

**Extract from:**  
**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS**

**MEMBERS**

- 12** There shall be four (04) types of memberships in the Association, namely a) Members, b) Fellows, c) Associate members, and d) Honorary fellows;
- a) **Member** of the College shall be a person who has fulfilled all the eligibility requirements to enrol as a member of the College as specified in Article 14 and who has been accepted for membership by the Executive Council. Members are entitled to enjoy all facilities and privileges offered by the College and exercise rights to vote, hold office and attend regular business meetings of the College.
  - b) **Fellow** of the College shall be a person who has fulfilled all the eligibility requirements to enrol as specified in Article 15 or upgraded from Member of the College status to Fellow status as specified in Article 15 and who has been accepted as a member by the Executive Council. Fellows are entitled to enjoy all facilities and privileges offered by the College and exercise rights to vote, hold office and attend regular business meetings of the College.
  - c) **Associate Member** of the College shall be a person who has fulfilled all the eligibility requirements to enrol as an associate member of the College as specified in Article 16 and who has been accepted for the associate membership by the Executive Council. The Associate Member may subsequently work towards full Membership or Fellowship status through formal education, assessment and certification by the Board. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Members except the right to vote, hold office or attend regular business meetings of the College.
  - d) **Honorary Fellow** shall be a person who has fulfilled all the eligibility requirements to enrol as a honorary fellow as specified in Article 17 and who has been accepted for fellowship by the Executive Council. Honorary Fellows shall have all the rights and privileges of Members except the right to vote, hold office or attend regular business meetings of the College.
- 13** The members and fellows of the SLCVS respectively are entitled to use the title Member of Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (MSLCVS) or Fellow of Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (FSLCVS).

**14** A Veterinarian to become a **Member of the College**, he shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria;

- a) Be licensed to practice in Sri Lanka by the Veterinary Council of Sri Lanka,  
and
- b) Have a satisfactory moral and ethical standing;  
and
- c) Have any one of the following credentials;
  - i) Have Minimum of 5 years of service after graduation from a veterinary school, and have successfully obtained a post-graduate qualification in veterinary and allied discipline at Masters / Doctoral Degree or Equivalent from a recognized university;  
or
  - ii) Have Minimum of 10 years of veterinary practice after graduation from a recognized veterinary school and passed the Qualifying Examination of the College;  
or
  - iii) Have Minimum of 20 years of experience in managing a Veterinary Practice, registered under the Companies Act No.7 of 2007 or any Business Names Statutes of the relevant Provinces, with evidence of engagement in professional training activities leading to continuing professional advancement;  
and
- d) Be accepted for membership in the College by a majority of the Executive Council and ratified by the General Body.

**15** A Veterinarian to become a **Fellow of the College**, he shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Be licensed to practice in Sri Lanka by the Veterinary Council of Sri Lanka,  
and
- b) Have a satisfactory moral and ethical standing;  
and
- c) Have 10 years of minimum experience in veterinary profession with not less than 75% of effort in each of the 10 years being devoted to professional practice, teaching or research, and have demonstrated competence in and contributed significantly to the development of veterinary profession in Sri Lanka;  
and
- d) Have evidence of engagement in continuing professional advancement;  
and

- e) Have any one of the following credentials:
- i) Hold a Professorship /Senior Lecturer Grade I in a given specialty of veterinary science;  
or
  - ii) Holding a Class I (Scheduled) position in Animal Production and Health Service or equivalent position in a State or Private Sector Organization/Service;  
or
  - iii) Successfully completed the 2-year residency training leading to certification for veterinary specialty as specified by the relevant Chapter of the College;  
or
  - iv) Engagement in research and scholarship and dissemination knowledge as evidenced through peer reviewed publications, publications in books, and publication of monographs, booklets, books, etc. and satisfying minimum standards stipulated by the College;  
or
  - v) Hold a Fellowship or equivalent certification from an internationally recognized professional institution / association;  
and
- f) Be accepted for membership in the College by a majority of the Executive Council and ratified by the General Body.

**16** The Board may also confer **Associate Membership** to licensed veterinarians with extensive clinical experience and significant participation in continuing professional education programs encompassing three years or more and who are expecting become members of the College;

- a. The Membership Committee of the College shall evaluate the certified portfolio of relevant experience and activities submitted by the candidate and submit its recommendation to the Executive Council for approval for enrolment of such candidates as associate members.
- b. Associate Members shall subsequently work within 5 years of Associate Membership towards fulfilling requirements to obtain regular Membership status through postgraduate education or undergoing training through continuing professional development programmes and/ or self-studies and successfully completing the Qualifying Examination conducted by the College or as a fellow through training and assessment for certification for a veterinary specialty.

**17** The Board may confer **Honorary Fellowship** on nomination by two Members/Fellows on persons within or outside the profession who have contributed significantly to the veterinary profession. Honorary Fellows shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members except the right to vote, hold office or attend regular business meetings of the College.

- 18** The Board shall have the authority to recognize emerging veterinary specialties and establish a new Chapter for that specialty. The fellows of such Chapters shall have the qualifications set forth for Fellows under Article 15.
- 19** The College shall maintain a members' register indicating the type of membership, name, address and date of enrolment and renewal of registration.
- 20** The members shall renew their registration once every three (03) years by submitting a prescribed application and paying the fees prescribed by the College. Any delay in paying dues will result in temporary suspension of the membership and such members, during the temporary suspension period shall refrain from using the college affiliation.
- 21** The members are required to continue to engage in regular updating of the knowledge and competence in veterinary science and allied disciplines by engaging in postgraduate training and/or by regularly taking part in continuing professional development programmes, scientific seminars, conferences, seminars, organized and/or offered by the College or by recognized academic institutions and / or professional training institutions/organization, local or overseas.
- 22** Membership in the Association shall cease
- a) By the Resignation of the member
  - b) By the member's death or incapacity
  - c) By the expulsion of a member by a resolution having been passed by a majority of two third members of the Association upon a member failing to observe any rules, regulations, rulings, resolutions or decisions of the Association and/or if a member acts against or in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Association.

Provided that before such a resolution is passed an opportunity shall be given to the member concerned to appear and explain his position with regard to the point in issue at a meeting of the Association at which such resolution is to be moved. In the event of his not availing himself of the opportunity or the meeting not accepting his explanation no question shall be raised with regard to the validity and effectiveness of the resolution passed in the manner laid down.