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## President's Message

Spring is just around the corner and here in Missouri we have been lucky with a fairly mild winter. I know that some of you have not been so fortunate. I hope you can soon see the beginnings of springtime in your own backyard.

Things are new at AVSAB as well. This is an election year for AVSAB and while we have 2 candidates for both President-elect and Member-at-large, as of writing this message one candidate for Secretary-treasurer. Their names are listed later in the newsletter. Later in the year you will receive a ballot, please vote for your choice of officers.

The listserv still continues to be an active source of information for members. If you have not signed up, you can still do so by sending a message to listserv@listserv.utk.edu. In the body of the message (NOT the subject header), include the message "subscribe AVSAB-L your name" – (without the quotation marks).

## Nominees for office in AVSAB 2000-2002

#### President-elect

Lynne Seibert  
Janice Willard

#### Secretary Treasurer

Steve Feldman

#### Member-at-large

Margaret Duxbury  
Donya Dunlevy

Please give some thought to attending the AVMA and the AVSAB Paper and Poster session, which are July 21-26 2000 in Salt Lake City, UT. There will be two days of behavior sessions at AVMA (Saturday and Sunday) and then Monday will be our sessions and Annual Meeting. If you are interested in furthering your education in behavior, this is a good way to do so. Not only do you have the general session in conjunction with AVMA, but also our session of cutting edge research presentations. As a member of AVSAB you can attend our meeting for free, meet your colleagues and have fun. What a great deal!!

Also in this edition is our newly revised constitution and bylaws. Please take a look at them and let Victoria Voith know if you have any additions or comments.

Hope you soon are seeing daffodils and robins in your backyard and hope to see YOU in Salt Lake.

Debbie Horwitz, DVM, DACVB

## Editor's Message

Members are encouraged to submit news items related to their activities, up and coming speaking engagements, and information regarding recent publications. Send materials to Dr. Voith, address and fax number on front of newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Victoria L. Voith  
Editor, AVSAB Newsletter

# Behavior Rx: The SSRIs

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The selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) are psychotropic drugs that act primarily on the serotonin neurotransmitter system. Their presumptive mode of action is to selectively inhibit serotonin reuptake in presynaptic neurons in the CNS. Abnormalities in CNS serotonin have been hypothesized to underlie disturbances in anxiety, mood, satiety, cognition, aggression, impulse control, sleep, and sexual motivation. In human psychiatry, use of the SSRIs has, to a large extent, replaced other antidepressants since their neurotransmitter specificity avoids the troublesome side effects of the tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) and the monoamine oxidase-A inhibitors (MAOIs).

There are five SSRIs commercially available in the United States: fluoxetine (Prozac), paroxetine (Paxil), sertraline (Zoloft), fluvoxamine (Luvox), and citalopram (Celexa). At present, none is available in the U.S. as a generic. In humans, each of these drugs can be used for the treatment of depression as well as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), eating disorders, anxiety disorders (including panic disorder and social phobia), and other behavior problems. In humans and in animals, the drugs differ in their pharmacokinetics and their side effect profiles. Side effects may be minimized by starting at a low dose and increasing after 1-2 weeks.

**Fluoxetine** (Prozac) is widely prescribed for human depression, panic disorder, OCD, dysphoria, and eating disorders. Fluoxetine is well absorbed from the GIT and reaches peak plasma levels in humans in 4-8 hours. Fluoxetine has a very long elimination half life ( $t_{1/2}$ ), resulting in 2-3 weeks to steady state and continued pharmacodynamic effects

even after fluoxetine discontinuation. The parent compound has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 4-6 days and the active metabolite, norfluoxetine, has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 4-16 days. The usual human starting dose is 20 mg per day, given in the morning. Fluoxetine is available as 10, 20 and 40 mg capsules, 10 mg tablets, and 20 mg/5ml mint-flavored suspension. Side effects include nausea, weight loss, lethargy, agitation, or tremors. The coadministration of fluoxetine and certain other drugs, such as TCAs, increases the plasma level of the TCA.

