6.13 – From January of second year until assuming the role as president: The president elect shall maintain a working relationship with administration with the assistance of the President.
- 2.6.14 – The President-elect will arrange elections for the incoming Executive Board with assistance from the President who shall oversee the voting results and abstain from voting.
- 2.6.15 – The President and President-elect shall be responsible for the submission of Tufts SAVMA grant application to the ALL for Students Funding offered by the National SAVMA, AVMA, and the AVMA Trust for the Fall and Spring submission of their second year. They will also be responsible for the Post-event reports associated with those funding cycles. It is their responsibility to inform the clubs and committees of their funding and ensure that the AFS guidelines are followed during the event.

## **2.7 – VICE PRESIDENT**

- 2.7.1 – The Vice President shall serve a term of two years, beginning in March of their first year and ending in March of their third year.
- 2.7.2 – The Vice President shall coordinate with the President and President-elect to send emails to the student body and elists about membership deadlines and updates. The President shall send emails to the third and fourth year classes while the President-elect shall send emails to the first and second year class.
- 2.7.3 – The Vice President shall try to maintain at least an 80% student body membership.
- 2.7.4 – The Vice President is responsible for continuously updating the SAVMA class membership lists when emails with updated paid memberships are sent to the President by National SAVMA.
- 2.7.5 – The Vice President is responsible for answering membership queries and updating individual members with questions regarding their membership status, SAVMA ID, fulfilling their requirements, etc.
- 2.7.6 – The Vice President shall cross-check club membership lists with SAVMA class membership lists to ensure that all members who are participating in campus clubs have paid their annual dues. Upon completing cross-checking the Vice President shall communicate with

students who are not in good standing to encourage them to pay dues to be a club member, as well as with club leaders to alert them of members who are not in good standing with SAVMA. The Vice President will ensure that those students not in good standing either pay dues or are removed from club membership lists. The Vice President will communicate between students and club leaders with updates about SAVMA membership standing of students.

- 2.7.7 – The Vice President must supply SAVMA and the AVMA with officer and membership lists and other information as may be requested.
- 2.7.8 – The Vice President must maintain a list of paid members and keep updated record of the Chapter committee assignments and their completions.
- 2.7.9 – The Vice President must provide the AVMA with an updated list of senior members in good standing prior to graduation. The Vice President is also responsible for communicating with senior members not in good standing to give them an opportunity to back-pay dues and become active members prior to graduation.
- 2.7.10 – The VP must maintain an active list of student chapter officers and their contact information.
- 2.7.11 The Vice President shall maintain the organization of all Chapter documents, currently digitally stored.

## **2.8 – SECRETARY**

- 2.8.1 – The Secretary shall serve a term of two years, beginning in March of their 1<sup>st</sup> year and ending March of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- 2.8.2 – The Secretary must record minutes at executive board and chapter meetings.
- 2.8.3 – The Secretary must prepare and post any changes in the Constitution or Bylaws.
- 2.8.4 – The Secretary must schedule executive board meetings and send reminders to the executive board and faculty advisors.
- 2.8.5 – The Secretary shall be the main point of contact and manage the Tufts SAVMA Gmail account (tuftssavma@gmail.com) and Outlook account (savma@tufts.edu).
- 2.8.6 The Secretary must update the SAVMA website and Canvas page on an as-needed basis.
- 2.8.7 The Secretary will perform duties as described in the Secretary Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which is maintained on the SAVMA GoogleDrive.

## **2.9 – TREASURERS**

- 2.9.1 – The Treasurer shall serve a term of two years, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> of

their first year and ending March 1<sup>st</sup> of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. For the first year, they shall serve as a Junior Treasurer, and in March of their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, they shall serve as the Senior Treasurer.

