

Veterinary Business Management Association: “Good Standing” and Membership Requirements

In order to qualify for the business certificate, a candidate must complete required coursework and must also be a member of “good standing” with the UF chapter of the Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA).

To be considered as a member in “good standing” with the VBMA, members must meet the following requirement minimums by the time of graduation:

- Paid membership dues for all 4 years of attendance
- 2 UF VBMA Business Conferences*
- 10 general meetings**
- 1 VBMA Professional Dinner***

Membership dues are \$15 a year, or a onetime fee of \$50 which must be paid prior to senior graduation.

For the student who has not adequately met the “good standing” requirements due to mitigating circumstances, but has participated and aided the VBMA by other means, an appeals process can be put in place. Such activities may include but are not limited to: aid in the set up for meetings or helping to table at various events (NAVC, FVMA, Open House). In such a circumstance, the student’s appeal will be put to a vote before the VBMA executive board. A majority of the board must vote in favor of the student’s appeal in order for he or she to have successfully met the “good standing” requirements.

*The annual UF VBMA Conference takes place on an announced weekend at the UF CVM and features guest speakers who lecture topics relevant to veterinary business.

**General meetings are usually held monthly, August-May (8-10 meetings per academic year).

***VBMA Professional Dinners are offered 1 – 2 times a year at an announced restaurant and are free for up to 30 organization members. Priority will be given to seniors needing to fulfill requirement if officers are notified by senior in advance. At the dinner, a guest speaks about various topics important to students pursuing veterinary business, and uses the experience to help prepare students for the interview process.