**Paroxetine** (Paxil), commonly used in humans to treat depression and social phobia, has some antimuscarinic effects. Side effects include mild sedation, urine retention, and constipation. In humans after a single dose, maximum plasma concentrations are reached in approximately 5 hours. Paroxetine has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 24 hours; steady state is achieved in 5-14 days. A typical starting dose in humans is 20 mg per day. It is available as 10, 20, 30, 40 mg tablets, and 10 mg/5ml suspension. After regular use, paroxetine should be gradually withdrawn to avoid a discontinuation reaction, expressed as heightened anxiety or worsening of other behavioral signs.

**Sertraline** (Zoloft) is a commonly prescribed human antidepressant. In humans, sertraline has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 25 hours for the parent compound and 66 hours for the active metabolite. Steady-state plasma levels are achieved within 7 days in young adults and 2-3 weeks in elderly human patients. The usual starting dose for humans is 50 mg per day, given in the morning or evening. Sertraline is available as 50 and 100 mg tablets. It should be taken with meals to increase its bioavailability. GIT side effects, such as nausea or diarrhea, are common.

**Fluvoxamine** (Luvox) is approved in humans only for the treatment of OCD, al-

though like the other SSRIs, it is an effective antidepressant. In humans, after a single dose, peak plasma levels are obtained after 3-8 hours. Fluvoxamine has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 15 hours; steady state plasma levels are usually achieved within one week. Side effects include nausea and drowsiness. The usual human starting dose is 50 mg per day, given as a single evening dose or divided b.i.d. It is available as 50 and 100 mg tablets. Fluvoxamine reduces the clearance of both diazepam, its active metabolite nordiazepam, and alprazolam. Thus concurrent use of these benzodiazepines with fluvoxamine should be avoided.

**Citalopram** (Celexa), has recently become commercially available as an antidepressant in the United States. After a single oral dose, peak plasma levels occur at about 4 hours. Citalopram has a  $t_{1/2}$  in humans of 33 hours. The typical starting human dose is 20 mg per day, given in the morning or evening. Citalopram is available as 20 and 40 mg tablets. Although typical doses reveal no ECG changes, very high doses of citalopram mimicked TCA-like cardiovascular effects in a feline model (Boeck et al 1984). In a toxicology study, 5 of 10 dogs receiving oral doses of 8 mg/kg/day died suddenly between weeks 17 and 31 following initiation of treatment (Forest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 1998).

To avoid serotonin syndrome, SSRIs should not be used concurrently with monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOI). This serious condition is characterized by mental status changes, agitation, hyperthermia, myoclonus, and autonomic instability. At least 14 days should elapse between the discontinuation of an MAOI, such as selegiline, and initiation of an SSRI. At least 14 days (21 days for fluoxetine) should elapse between discontinuation of an SSRI and initiation of an MAOI.

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*Note: Behavior R<sub>x</sub> is a new column devoted to information about psychoactive drugs. The author, Dr. Barbara Simpson, owns a specialty behavior practice in Southern Pines, NC, and is affiliated with North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.*

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# Schedule of Speaking Engagements and Seminars

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## Speaking engagements/ behavior lectures for Debra Horwitz, D.V.M.

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**March 17-19, 2000**  
Minneapolis, MA  
University Seminar

**March 28, 2000**  
Fort Collins, CO  
Ralston Purina-student

**April 13, 1999**  
Fairview Hgts., IL  
Southern IL VMA

**June 5-7, 2000**  
Manhattan, KS  
Kansas State Vet Conference

**July 21-26, 2000**  
Salt Lake City, UT  
AVMA

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## R. M. Miller, D.V.M. Seminars on Equine Behavior and Misbehavior 2000

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**January 22**  
Spokane, Washington  
Sponsored by Equine Hospital, 509-624-4404

**April 28-May 4**  
Norway  
Seminars for horse owners. Sponsored by Ole Johansen's Natural Horsemanship, Baerheimveien 93, 4312 Sandnes, Norway. Phone: 47-5166-1782

**May 6**  
Switzerland  
Seminars for horse owners. Contact Dr. Amo Lindner, Laurahöhe 14, 45289 Essen, Germany. Fax: 49-201-57188744

