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For the mutual advancement of its membership in Veterinary Science, the Veterinary Medical Society of the Iowa Agricultural College was organized in 1884.

When the Constitution and By-laws of the organization were published in booklet form in 1891, a historical sketch was included. In order to insure accuracy in reporting the early history of the Society, the historical sketch will be quoted as published, and the Constitution and By-laws of 1891 are included as a matter of historical interest.

The Veterinary Medical Society of the Iowa Agricultural College was organized in the spring term of 1884. The senior students of the Veterinary course realized the necessity of a society, the object of which should be the discussion of matters relating to Veterinary Science for the improvement of its members, a meeting of the veterinary students was called and the organization of the Society acted upon.

Many difficulties attended its organization. The rules of the College were such that the permission of the College Faculty had first to be obtained, which was given with certain conditions. Notwithstanding the many difficulties, the Society was organized with the following charter members: W. E. D. Morrison, G. M. Osborn, W. B. Miles, M. E. Johnson, E. E. Sayers, D. E. Collins, and W. R. Whiteman.

Most of the spring term was utilized in perfecting the organization of the Society. Much interest was taken in the Society by its members, and at the close of the fall term two senior students were graduated from the Society.

In the spring term of 1885, the original Constitution and By-laws, being somewhat defective, were revised but no marked changes made. Several new members joined the Society at the opening of this term, and increased interest was taken in the Society. At the close of the fall term, 4 senior students were graduated.

Near the close of the spring term of 1886, the constitution was altered, and the Dean of the Veterinary Faculty was made permanent President, and the House Surgeon First Vice President. During this year the Society contained more members than at any previous time in its history. Near the close of the fall term, arrangements were made and perfected for incorporating the Society under the laws of the State of Iowa. These arrangements will be carried out and the Society incorporated the coming year. (No records of incorporation have been found as yet.)

At the last meeting of the Society in the fall term, 6 senior students were graduated from it.

During the year 1887, there was a remarkable increase in the membership of the Society; during the fall term its membership had swollen to 21, 9 of whom were seniors, who were graduated at the last
meeting of the Society; their places were soon filled by a large percentage of the succeeding classes.

Good work was done in 1888, and beside the regular Society work, lecturers from abroad were obtained as frequently as the Society thought prudent, and at the last meeting of the year, 4 seniors were graduated.

In 1889, nearly all of the new veterinary students became members early in the spring term. The membership during the year was about 20. Seven senior students graduated from the Society at the close of the year.

In 1890, increased interest was shown in the work of the Society. Eleven new veterinary students joined early in the spring term. During the fall term an effort was made to revise the constitution and by-laws of the Society. Especially was it thought expedient by some members, that more astringent measures be adopted for enforcing fines for absences and non-performances. No revision, however, was recognized, as the proceedings of the Society were found to have been illegal. At the close of the year, 4 senior students graduated from the Society.

At the opening of the spring term of 1891, the Society re-elected the officers, and proceeded to revise the constitution and by-laws. This revision was made and some changes were made throughout. Twelve new veterinary students joined during the spring term, giving the Society a greater membership than at any time in its previous history.

GRADUATES OF THE SOCIETY

1885 G. H. Glover, M. E. Johnson, W. B. Miles, E. E. Sayers.

1890 Q. C. Fuller, A. R. Williams, J. C. Norton, J. J. McLaughlin.

Constitution—1891

Article I

Sec. 1. This Society shall be known as the Veterinary Medical Society of the Iowa Agricultural College.

Sec. 2. The object of this Society is the mutual advancement of its membership in veterinary science.

Article II. Membership

Sec. 1. Any veterinary student of this College may become a member of this Society by conforming to its Constitution and By-laws.

Sec. 2. The special Veterinary Faculty and graduates of this Society are members ex-officio.

Article III. Officers and Elections

Sec. 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-arms.

Sec. 2. The office of the President shall be filled throughout the continuance of this Society by the Dean of the Veterinary Faculty; that of the First Vice President by the House Surgeon in charge of the veterinary hospital; other officers shall be elected by ballot except in case of a single nominee, when election by acclamation may be substituted.

Sec. 3. All officers except the President and First Vice President shall be elected and formally installed at a call meeting 2 weeks before the close of each term.

Sec. 4. All officers thus elected shall hold their respective offices until the next general election.

Sec. 5. The nominees for any office shall not exceed three.

