Preamble

To meet the need for a national registry of Animal Scientists qualified to provide technical service and to provide evidence of this professional competence to the public, to members of other professions and to the profession of the Animal Sciences (meat and fiber producing animals, dairy, poultry, equine, and companion animals) itself, the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) was established on August 7, 1984. ARPAS is a professional society affiliated with the American Society of Animal Science, American Dairy Science Association, Poultry Science Association, Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society, American Meat Science Association, and other scientific associations with an interest in the purpose of the Registry, but is not accountable to and does not speak for those scientific associations. The Registry is responsible to its membership and Governing Council. The Registry is self-governing and self-supporting through dues and fees assessed its members.

ARTICLE I - Name

This organization shall be known as the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS).

ARTICLE II - Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this organization to provide registration of professional status for qualified members of the Registry, to strengthen the Animal Sciences among the professions and to promote the profession of the Animal Sciences.

ARTICLE III - Membership

The Registry shall be open to all Animal Scientists who meet the requirements for professional registration as established by the Registry.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

The executive officers of the Registry shall be a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be appointed on an annual basis by the President, with the advice and consent of the Governing Council. The other officers shall be elected by the members of the Registry according to the terms specified in the Bylaws of the Registry. They shall perform the duties specified in the Bylaws of the Registry and serve as members of the Executive Committee. In addition there shall be an Executive Vice President appointed by the Governing Council. The Executive Vice President shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
ARTICLE V - Governing Council

The voting members of the Governing Council shall consist of the officers, a director representing each of the four regions of the United States (Midwest, Northeast, Southern, and Western), a director representing each of the affiliated societies, a director representing each qualifying chapter, the Editor of the Professional Animal Scientist (PAS), and the Historian. The Executive Vice President shall be a non-voting member of the Governing Council.

ARTICLE VI - Funds
The Registry shall establish and collect fees for registration and dues for membership, and shall use these funds to pay the expenses of the Registry. Fees may be charged for services, and contributions may be received from sponsors. The financial records and the annual budget of the Registry shall be reviewed and approved by the Governing Council.

ARTICLE VII - Bylaws

The Registry shall establish Bylaws, subject to approval by the membership of the Registry.

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