**ARTICLE X**

**ADOPTION OF THIS DOCUMENT**

Section 1 This statement will serve to indicate that the organization was formed by the adoption of the document by two or more persons.

Section 2 The persons adopting the document are:

1. Robert R. Shomer, VMD President
2. Albert R. Dorn, DVM President-Elect
3. Robert C. Speth, Ph.D. Treasurer
4. Jerrold Tannenbaum, MA, JD Historian

Section 3 The official date of adoption of this document is July 11, 1994

Section 4 This Constitution was revised on December 1, 1996 to meet the specifications of the Internal Revenue Service of the United States for 501 (c) (3) organizations as follows:

1. The addition of Sections 2 and 3 of Article I
2. The addition of Section 3 of Article II
3. The addition of Section 1 of Article VIII
4. The modification of Section 2 of Article VIII so as to comply with requirements delineated in Section 1 of Article VIII
5. The addition of Section 2 of Article IX
6. Designation of the Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics as an organization rather than as a corporation

Section 5 Revised April 2, 2000

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Robert C. Speth, Chair, Duane Flemming, David Morton, Leslie Nader

Approved by membership 7/22/00

Section 6 This Constitution was revised on June 9, 2005 to clarify the language of the objectives, modify the President- Elect function and add the description of the editorial review board as follows:

1. The modification of Sections 2A, B, C, D, and E of Article II
2. The modification of Section 5B3 and 5B5 of Article IV
3. The modification of Section 2C2, 2E2 and 2F1 of Article VI
4. The addition of Section 2H of Article VI

Signatories:

Jerrold Tannenbaum, President

John R. Boyce, President-Elect

Albert S. Dorn, Past-President

Kathleen Potter, Secretary

Robert C. Speth, Treasurer

Section 7 This Constitution was revised on June 25, 2012 to change the term of the Office of President, to delete certain Offices, Committees and obsolete or incongruent provisions. The revisions are extensive and are recorded in detail in the Report to the Membership.

Section 8 This Constitution was revised on March 29, 2020