Duties of Officers

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; to enforce due observance of the constitution and by-laws; to impose fines and appoint committees, unless otherwise provided for; to initiate new members; to call special meetings; to fill by appointment all vacancies that may occur in his office not herein specified.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, in the order of their election, to perform the duties of the President at his request or absence.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Society; to read the minutes of previous meetings; to announce all nonperformances; to per-
form all the duties of his office not herein specified; and on retiring from his office, deliver to his successor all documents pertaining to his office.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to call the roll at the opening of both the Literary and Business sessions of all regular meetings; to hear excuses for absence, but grant no excuse except for sickness or absence from College; to collect all fines and fees and pay out the same as regularly provided for by the constitution and by-laws; to make a report of the financial condition of the Society on vacating his office, and at any other time when a majority of the members present demand it.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-arms to light and heat the rooms, and to perform all the duties pertaining to his offices.

Article IV. Time of meeting.

Sec. 1. The Society shall meet every alternate Friday evening unless otherwise provided for.

Article V

Sec. 1. The Society may award diplomas to members who have finished the regular veterinary course and have been members of the Society at least 4 College terms, except in the case of post-graduates, who require but two terms.

Sec. 2. The diploma fee shall be $2.50, which amount shall be considered due as soon as the diploma is awarded.

Article VI. Discipline

Sec. 1. The discipline of the Society shall be fines, suspensions, expulsions.

Article VII. Discipline

Sec. 1. Any article of this constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the Society; provided, the proposed amendment shall have been read before the Society at least 2 weeks previous.

BY-LAWS

Article I.

Sec. 1. Order of business:
Roll Call.
Program as prepared by program committee.
Discussion of cases in hospital by House Surgeon.
Voluntaries.
Question Box.
Recess.
Roll Call.
Reading of minutes of previous meetings.
Initiation of new members.
Report of standing committees.
Report of nonperformances by Secretary.
Report of Treasurer (fines, suspensions, and expulsions).
Report of special committees.
Unfinished business.

New business.

Sec. 2. The first regular meeting of the Society shall be on the second Friday at the beginning of each term, and regular meetings shall be called to order 15 min. after the close of the recreation hour.

Sec. 3. Election to fill vacancies shall take place immediately after such vacancy has been declared by the chair.

Sec. 4. Any member may be suspended or expelled by two-thirds vote of the Society.

Sec. 5. Any member absenting himself from the Society shall be fined 25 cents, unless excused by the Society.

Sec. 6. Any officer or appointee failing to act, shall be fined 50 cents, unless excused by the Society.

Sec. 7. Fines for absences and nonperformances become due immediately.

Sec. 8. Visitors are not allowed during a business meeting except by a majority vote of the Society.

Sec. 9. Robert's Rules of Order shall be taken as authority where they do not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws.

Sec. 10. A majority of the acting members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 11. Active members are those who are classified students.

Sec. 12. The initiation fee of the Society shall be fifty cents; term dues, 25 cents. Term dues shall not be collected after the first term. All fees shall be paid in advance.

Sec. 13. The Society can be taxed at any time by a two-thirds vote.

Sec. 14. Upon presentation of candidate for membership the President shall state the object of the Society and exact the following promise: "Do you earnestly declare that on becoming a member of the Veterinary Medical Society you will obey, to the best of your ability, all its regulations as laid down in its constitution and by-laws."

Upon an affirmative answer the President shall, in the name of the Society, declare him a member entitled to all its rights and privileges.

Sec. 15. Any member who shall have failed to pay his fine 2 weeks after such fine or fines have become due, shall be suspended until such payments shall have been made.

Sec. 16. Any member who shall have failed to pay his fine one month after having been suspended, shall be expelled.

Sec. 17. At each general election the President elect shall appoint a program and a music committee, each consisting of three members.

Sec. 18. It shall be the duty of program committee to prepare programs and report them to the Society four weeks before the date for the execution of said program; also a suitable program for graduating exercises, unless otherwise provided for.

Sec. 19. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the program committee to post a program in the main lecture room of the sanitary building.

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immediately after being accepted by the Society; and also place another in the room where programs are usually held, such evenings as the Society has open sessions.

Sec. 20. It shall be the duty of the music committee to provide music for the Society when possible.

Sec. 21. The limit for voluntaries shall be 10 minutes for each speaker, and the time for voluntary discussions shall not exceed thirty minutes.

Sec. 22. Applicants for graduation shall be voted on by ballot at next to the last regular session.

Sec. 23. The fees for diplomas shall be collected before the diplomas are presented.

Sec. 24. All new members shall be presented with a copy of the constitution and by-laws on paying their initiation fees.

