

2009-2010 VBMA Good Standing Requirements

National VBMA “good standing” requires:

1. The chapter is called the Veterinary Business Management Association in name, registration with the school and the chapter bank account.
2. An executive board with at least a President, Vice President and a faculty advisor.
3. The chapter is current on paying their National VBMA dues.
 - i. Dues in the amount determined by the current National VBMA executive board will be paid no later than the end of the Fall term of the academic calendar year.
4. Fill out Chapter Information Sheet:
 - i. Upon officer transition, each chapter must send officer contact information to the National Vice President within one week of officers being elected.
 - ii. The exact transition date must be included in the chapter information sheet.
5. The chapter must participate on the message boards in at least three of the four quarters per year.
 - i. Each chapter will be expected to start at least one thread in their regional section each quarter.
 - a. Appropriate topics include, but are not limited to, details of a successful meeting, membership drives, projects the chapter is working on, difficulties faced within the chapter, other successes or hardships, etc.
 - b. Chapters are encouraged to take the time to view discussions in other regions; however, no additional points will be awarded for this.
 - ii. Each chapter will be expected to participate in the discussion thread started by the National VBMA each quarter in the “National Discussion” section.
 - a. Topics will be started on the first day of each quarter and closed on the last day of the quarter. These will be open ended discussion questions focused around, but not limited to, a featured chapter event, business current events, ethical dilemmas or other topics deemed to be worthy of discussion by the National VBMA.
 - b. The VBMA defines quarters as: August 1st-October 31st, November 1st-January 31st, February 1st-April 30th, and May 1st-July 31st.
 - c. Each chapter will be expected to post at least one meaningful response that demonstrates thought about the topic.
 - d. Additional posts by each chapter to increase the depth of discussion are encouraged; however, no additional points will be awarded for extra posts.
6. Send at least one student VBMA officer to the annual National VBMA meeting at NAVC in Orlando, Florida.

- i. Exceptions may be granted if the chapter school has conflicts deemed acceptable by the National Executive Board. In such cases, the individual chapter must submit a written request to the National VBMA President no later than one month before the National meeting.
 - ii. Exceptions must be unanimously approved by the National Executive Board Members.
7. Hold a minimum of two VBMA sponsored events per school year.
8. Hold a minimum of 5% membership in each of the first year and second year classes.
9. Charge local membership dues:
 - i. The monetary charge for membership will be at the discretion of the individual chapter.
10. Submit a chapter financial report to the National Treasurer by April 30 of each year.
11. All chapter events must be reported via the National VBMA website.
12. All records of good standing will be monitored and maintained by the National VBMA Compliance Chair. All questions and concerns regarding good standing should be addressed by either the National Vice-President or the National Compliance Chair.