**May 24**  
Bishop, California  
Seminar for mule owners at Bishop Mule Days. Sponsor, Dr. Carl Lind, 1650 N. Sierra Highway, Bishop, CA 93514. Phone: 760-873-5801

**June 3**  
Willeston, North Dakota  
Seminar for horse owners. Contact Dr. L. Wilder at 701-774-4774

**June 4-11**  
Clark, Colorado  
Seminar for horse people at the Home Ranch, P.O. Box 822, Clark, CO 80428

**July 4-12**  
Yosemite, California  
Seminar for horse people on back country pack trip. Contact Frontier Pack Train, 1012 E. Line, Bishop, CA 93514. Phone: 760-873-7971

**August 23-25**  
Estes Park, Colorado  
Seminars for veterinarians. Sponsored by The Journal of Equine Veterinary Science. Phone: 909-678-1889

**August 26**  
Estes Park, Colorado  
Seminars for all horse people at same location as above. Phone: 909-678-1889

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## Upcoming Lectures by Rolan Tripp, D.V.M.

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**April 9, 2000**  
Las Vegas, NV  
*Introducing Behavior Science Into a Veterinary Practice*  
For information call: (310) 584-6607

**April 29-30, 2000**  
Philadelphia, PA

*Introducing Behavior Science Into a Veterinary Practice*  
For information call: (310) 584-6607

**May 4, 2000**  
California Association of Animal Control  
Queen Mary in LA  
*Behavior Techniques for Animal Control Staff*  
For information call: (714) 523-9425

## Midwest Veterinary Conference Emphasizes Behavior Education

The Midwest Veterinary Conference was held February 24 – 27, 2000 in Columbus, Ohio, and several AVSAB members were featured as speakers. These speakers included Drs. Susanne Hetts, Andrew Luescher, Gary Landsberg, Rolan Tripp, P. Bernstein, and Barbara Simpson.

Because of its behavior emphasis, many members of the AVSAB Listserv who planned to attend suggested online that they meet for lunch “to connect a face and name”. The lunch invitations were extended to anyone interested in behavior that would like to meet and have a roundtable discussion over lunch. Dr. Tripp organized the meeting, and obtained sponsorship by Petopia.com.

The following members attended the luncheon:

<i>Sharon Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Beth Strickler</i>
<i>Rolan Tripp</i>	<i>Julie Shaw</i>
<i>Julie Potter</i>	<i>Tom Favale</i>
<i>Ann Fiduccia</i>	<i>Nancy Dreschel</i>
<i>Theresa DePorter</i>	<i>Terri Derr</i>
<i>Gary Landsberg</i>	<i>Traci Shreyer</i>

The topics discussed ranges from the meaning of Leadership vs. Dominance, to legal concerns regarding consulting over the phone or internet, board certification pros and cons, ethical questions regarding the bond, and a variety of other topics. Everyone attending seemed to enjoy the conversation and lunch, and suggested that whenever possible, members of AVSAB should try to congregate, share ideas, and attempt to build professional relationships.

**Membership: Please read the following. If you have any suggestions or comments, Please contact the President-Elect, Victoria L. Voith, within 45 days of the mailing of this newsletter. At the annual meeting please be prepared to discuss, vote on accepting, rejecting and/or amending the following revised constitution and by-laws of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior. Thank you.**

## CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN VETERINARY SOCIETY OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

### ARTICLE I - NAME

#### Section 1:

This organization shall be known by the name of the “American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior” and shall be incorporated under the laws of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois.

#### Section 2:

The organization shall forever remain a not-for-profit organization in fact, and its officers shall comply with the laws of the state in which the organization is incorporated. This organization is not formed for pecuniary profit or gain and no money or properties received by the organization shall be paid to any member, or to any person, during the life of the organization, except as compensation for property purchased or services rendered. In the event that the organization should dissolve, all properties

and monies will be given to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

#### Section 3:

Whenever a provision of this Constitution is inconsistent with a provision of the related Bylaws, the provision in the Constitution shall be controlling.

### ARTICLE II - DURATION

The duration of this organization shall be considered perpetual.

### ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

(a) to advance programs of clinical animal behavior and research on animal behavior as it applies to veterinary

medicine.

(b) to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of problems relevant to the field of veterinary animal behavior.

(c) to publish and distribute scientific information related and pertinent to the field of veterinary medicine dealing with animal behavior.

(d) to act as a liaison between members of the organization and the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

#### Section I - Active members - Regular and Affiliate

Active members in the Society shall be those graduates of colleges and schools of Veterinary Medicine and those non-veterinarians who meet the qualifications specified in the Bylaws of the So-

ciety.

### **Section 2 - Student members**

Student members shall be those currently enrolled in colleges or schools of Veterinary Medicine.

### **Section 3 - Tenure**

Members of the Society shall retain their membership only so long as they comply with the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Principles of Ethics as may be adopted by the Society.

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## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

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### **Section 1 - Number**

There shall be five officers: the immediate past-president, president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and member-at-large. These five officers shall constitute the Executive Board. Officers shall be elected prior to the annual meeting of the Society.

### **Section 2 - Qualification**

The officers must be veterinarians and active members of the Society immediately prior to their election.

### **Section 3 - President and President-Elect Election Term, and Succession**

A president-elect shall be installed at an annual session every two years. Except as otherwise provided, the terms of the president and president-elect shall commence at the annual meeting following the completion of the presentation of old business and shall terminate at the annual meeting two years following. Except as otherwise provided, the president-elect shall immediately and automatically succeed to the office of and become president at the end of the term as president-elect.

### **Section 4 - Other Officers Election and Term**

The terms of the secretary-treasurer, member-at-large, and any such other officers as the Bylaws may specify, shall

commence following the completion of the presentation of old business and shall terminate at the annual meeting two years following.

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## **ARTICLE VI - STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

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A student or student organization in a college or school of veterinary medicine may be granted affiliation with this Society by the Executive Board if the student or student organization meets the qualifications specified in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and eligible to vote at the annual meeting, following prior notification to all members at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

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# **AMERICAN VETERINARY SOCIETY OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR BY-LAWS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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**Proposed Amendments: March 2000**

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## **ARTICLE I**

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1. The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the State of Illinois. The corporation may have such other offices as the Executive Board may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

2. The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office of the corporation in the State of Illinois, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time.

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## **ARTICLE II**

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1. The corporation shall have three classes of members. The designation of such classes and the qualifications and rights of the members of such classes shall be as follows:

### **CLASS QUALIFICATIONS AND RIGHTS**

a. *Regular members* — Veterinarians; full voting rights

b. *Affiliate members* — Non-veterinarians with advanced academic training in animal behavior; full voting right

b. *Student members* — Veterinary students; no voting rights

2. Membership of Veterinarians and Veterinary students shall be determined by the proper payment of dues.

3. Affiliate membership requires academic training at an accredited college or university, formal request for affiliate membership accompanied by submission of Curriculum Vitae, majority vote of the Executive Board of the Society, and proper payment of dues.

4. Each regular and affiliate member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of membership. Voting shall be by written ballot or voice. Only active members have voting rights.

5. Dues shall be determined by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting.

6. The membership by majority vote may suspend or expel any member who uses the corporation in advertising. Included would be the use of the corporation name on letterheads, business

forms, business cards, and advertising copy.

7. Any member may resign his/her membership, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued or unpaid.

8. Membership in this not-for-profit corporation is not transferable or assignable.

9. A student organization in a college or school of Veterinary Medicine may be granted affiliation with this Society by applying to the Executive Board for affiliation. Members of the student organization must be current students in the represented college or school of Veterinary Medicine. Students may also be members of the Society without being members of their student organization, should one exists.

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## ARTICLE III

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1. An annual meeting of the members shall be held to coincide with the meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The annual meeting will be held for the transaction of business. Scientific papers related to the subject of Veterinary Ethology and Behavior Medicine will be presented at the meeting prior to the business session.

2. Special meetings of the members may be called by the president. Alternatively, 10% or more of the members having voting rights can call a meeting without the authorization of the president.