- 2.9.2 – The Treasurers must be the custodian of all the financial resources of the Chapter and keep careful account of the same.
- 2.9.3 – The Treasurers must make such disbursements as the Chapter may direct.
- 2.9.4 – The Treasurers must balance accounts at the end of the fiscal year and submit them for audit.
- 2.9.5 – The Treasurers must prepare tax forms and work with the accountant.
- 2.9.6 – The Treasurers must prepare financial reports for executive board meetings.
- 2.9.7 – The Treasurers shall be responsible for collecting all credit card receipts, cash, and checks for deposit from the Chapter store no less than once a month.
- 2.9.8 – The Treasurers shall be responsible for creating the budget for the fiscal year. Treasurers will be responsible for adjusting it based on the needs of the students and expected fiscal burden.
- 2.9.9 – The Junior Treasurer shall learn how to perform the duties of the treasurer by observing and assisting the Senior Treasurer.
- 2.9.10 – The Treasurers shall be responsible for managing the Chapter store student manager; managing their timesheets and store reports, and keeping employment records.

## **2.10 – NATIONAL DELEGATES**

- 2.10.1 – Both National Delegates shall attend both the SAVMA Symposium and the AVMA Convention from March of their first year through the August after their second year to represent Cummings SVM at Tufts University Student Chapter at all SAVMA House of Delegate meetings.
- 2.10.2 – The National Delegate shall serve a term of two years from March 1<sup>st</sup> of their first year through March 1<sup>st</sup> of third year. From March 1<sup>st</sup> of the first year until March 1<sup>st</sup> of the second year the position is called Junior Delegate. From March 1<sup>st</sup> of the second year until March 1<sup>st</sup> of the third year the position is called Senior Delegate.
  - 2.8.2.1 - According to National SAVMA, the National Delegates positions will run with the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.
- 2.10.3 – The Delegates shall act as a correspondent for Cummings SVM at Tufts University chapter with delegates from other student chapters.
- 2.10.4 – The Delegates shall distribute a monthly newsletter to the entire student body, including information about scholarships, grants, professional opportunities and events.
- 2.10.5 – The Delegates shall join a national committee as overseen by SAVMA and complete necessary duties and requirements as described in SAVMA constitution and bylaws.
- 2.10.6 – The Delegates shall attend all executive board meetings.

- 2.10.7 – The Delegates shall promote attendance to the SAVMA Symposium and annual AVMA Convention.
- 2.10.8 – Both the delegates will coordinate hotel accommodations, and travel grant applications for the SAVMA Symposium and AVMA convention.
- 2.10.9 – Should TCSVM host the annual student Symposium, the Delegates shall form a chair or assign chairmanship of a committee to make preparations for holding symposium.
- 2.10.10 – The Delegates shall maintain a working knowledge of the national SAVMA governance documents.
- 2.10.11 – The Junior Delegate will be responsible for coordinating the class gift, which is to be distributed to graduating SAVMA members in good standing; to be distributed by early spring semester.

## **2.11 – RESIGNATION, REMOVAL, DEATH, AND SUCCESSION OF A CHAPTER OFFICER**

- 2.11.1 – Resignation of a Chapter officer must be submitted to the entire Chapter executive board in written form. The Chapter executive board will inform the Chapter faculty advisors and Chapter members within 5 working days of receipt of the resignation.
- 2.11.2 – If there is consideration to remove a Chapter officer, the officer must be notified no less than 7 days prior to the vote to remove. The officer in question will be allowed to address the executive board prior to the vote. Removal of a Chapter officer from their elected position must be by 2/3 majority vote of the Chapter executive board. This vote must occur with all Chapter officers except the officer in question physically present. The Chapter executive board will inform Cummings SVM at Tufts University Chapter members within 5 working days of the removal of a Chapter officer.
- 2.11.3 – Removal of a Chapter officer can occur for the following reasons:
  - 2.6.1.1 2 – Failure to perform the duties of the elected office which are outlined in the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws (Bylaw Article 2).
  - 2.6.1.2 – Failure to attend one (1) executive board meeting without approval by the President and/or executive board or failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings.
  - 2.6.1.3 – Failure to attend two (2) Chapter general meetings without approval by the President and/or executive board or failure to attend three (3) consecutive general meetings.
  - 2.6.1.4 – Inappropriate conduct or representation of the Chapter and/or the AVMA
- All proceedings to remove an officer must be presented to the Chapter faculty advisors for review and recommendation prior to a Chapter executive board vote to remove a Chapter officer. The faculty advisors must be informed of the removal of a Chapter officer within 5 working days of

the vote to remove said officer.

