ARTICLE I  NAME: The name of this Chapter shall be the South Central Chapter. The states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas make up the primary geographic area of this chapter.

ARTICLE II  PURPOSE: The purpose of this local Chapter shall be consistent with the purpose of Article II, Charter from the bylaws of The American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS).

The local Chapter is to support the national program as it relates to recruiting, education, membership recognition, and provides a framework for continuing education and social interaction in areas of interest to members of the local Chapter. All organizational functions and activities of this chapter shall be conducted on an annual basis, defined as beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE III  MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the local Chapter shall be drawn from members of ARPAS residing in the above designated states or surrounding states who wish to affiliate with this ARPAS Chapter.

ARTICLE IV  OFFICERS: The officers of South Central Chapter of ARPAS shall be: President, President-Elect, Past-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. A Chapter Representative to the National ARPAS Governing Council will be appointed by the President. Four (4) directors, representing different states and with staggered terms will be elected by the membership. One director will initially serve a one-year term, one will serve a two-year term and two will serve a three-year term.

A Governing Council (GC) shall consist of the officers, the chapter representative (if the chapter has 50 or more members) and the four directors. The directors shall be elected at large from the local membership. The directors shall assist the Officers with Chapter activities and each director may chair a standing committee as directed by the President.

Officers and Directors serve without monetary compensation except for the Chapter Representative to the National ARPAS Governing Council, whose travel expenses to the National Annual Meeting may be reimbursed, as determined by the Chapter Governing Council.

The President shall have authority to sign documents on behalf of the chapter.
ARTICLE V   ELECTIONS: The officers and directors of the Chapter shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Chapter by a majority vote of those members in attendance or by electronic ballot (email). Nominations may be made by the Governing Council and from the membership. Nominees for offices must agree to serve. The length of term for the Secretary/Treasurer shall be two years. President-Elect and Directors shall each serve a three-year term (President-Elect will serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past-President). In the event of a vacancy that occurs between elections, a replacement will be appointed by the President with approval from the Governing Council.

ARTICLE VI   STANDING COMMITTEES: Role of the Standing Committees

A. Communications Committee. The Communications committee will develop and disseminate information to the membership using written or electronic media.

B. Membership Committee. The Membership committee will encourage membership of the Chapter from ARPAS members in the area served by the chapter.

C. Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will establish criteria for scholarships and develop a plan for raising fund for scholarships. The scholarship committee shall make recommendations for scholarship awards to the governing council.

D. Continuing Education Committee. This Continuing Education Committee will source and develop continuing education opportunities for chapter members consistent with the CEU requirements of ARPAS. The Governing Council will serve as the Continuing Education Committee and will be chaired by the President.

Committee Chairpersons shall be directors of the chapter and assigned by the President to chair one of the standing committees. Committee chairpersons will select three additional members for their committee. Each committee member will serve a three-year term except for the initial committee members, one of which will serve a one-year term, one to serve a two-year term and one to serve a three-year term. If a vacancy occurs, the chairperson will select another chapter member to fill the unexpired term. The committee chairperson shall notify the President of their committee members and activities. The Governing Council shall provide direction to each committee chairperson.

ARTICLE VII   DUES AND FEES: All dues and fees shall be collected and administered by either the Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter or by National ARPAS. The chapter membership dues and fees amount and method of collection shall be established by the Chapter’s Governing Council. Fees for Continuing Education Courses, if any, will be established by the Continuing Education Course Committee and approved by the Governing Council.
ARTICLE VIII  ACTIVITIES:

A. Meetings – The annual meeting will be scheduled so as to not conflict with other activities that may be of interest to the membership. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the President. Special groups within the chapter are encouraged to hold separate meetings in conjunction with other animal science meetings.

B. Publications – All communications will be published by the Chapter, the format to be determined by the Governing Council.

C. Miscellaneous – The Chapter shall carry out such other activities that are consistent with the purpose of the South Central Chapter of ARPAS as determined by the Governing Council and are not expressly prohibited by the charter or by-laws of ARPAS, or this Chapter. An annual report of the chapter activities shall be submitted to the ARPAS Governing Council.

ARTICLE IX  SCHOLARSHIPS:

South Central Chapter of ARPAS Scholarship Program – The Governing Council, upon recommendation from the Scholarship Committee, may develop a scholarship program. This program will be administrated by the governing council with input from the scholarship committee. The governing council will determine the number and dollar amounts of scholarships to be awarded and approve the scholarship recipients recommended by the Scholarship Committee. The Governing Council will keep the membership informed of their actions.

ARTICLE X  AMENDMENTS to the BYLAWS:

Changes in these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds majority of members voting at a business session of the annual meeting or by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast in a mail or electronic ballot; provided, that notice of the proposed amendments shall have been sent to every member at least one month before the date of the meeting at which it is to be considered, or at least one month before the last date for return of ballots in the case of a mail or email ballot.

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