

the Veterinary Division and was distracting from an educational and research standpoint, the value of the work should not be underestimated. On January 1, 1913, there was no regulation, whatsoever, for the production of hog cholera serum and virus; there was no plan or policy in regard to the control of hog cholera where the production of immunity was involved; the practical application of the serum and the best methods to be employed were not yet known. It was necessary for someone to organize the work, marshal all the facts known and figure out a plan how they could be best utilized to control the enormous losses the livestock industry of the state was suffering. We believe that it is fair to say that these problems were worked out in a quite satisfactory manner during that period of time.

IX.

VETERINARY MEDICAL SOCIETY



THE Veterinary Medical Society of the Iowa Agricultural College was organized in the spring term of 1884. As the senior students of the veterinary course realized the necessity of a society, the object of which should be the discussion of matters relating to veterinary science for the improvement of its members, a meeting of the veterinary students was called and the organization of the society determined upon.

Many difficulties attended its organization. The rules of the college were such that the permission of the college faculty had first to be obtained. It was given upon certain conditions. Notwithstanding the many difficulties, the society was organized with the following charter members:

W. E. D. Morrison	G. M. Osborn
W. B. Niles	E. E. Sayers
M. E. Johnson	D. E. Collins

W. R. Whiteman.

Most of the spring term was utilized in perfecting the organization, much interest being taken by the members, and at the close of the fall term two senior students were graduated from the society.

In the spring term of 1885, the original constitution and by-laws, being somewhat defective, were revised, but no marked changes made. Several new members joined at the opening of this term, and increased interest was taken in the society. At the close of the fall term, four senior students were graduated.

Near the close of the spring term of 1886, the constitution was altered and the dean of the veterinary faculty was made permanent president and the house surgeon first vice-president. During this year the society numbered more members than at any previous time in its history. Near the close of the fall term, arrangements were made and perfected for incorporating the society under the laws of the state of Iowa. These arrangements were to be carried out and the society

incorporated the coming year. (No records of incorporation have been found as yet).

At the last meeting of the society in the fall term, six senior students were graduated.

During the year of 1887, there was a remarkable increase in the membership of the society; during the fall term its membership had grown to 21, nine of whom were seniors who were graduated at the last meeting of the society; their places being soon filled by a large percentage of the succeeding classes.

Good work was done in 1888, and beside the regular society work lecturers from abroad were obtained as frequently as it was thought prudent. At the last meeting of the year, four seniors were graduated.

In 1889, nearly all of the new veterinary students became members early in the spring term. The membership during the year was about 20. Seven senior students graduated from the society at the close of the year.

In 1890 increased interest was shown in the work of the society. Eleven new veterinary students joined early in the spring term, and during the fall term an effort was made to revise the constitution and by-laws. Especially was it thought expedient by some members that more stringent measures be adopted for enforcing fines for absences and non-performances. No revision, however, was recognized, as the proceedings of the society were found to have been illegal. At the close of the year four senior students were graduated.

At the opening of the spring term of 1891, the society re-elected the officers, and proceeded to revise the constitution and by-laws. This was done and some necessary changes were made. Twelve new veterinary students joined during the spring term, giving the society a greater membership than at any previous time in its history.

During the nineties there was little change in the conduct of the society and the interest varied somewhat from year to year. During 1900 the thesis requirement was dropped from the course of study with the understanding that all veterinary students would be required to join the Veterinary Society and take part in the programs. This added new interest to society work and additional features were the social functions, which began in 1904. This was the year the first faculty, student, alumni banquet was held in Des Moines. The banquets have been an annual event ever since that time excepting for a few years during the war. There was more or less debate each year whether evening or dinner clothes should be worn. Dress suits were the accepted thing during the early years ('04-'12). Not all of us could afford dress suits, however, but we were never denied admission as a result of our "plain clothes." The same problem confronts the society today, but it is hoped that in a few years all students will be equipped with "evening clothes."

The Veterinary Medical Society became the Iowa State College Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association in April, 1927. The programs are usually good and frequently outside speakers are brought in for lectures on subjects of interest to veterinary students.