– Members of the Executive Board may suggest replacements for any vacant positions who are subject to a vote of the Executive Board. In the case that more than one suitable individual is interested in the vacant position, a vote by members of the Cummings SVM at Tufts University can be conducted.

## **ARTICLE 3 – FACULTY ADVISORS**

- 3.1 – The student chapter shall have at least two faculty Advisors.
- 3.2 – Faculty Advisors shall be a Cummings SVM at Tufts University faculty member and shall be an active member of the AVMA.
- 3.3 – The term of office shall be at least two years.
- 3.4 – In the event that an Advisor wishes to leave office, three potential advisors shall be nominated by the executive board, and a vote will be conducted.
- 3.5 – The faculty Advisors shall serve as advisors to the student chapter as a whole.
- 3.6 – At least one Advisor shall attempt to be represented at all meetings of the executive board and the Chapter.
- 3.7 – The Advisors do not have a vote.
- 3.8 – One Advisor is encouraged to attend the SAVMA Chapter Summit with the President-elect.
- 3.9 – The executive board maintains the right to request a change in Faculty Advisor's in the event that an Advisor is not fulfilling their duties as outlined. This decision can be made with a majority vote at any executive board meeting with all board members present.

## **ARTICLE 4 – ELECTIONS**

- 4.1 – All officers of the student chapter shall be elected by gaining a majority vote in the general election.
  - 4.1.1 In the event of a tie, a re-vote shall be held for the position in question.
- 4.2 – All dues-paying members may vote in any officer election process.
  - 4.2.1 This includes the current executive board members.
- 4.3 – Any candidate that is running unopposed for a position will automatically gain that position pending executive board approval.
- 4.4 – Elections for new officers will be held by December, however, the tenure of different officers is variable and will be filled accordingly.
- 4.5 – Officer-elect positions that have been voted upon but will not commence until March are strongly encouraged to attend all executive board meetings until inaugurated.
- 4.6 – The President-elect shall organize the elections, including a presentation about elections to the first year class, setting the dates for the elections and encouraging students to run. The President-elect shall set up and monitor the voting platform.

## **ARTICLE 5 – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- 5.1 – The Executive Board of Chapter will consist of the President, President-elect, Vice President Secretary, Treasurers, and National Delegates.
- 5.2 – The Executive Board will plan and conduct all Chapter meetings as the administrative body of the student chapter.
- 5.3 – The Executive Board shall be charged with the duty of carrying out the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.
- 5.4 – The Executive Board shall determine the amount of annual local dues of chapter members.
- 5.5 – The Executive Board will make final decisions for the eligibility of “members in good standing” upon graduation.
- 5.6 – The Executive Board members must attend all meetings of the Executive Board. Only two absences are permitted throughout their whole term and these must be presented to the President and other executive board members prior to the meeting. If something comes up unexpectedly, it is up to the discretion of the President and other board members to count it as excused or unexcused.

## **ARTICLE 6 – COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- 6.1 – The committee chairs may either volunteer or be appointed by the president-elect.
  - 6.1.1 The chairs must be a student at TCSVM and in the event that this changes, a new chair shall be appointed by the President-Elect.
- 6.2 – Members of the Executive Board may not serve as committee chair in the year that they serve on the board unless by special request and voted upon by the Executive Board.
- 6.3 – Committee chairs will be appointed in April or May preceding the year in which they will lead the committee.
- 6.4 – The chairperson must coordinate the activities and duties of their respective committees.
- 6.5 – The chairpersons must attend all committee chair meetings, any executive board meetings if deemed necessary, and meet with the president-elect to inform him/her of committee progress.
- 6.6 – The chairpersons must keep records and prepare reports of all committee activities, including completion of budget reports and attendance at events. Additionally, the leaders must maintain up-to-date SOPs.
- 6.7 – The chairpersons shall determine how its members fulfill their requirements to remain in good standing within their committee.
- 6.8 – The chairpersons must serve as ex officio advisors to succeeding chairpersons and meet with successors at least once and pass along the SOP. The President-Elect should start reaching out to the first-year class in April in order to ensure that this occurs prior to July 1st.
- 6.9 – By serving as committee chair and carrying out their duties effectively, the chairpersons fulfill that year’s requirements for remaining in good standing.