Sec. 25. The Society shall not continue its sessions later than the ringing of the warning bell for retiring; any business transacted after said warning bell shall be illegal.

Sec. 26. Suspended members shall have no privileges in the Society.

Sec. 27. Expelled members may again become members by two-thirds vote of the Society, and paying of all arrearages.

Sec. 28. These by-laws may be amended in the same way as the constitution, or any article or section may be suspended during a meeting of a two-thirds vote of the Society.

RECENT HISTORY

At a meeting of the Veterinary Medical Society on Jan. 12, 1927, Dean C. H. Stange “gave an extremely interesting and instructive talk on the American Veterinary Medical Association and the advantages to be obtained by the national organization and the veterinary profession by forming a junior membership in the A. V. M. A.” Following this meeting, the Veterinary Medical Society made application to the A.V.M.A. for a junior membership. On May 4, 1927, the Society was informed that the Executive Board of the A.V.M.A. had accepted the application for the Iowa State Chapter of the A.V.M.A.

In 1939, the present Iowa State College Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association was chartered by the parent organization.

In 1936 the organization submitted to the Iowa State Board of Education, the President of Iowa State College, and the heads of the several Departments of the Veterinary Division, a proposal that the Veterinary Clinic, then nearing completion, be named the Charles Henry Stange Memorial Veterinary Clinic, in honor of the late Dr. C. H. Stange, dean of the Veterinary Division from 1909 to 1936. This proposal was accepted, and the clinic, bearing the name recommended, was officially dedicated May 17, 1939.

The first issue of the VETERINARY STUDENT was published during the fall quarter in 1938. This magazine, the official publication of the Iowa State Student Chapter of the A.V.M.A., is published 3 times each year in the interest of the students of the Veterinary Division, the alumni of Iowa State College, Division of Veterinary Medicine, and all members of the veterinary profession.

Meetings of the Student Chapter of the A.V.M.A. are held monthly. For each meeting an attempt is made to secure a speaker to talk on subjects of interest and value to future veterinarians. Members of the faculty of the Veterinary Division, faculty members of the other divisions of the College, practitioners, persons working in other fields associated with Veterinary Medicine, and many other speakers have been on the programs at the chapter meetings. For many years prior to 1922, members of the Veterinary Society presented technical papers, held debates, and discussed current events at their meetings.

Members of the upper classes formerly were entertained at the first meeting of the school year by a contest of the greased pole variety between the freshman and sophomore classes. This event was discontinued after 1938. Since then, the freshman class is less strenuously initiated into the organization. The aims and purposes of the Student Chapter are explained, members of the faculty are introduced, and an opportunity is given for the new class to acquaint themselves with the other members.

One of the outstanding social events on the campus is the annual Veterinary Dance, usually held during the winter quarter. In recent years, the Student Chapter has also sponsored an annual spring sports dance at the Ames Country Club.
Before World War II, an annual banquet was sponsored by the organization. An outstanding speaker was obtained for each banquet. The banquet has not been held since the war.

At irregular intervals through the years, Christmas parties or smokies have been sponsored.

Late in the spring quarter, the last social event of the year is the annual Veterinary Picnic. Class rivalry expends itself in a final burst of softball, horseshoe pitching, and various other forms of organized and unorganized athletic activities. The picnic, especially if held in the vicinity of a creek, has often given the lower classes an opportunity to give the seniors a hearty farewell. Faculty members serve the traditional baked ham dinner.

A well stocked library has been maintained for many years. The library is now located in the Stange Memorial Clinic. Textbooks, reference books, and files of periodicals of the various fields of medicine, veterinary medicine, and agriculture are maintained in the library.

### Presidents

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In 1919, Dean Stange suggested to the Veterinary Medical Society that the Veterinary Division should hold an open house, and stated that the faculty was willing to cooperate with the Society in sponsoring a Vet Day. The various departments of the Veterinary Division now present exhibits portraying their particular branch of veterinary medicine during the annual all college open house, Veishea. The Society also enters a float in the Veishea parade. On several occasions, the float or open house exhibits have won first prize.

January 20, 1948, wives of the members of the Student Chapter met to organize the Women's Auxiliary of the Iowa State College Student Chapter of the A.V.M.A. The wives of approximately 100 veterinary students will become charter members of the new organization.

Accurate records of the organization are not available for the years between 1891 and 1919. The names of the officers since 1919 are included at the close of this historical sketch. This listing is correct to the extent permitted by the available records.

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Critics
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