

Honours, Awards and Membership Bye-Laws

Amendments to clauses 3, 4.1, 5 and Appendix A were approved by Council on 7 June 2012

Citation

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Honours, Awards and Membership Bye-Laws.

Interpretation

2. (1) In these byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - "**the Act**" means the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966;
 - "**College**" means the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons;
 - "**Council**" means the Council of the College;
 - "**Education Committee**" means the Education Committee of the Council elected under the provisions of the General Administration Bye-Laws;
 - "**General Administration Byelaws**" means the byelaws made under that title by the Council;
 - "**Nominations Committee**" means the Nominations Committee of the Council established under byelaw 3 of these bye-laws;
 - "**Officers of the College**" mean the President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents and Treasurer of the College;
 - "**President**", "**Registrar**", "**Secretary**" and "**Vice-President**" mean the persons holding these offices in respect of the College.
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of these bye-laws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Nominations Committee

- (3) There shall be a Committee of the Council to be known as the Nominations Committee, which shall consist of the Officers of the College and the Chairmen of the Committees mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (t) of byelaw 12 (1) of the General Administration Byelaws, together with the Chairman of the Veterinary Nurses Council if he shall be a member of the Council.
(This bye-law stands in need of formal amendment)

Honorary Associates

4. (1) The Nominations Committee shall be responsible each year for considering whether any recommendations should be made to the Council of the names of non-Members to be elected by diploma under Seal of the College as Honorary Associates of the College by reason of their special contribution to the veterinary profession. Any such recommendations shall be considered at a meeting of the Council and it shall be necessary in each case for the recommendation to obtain the approval of two-thirds of the Members of the Council present at the meeting before the candidate may be considered elected, such voting to be undertaken by those Council Members who are eligible to vote; i.e. those who have not nominated and/or written letters of support for nominees.
- (2) The Diploma of Honorary Associateship shall be signed by the President, two Vice-Presidents and the Secretary and shall be in the form set out in Appendix A to these bye-laws.

Removal of Honorary Associateship

- (3) Honorary Associates may have their honour removed in the event that they bring the College into disrepute. Such an eventuality would be considered on a case by case basis by the Nominations Committee and then Council. A two thirds majority vote at Council would be required from those eligible to vote to remove an RCVS Honorary Associateship i.e. those who have not nominated and/or written letters of support for nominees.

Fellows by Election

5. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible each year for considering whether any recommendations should be made to the Council of the names of persons to be elected by diploma under Seal of the College as Honorary Fellows of the College, in terms of bye-laws 3 (c) and 8 of the Diploma of Fellowship Bye-Laws.
6. (1) The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for recommending to the Council the names of persons to whom the following awards should be made in those years in which the awards fall to be made:-
 - (a) the J.T. Edwards Memorial Medal;
 - (b) the R.W. Hall of Barry, Glamorgan, Prize;
 - (c) the Francis Hogg Prize;
 - (d) the Livesey Medal;
 - (e) the John Henry Steel Memorial Medal; and
 - (f) such other prizes or awards as may from time to time be referred to the Nominations Committee by the Council.

- (2) The Education Committee of the Council shall appoint each year a Sub Committee with responsibility for scrutinising all applications for Sir Frederick Smith and Miss Aleen Cust Research Fellowships, together with the Jubilee Memorial and Bursary Prize, and making recommendations to the Committee as to the names of persons to whom awards should be made. The Committee shall thereafter make recommendations to the Council on the basis of the Sub Committee's report.
- (3) The award of all prizes and the making of all awards under the last two preceding paragraphs of this bye-law shall accord with the conditions of each prize or award as set out in the current edition of the Registers and Directory of the College.

Share-Jones Lectureship

7. The Education Committee shall be responsible in every alternate year for recommending to the Council the name of the person to be invited to hold the Share Jones Lectureship in Veterinary Anatomy for the period of two years next ensuing on the terms and conditions as set out in the current edition of the Registers and Directory of the College.