6.10 – Extenuating circumstances clause: Formal resignation must be communicated to the SAVMA e-board e-mail, with the President CCed. The resigning leader shall fulfill the remainder of their SAVMA membership requirements by completing SAVMA hours in the form of LAMS dog walking (when coordinators are available) or participating on another committee. The hours must be equal to the weight of the task(s) that the person did not fulfill as a leader on the committee.

## **ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES**

7.1 – The number and purpose of committees will be subject to change as deemed necessary by the executive board.

7.2 – All committee chairs will be responsible for maintaining and updating committee records with details of events.

7.3 – Guidelines for applying for reimbursement from Chapter funds:

- 7.3.1. – President-elect will distribute committee annual budgets to committee leaders in August.
- 7.3.2. – In order to be reimbursed, committee chairs must submit a budget tracker and receipts to [savma@tufts.edu](mailto:savma@tufts.edu).
- 7.3.3. – The chapter treasurer will issue a check to the committee member.
- 7.3.4. – In the event a committee requires more funding, a meeting must be conducted with the two treasurers and the President-elect.

### **7.4 – SYMPOSIUM AND CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON**

7.4.1 – In the event that Tufts hosts, the symposium and convention chairperson is the rising senior delegate and will be responsible for organizing and coordinating events surrounding the SAVMA Symposium.

7.4.2 – The chairperson will be as involved in organizing hotel accommodations as deemed necessary.

7.4.3 – The chairperson will be responsible for projecting necessary funds for travel and accommodations and work closely with the Chapter treasurer to fill these funds.

7.4.4 – The chairperson is responsible for seeing that the Chapter treasurer receives necessary reimbursement requests in a timely manner.

7.4.5 – The chairperson will act as a point of contact for Tufts SAVMA members that attend SAVMA Symposium and convention.

### **7.5 – COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

7.5.1 – The community service and fundraising committee shall be responsible for organizing, advertising, coordinating and recording a minimum of three community service events throughout the year.

7.5.2 – The community service and fundraising committee will be in charge of

coordinating and running events to raise money for the Travis Fund.

- 7.5.3 – All events must be advertised at least two weeks in advance, with advertisements containing location, directions to site, committee contact person and expected activities.
- 7.5.4 – Committee members are responsible for seeing that the Chapter treasurer receives necessary reimbursement requests in a timely manner.

#### **7.6 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- 7.6.1 – The professional development committee will be responsible for arranging, contacting and organizing a series of events for students addressing different components of veterinary medicine including planning travel grant lunch talks.
- 7.6.2 – The professional development committee will be responsible for organizing and coordinating the National Veterinary Board Reviews for 4<sup>th</sup> year students. The Reviews must be held in the early Fall of the academic year at least two weeks prior to boards.
- 7.6.3 – Committee members are responsible for seeing that the Chapter Website/Social Media Committee receives notification of such lectures and workshops at least 2 weeks prior to the event so as to produce and post flyers/advertisers.
- 7.6.4 – Committee members are responsible for seeing that the Chapter treasurer receives necessary reimbursement requests in a timely manner.

#### **7.7 – SOCIAL MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE**

- 7.7.1 – The Social Media and Photography committee is responsible for developing, maintaining and updating the TCSVM Chapter social media accounts.
- 7.7.2 – A committee member will be required to attend and document all Chapter events with a camera and upload photos onto the TCSVM Instagram.
- 7.7.3 – This committee is also responsible for maintaining Tufts SAVMA Instagram and Facebook pages with the help of the secretary.

#### **7.8 – CHAPTER STORE COMMITTEE**

- 7.8.1 – There will be a minimum of two store chairpersons for the store committee. The store chairpersons shall be in charge of organizing a schedule for committee members to work in the store as well as assist the store manager in maintaining inventory, ordering merchandise, and organizing the store.
- 7.8.2 – The store members, in conjunction with the store manager shall be responsible for opening the store to the TCSVM community at least three times a week throughout the academic year and once a week during the

summer, to coincide with AVM participation.