3. The elected officers may designate any place either within or without of the State of Illinois as the place of meeting for any special meeting called by the elected officers. The place of meeting for the annual meeting shall be at the same place at which the meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association is held each year.

4. Notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of members shall

be delivered to each member entitled to vote at such meeting not less than ten or more than fifty days before the date of such meeting. In case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the corporation with postage thereon prepaid.

5. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the members shall require a 2/3 majority of the total number of active voting members present. For such purposes, ballots received from active voting members shall be considered and included in the number of members present.

6. At any meeting of members, no member shall be allowed to vote by proxy.

7. Any vote to be taken of the active members may be conducted by mail in such manner as the executive board shall determine.

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## ARTICLE IV

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1. The officers of the corporation (Executive Board) shall be a president, a president-elect, a secretary-treasurer, a member-at-large, the immediate past-president and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of president and secretary-treasurer.

2. The officers of the corporation shall be elected every year in even numbered years by majority vote taken by mail of the active members, the elected officers to be announced at the regular annual meeting of the corporation. If the election of officers is not held before the annual meeting, the election shall be held at the meeting or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. New offices may be created and filled by any meet-

ing of the executive board. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor has been duly elected.

3. Any officer elected or appointed may be removed by the executive board whenever in its judgment the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights if any of the officer so removed. Any officer convicted of a felony offense or who is in default and has failed to make the proper payment of his or her dues or assessments of the corporation, or is not fulfilling his or her duties would not be serving the best interest of the corporation.

4. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by majority vote of the active membership for the unexpired portion of the term or filled by majority vote of the officers.

5. The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. The president shall preside at all meetings of the members. The president shall preside over the program at the annual meeting and coordinate the program activities of the corporation. The president may sign any deed, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the membership has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by these By-Laws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation. In general, the president shall perform all duties incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the membership from time to time.

6. If the president is unavailable or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the president-elect shall perform the duties of the president and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president. The president-elect shall perform such duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him or her by the president.

7. The secretary-treasurer shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the, give all notices in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law, and be custodian of any corporate records. The president may assign the secretary-treasurer's duties, from time to time, to others. The secretary-treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the corporation, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation, and deposit all such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks or other depositories as shall be selected and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him or her by the president.

8. Officers shall not receive any payment for their services, but may be reimbursed for personal expenditures made on behalf of the corporation.

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## ARTICLE V

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1. The elected officers may designate and appoint one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more members of the society. The president shall appoint each member of a committee. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the members of the corporation and until his or her successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

2. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairperson by the person authorized to appoint the members thereof.

3. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

4. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the elected officers designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the

members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

5. Each committee may adopt rules for its own government, not inconsistent with these By-Laws or with rules adopted by the elected officers.

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## ARTICLE VI

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1. The president may enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation. The elected officers may authorize any other officer to enter into any such contract or execute and deliver any such instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation.

2. The secretary-treasurer shall sign all checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation. The president may authorize any other officer or an executive director to sign any such instrument.

3. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks or other depositories as the executive board may select.

4. The elected officers may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gifts, bequest, or device for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the corporation.

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## ARTICLE VII

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1. The elected officers shall, if feasible, issue official membership identification cards to all members of the corporation upon the proper payment of dues. Such cards shall designate the class of membership of each holder.

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## ARTICLE VIII

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1. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts, minutes of the proceedings of

its members and committees, and the names and addresses of members entitled to vote in some official record. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any voting member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

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## ARTICLE IX

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1. The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day following the annual meeting and end at the annual meeting each year.

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## ARTICLE X

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1. Annual dues of members shall be determined and voted on at the annual meeting by 2/3 of the active voting membership.

2. Dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of August in each fiscal year.

3. When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of four months from the beginning of the fiscal year, his or her membership will be terminated.

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## ARTICLE XI

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1. Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois, or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof, in writing, signed by the person entitled to such notice, shall be deemed acknowledgement of receipt of such notice.

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## ARTICLE XII

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1. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a majority of the voting membership present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting if at least two days written notice is given of an intention to alter, amend, or repeal these By-Laws or to adopt new By-Laws.

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