Certificates and Diplomas of Membership

8.
 - (1) Any person whose name is entered on the general list of the Register of Veterinary Surgeons in terms of section 3 of the Act shall be granted a certificate of registration and membership in the form set out in Appendix B to these bye-laws.
 - (2) Any person whose name is entered on the general list of the Register of Veterinary Surgeons as the result of having passed an examination held under the provisions of section 4 (1) or 6 (2) of the Act shall be awarded a Diploma of Membership (which shall also incorporate a certificate of registration) in the form set out in Appendix C to these bye-laws and bearing the Seal of the College.
 - (3) Any person whose name is entered on the Commonwealth or foreign lists of the Register of Veterinary Surgeons as being the holder of a Commonwealth or foreign qualification to which section 6 (3) of the Act applies, shall be granted a certificate of registration and membership in the form set out in Appendix D to these bye-laws.

Pursuant to a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons held on 7 June 2012 the Common Seal of the said Royal College was affixed hereto in the presence of:

President

Members of Council

APPENDIX A

Diploma of Honorary Associateship; Bye-law 4 (2)

WHEREAS the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has power under Royal Charter and by bye-law to elect to the dignity of Honorary Associate of the said Royal College persons who are of special eminence or have rendered special contribution to the veterinary profession AND WHEREAS the Council of the said Royal College has determined that should be elected an Honorary Associate as aforesaid LET IT BE KNOWN that the Council of the said Royal College has this day of elected to be an Honorary Associate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

By Order of the Council.

..... President
.....)Vice -Presidents
..... Secretary

APPENDIX B

Certificate of Membership and Registration; Bye-law 8 (1)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that... was admitted to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and his name duly entered on the Register of Veterinary Surgeons on by virtue of the registerable degree of of the University of
. President, R.C.V.S .
. Registrar, R.C.V.S.

APPENDIX C

Diploma of Membership; Bye-law 8 (2)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that..... having passed the examinations held in accordance with the provisions of section of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, and having satisfied the Council that he has the requisite knowledge and skill to fit him for practising veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom was admitted to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and his name duly entered on the Register of Veterinary Surgeons on
..... President, R.C.V.S .
..... Registrar, R.C.V.S.

The Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, in exercise of its powers under Article 21 of the Supplementary Royal Charter granted on the 19th day of OCTOBER 1967, resolved, at a meeting held on the 3rd day of June 1999, that the Honours, Awards And Membership Bye-Laws should contain the following substantive amendment:

Any person whose name is entered on the general list of the Register of Veterinary Surgeons in terms of section 3 of the Act shall be granted a certificate of registration and membership in the form set out in Appendix B to these bye-laws.

Paragraph 8 Deletion of existing paragraph

Insertion of new paragraph as follows: -

"Any person whose name is entered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons in terms of Sections 3, SA, 6(3) and 6(4) of the Act shall be granted a certificate of registration and membership in the form set out in Appendix B to these bye-laws."

Appendices Deletion of Appendices B, C and D

Insertion of new Appendix B as follows: -

"THIS IS TO CERTIFY that... .. was admitted to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and whose name has been duly entered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons on..... by virtue of the registerable qualification of..... awarded by *either* the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons or the University of [*delete as applicable*] , .. , this being a qualification accepted by the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in terms of Section, of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

..... President, R.C.V.S
..... Registrar, RCVS"

PURSUANT to a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons on the 3rd day of June 1999, the Common Seal of the said Royal College was affixed hereto on the 3rd day of June 1999 in the presence of: -

.....President
.....Members Of Council

APPENDIX D

Certificate of Membership and Registration; Bye-law 8 (3)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that... was admitted to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and his name duly entered on the Register of Veterinary Surgeons on by virtue of his qualification of being a qualification accepted by the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in terms of section 6 (3) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1966 .

..... President, RCVS

..... Registrar, RCVS