7.8.3 – The store members shall be required to ensure merchandise is available for the public to purchase at TCSVM Open House in September, first year's first day of orientation, Scaredy Cat 5K day, and significant campus events.

## **7.9    STORE MANAGER**

7.9.1 – The Store Manager is a paid student who is responsible for working 10+ hours a month receiving a stipend to be determined by the executive board no less than one month before hire. The student will track hours worked via the approved timesheet by the executive board.

7.9.2 – The responsibilities of the Store Manager include: Plans, organizes, and manages the operations of the SAVMA Store. Manages the ordering of a variety of store products and assures adequate inventory levels. Ensures the proper receipt, marking, display, stocking and storage of merchandise. Organizes and manages annual and periodic inventories. Coordinates staffing with the chairs of the SAVMA store committee for pop-up stores and extra events like Spring Fest, Vet Fest, Admitted Students' Day, etc. Participates in the maintenance of the store website. Survey the community opinions on store products and satisfaction. Manages and organizes store giveaways or purchases for club events.

7.9.3 – The Store Manager shall follow approved SOPs for the store. Any changes to current SOPs must be approved by the SAVMA executive board

7.9.4 – The Store manager is responsible for directly communicating with SAVMA E-board, including the President and President-Elect, and meeting with the SAVMA Treasurers as needed. The Store manager is responsible for submitting a bi-monthly report to SAVMA prior to SAVMA E-board monthly meeting on sales, inventory, events, giveaways, etc.

7.9.5 The Store Manager will be selected by majority vote by executive board members.

## **7.10   – SOCIAL AND FACULTY/STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

7.10.1 – The social and faculty/student engagement committee will be responsible for organizing and staffing VetFest (the welcome barbecue and club fair) and regular social events.

7.10.2 – All committee members are responsible for seeing that the Chapter treasurer receives necessary reimbursement requests in a timely manner.

7.10.3 – The social and FSE committee will be responsible for holding at least one event per semester that engages with both faculty and students.

# **ARTICLE 8 – CHAPTER CLUB REQUIREMENTS**

8.1 – In order to be eligible for Chapter funds, new clubs must:

8.1.1 – Obtain a faculty advisor.

8.1.2 – Submit the New Club approval form which includes submission of

their bylaws and mission statement to the Executive Board.

- 8.1.3 – Be approved by the Chapter Executive Board.
- 8.1.4 – New Clubs formed after the funding deadline has passed must send the Chapter Executive Board an outline of their proposed events and funding needs. Funding will be determined by the Chapter Treasurers in accordance with proposed events and reviewed by the executive board.
- 8.1.5 – The members of clubs receiving Chapter funds shall not be eligible for academic credit (i.e. selective credit) for their participation in the club's routine activities.
- 8.1.6 – All club members and leaders must be registered Chapter members.

8.2 – Requesting Chapter funding

- 8.2.1 – Club funding occurs twice a year - once at the October meeting and once at the March or April meeting. Funding applications will not be considered outside of these deadlines (unless it is New Club Funding).
- 8.2.2 – The club must fill out the Club funding application and send it to the Executive Board by the stated due date.
- 8.2.3 – Clubs must ensure submission of all documents (club bylaws and club member list) prior to the submission of their funding application to receive their funds.
- 8.2.4 – Clubs are required to advertise SAVMA involvement in funding at their event.

8.3 – If any member of the Executive Committee is an officer in the club, he/she shall abstain from voting upon matters related to that club.

## **ARTICLE 9 – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

- 9.1 – The members of TCSVM Chapter may amend these Bylaws at any of its Executive Board meetings.
- 9.2 – The Bylaws shall be reviewed annually at which point the executive officers or general Tufts SAVMA members should bring any amendments to the attention of the President one week prior to the Executive board meeting. The Chapter members must be notified at least 2 weeks before the annual review. Proposed amendments shall be voted on and approved by the entire executive board at said meeting.
- 9.3 – The proposed amendment(s) must be approved by the Chapter faculty advisors prior to final action.
- 9.4 – The Chapter shall advise national SAVMA and the AVMA of any amendments. They must be approved prior to final action.