

Student Chapter of the World Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine

Constitution

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Article 1: Name and Objectives

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Student Chapter of the World Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (SCTCVM)

Section 2. The objectives of this organization are: first, to introduce veterinary students of College (or School or Faculty) of Veterinary Medicine (or Science) to WATCVM membership ideals and vision. Second, members are part of a network of global veterinary professionals who truly care about providing excellent care to animals. Third, to introduce students to various TCVM modalities, including acupuncture, herbal and food therapies, and Tui-na. Fourth, to give students the opportunity to practice TCVM skills, especially acupuncture, and Fifth, to teach the proper TCVM standards recommended by the World Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (WATCVM).

Article 2: Officers

Section 1. The Student Chapter of the WATCVM shall consist of an Executive Board: the President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fundraising/Social Event coordinator. The members of the SCTCVM are encouraged to attend the board meetings as observers.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by a simple majority ($\geq 51\%$) vote of all club members present in the last month of the spring semester (or) whenever a full year of service has been completed (two terms).

The term of office shall be one year. The Executive Board may appoint a new officer in the event of a relinquished position. The previous Executive Board shall relinquish their duties to the new Executive Board during the end of April.

- A. The duties of the Executive Board shall be to recruit new members to the club, promote/encourage integration of TCVM in the Western veterinary medicine and support/promote WATCVM standards of TCVM practice.
- B. **President:** The President shall be the chairperson of the Executive Board and act as liaison to WATCVM Headquarters regarding Chapter business.

President-elect shall work with the President

Treasurer shall handle all funds of the club's budget and produce an "end of term" report of the club's use of funds provided by annual dues, fundraisers, University or funds provided by WATCVM. *Three* copies of this statement are to be distributed: one to the Club President, one to WATCVM Headquarters and one to the office of WSU Registered Student Organization (RSO). The Club members have the right to view the "end of term" financial report at this time.

Secretary shall take minutes of the Meetings and be responsible for correspondence via e-mail/webpage to the club members. The secretary shall be in-charge of meeting reports and emailing a picture of all meetings to the Fundraising/Social Event coordinator.

Fundraising/Social Event coordinator shall have the primary responsibility of fundraising through organized events (e.g. lunches, product sales, etc.), the club participation in the veterinary college events (e.g. open house), public and the university events, and maintaining the club website.

- C. **Additional specific duties of the Executive Board** are as described within this paragraph: The **President** shall conduct all general meetings and work in conjunction with the Faculty Advisor to plan and prepare for meetings and events. The **President-elect** shall be responsible for the recruitment of new members and assisting the President. He or She shall also preside over general meetings in President's absence. The **Treasurer** shall be additionally responsible for working with WSU-RSO finance office and keeping all monetary transactions and for submitting a current "end of term" report. The **Secretary** shall provide a summary of meetings and events to WATCVM Headquarters at the end of school year.
- D. The Executive Board shall use the budget to cover the expenses of club members for club-related activities.
- E. The Executive Board and the club members shall assist the Fundraising/Event coordinator in providing ideas, planning, and execution of at least 3 events for each semester.
- F. All elected officers shall be in attendance for general member meetings and executive proceedings. At least two board members must be present at special TCVM lectures, wet labs, etc.
- G. The President-elect shall shadow the President first (fall) semester and be the primary participant in presidential duties second (spring) semester.
- H. The club **Faculty Advisor** must be certified in at least one of the TCVM modality. The advisor shall provide guidance and work with the club Executive Board; and liaison between the club, RSO office and WATCVM Headquarters.

Article 3: Constitution and Implementation

Section 1. The official recognition of this organization will occur upon approval by the office of Registered Student Organization, Washington State University during 2015.

Article 4: Constitution Amendments

Section 1. The constitution may be amended by three-fourths vote of the Executive Board and the club members).

Article 5: Annual TCVM Conference

Section 1. The Student Chapter of the World Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine shall be represented at the Annual International TCVM conference, if funds are available.

Section 2. The Fundraising and Event coordinator will plan activities to raise money for attendance at the TCVM annual conference, if possible.

Article 6: Finances

Section 1. *The Chapter Membership Dues:* The TCVM club ***annual dues shall be \$10.*** The benefits of the membership include first priority for scholarships to learn acupuncture and other TCVM modalities, free meals (if provided) during the club's organized events, first priority for the acupuncture wet labs and visits to veterinary hospital with emphasis on 'Holistic' or TCVM practice.

Section 2. *The WATCVM Membership Dues: None.* The TCVM club membership would qualify having free access to the online American Journal of TCVM, free access to the TCVM Forum to receive TCVM advice for clinical cases, and free access to online quarterly TCVM Newsletter.

Section 3. *WATCVM Foundation Support (anticipated) for the Chapter: (to be approved by the WATCVM Executive Board)*

- a. TCVM Student Scholarship for learning acupuncture and other TCVM modalities
- b. One (1) free conference registration/Chapter (not including travel, hotel, meals, and local transportation) for attending the Annual TCVM conference
- c. Three (3) 50% discount of the conference registration (not including travel, hotel, meals, and local transportation)/Chapter scholarships to attend Annual TCVM conf.