



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom
107 – 828 Harbourside Drive, North Vancouver
Saturday, March 11, 2017
1:15 pm – 3:55 pm

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members	Dr. Brendan Matthews, President	Mr. David Dewhirst, Vice-President	Mr. Jeremy Pierce, Treasurer
	Dr. Maarten Hart, Council Member	Dr. Nicky Joosting, Council Member	Dr. Sergije Prostran, Council Member
	Dr. Joanne Weetman, Council Member	Ms. Linda Wong, Council Member	
Regrets:	Mr. Wally Oppal, QC, Council Member		
CVBC Staff	Mr. Larry Odegard, Registrar	Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar	Ms. Luisa Hlus, Director of Complaints, Registration & Legal Services
	Ms. Gae Sellstedt, Executive Assistant		

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:15 pm.

2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

2.1 Approval of the Open Agenda

The agenda was re-numbered from 4.5 onwards due to duplication of numbers.

Item 4.8 Report on Diplomate of American College of Veterinary Surgeons was removed as this is no longer a requirement in the bylaws.

MOTION: THAT the Open Agenda be approved as amended with the power to add.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

2.2 Approval of the Open Minutes of the January 21, 2017 Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the January 21, 2017 open meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

2.3 Task List

The task list was reviewed for accuracy; the President reported the following two items as being done: the review of technicians task and supervision list and the letter to PFAC members.

3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION – DECISION – DISCUSSION

3.1 2017/18 Meeting Dates Confirmation

Council members reviewed the proposed meeting dates. The agreed to council meeting dates are:

- Saturday April 22, 2017
- May – no meeting scheduled (Executive Committee meeting to be determined)
- Saturday, June 17, 2017
- July – no meeting scheduled
- August – no meeting scheduled
- Saturday, September 9, 2017
- Saturday, October 14, 2017
- Friday, November 3, 2017 – meeting is being held in conjunction with the Annual Registrant meeting at the Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront – room to be advised
- Saturday, January 13, 2018
- February, 2018 – no meeting scheduled
- Saturday, March 10, 2018 (mandatory)

Dr. Joosting advised that she will be out of the country July, August, September and October. She was asked to provide a note to Council explaining her absences from Council meetings per the CVBC Bylaw requirements.

3.2 Update on Certified Technicians

Luisa Hlus advised that there have been regularly scheduled teleconferences with the Ministry of Agriculture relating to drafting advice ensuring that the project is on track. The next scheduled teleconference is for mid-April.

There was discussion with respect to the development of a task list indicating types of supervision required for those technicians that were trained on the job and did not become certified.

The Registrar advised that the BCVTA annual meeting is scheduled to take place on May 20, 2017.

3.3 Update on National Examining Board

Dr. Joanne Weetman reported on the discussions regarding the Quebec-France Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications. It is an ongoing issue for the NEB as the agreement was made without the veterinary profession being included.

The next meeting is in Charlottetown, PEI in mid-July and another meeting is scheduled for September 2017.

3.4 Animal Welfare Committee – Request to Change Terms of Reference to Increase Size of Committee

The Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee requested that there be a change to the Terms of Reference to increase the size of the committee from 9 members to 10 members.

The BC Chapter of the CVMA have also established an Animal Welfare Committee, some members of which also belong to the CVBC Animal Welfare Committee. There was discussion on the two committees having different roles, advocacy vs regulation, whether there is a conflict of interest by participating in both committees, and whether the animal advocacy component is better served through the CVMA Chapter, as being more prominent than the public interest component of the AWC's focus.

Council recommended that the CVBC reduce the size of its AWC and that the Director of Complaints, Registration and Legal Services, the former Liaison to the AWC, and the current Liaison (Luisa Hlus, Joanne Weetman and Maarten Hart) meet with the Chair of the CVBC AWC, Bettina Bobsien, to explain Council's position and the decision to reduce the committee size.

MOTION: THAT the Animal Welfare Committee Terms of Reference are to increase the maximum number of committee members from 9 to 10.

MOVED/SECONDED DEFEATED

3.5 Legislative Amendments

Luisa Hlus advised that the memo included in the agenda package was for information purposes only.

In a teleconference between the Ministry of Agriculture and the CVBC, there was discussion that the Ministry would be opening up the Veterinarian's Act to make a change with respect to the Certified Technicians. Luisa Hlus took the opportunity to ask if consideration could be given to make other

minor changes within the Act during this window of opportunity. Luisa Hlus will research the possibility of allowing conditional licences and asked Council to consider other possible changes. There was some discussion about the Alberta model of protecting the public interest by granting 2 year limited licences before a graduate writes the NEB or the NAEVLE, and about the Alberta and Ontario limited licensure models, which facilitate training.

3.6 Registration Committee Policy

Council discussed the recent Registration Committee's decision to grant an exemption for two registrants applying to return to active (from retired status) after 1 year or less and being required to take the CVBC Bylaw Seminar.

Council reviewed the proposed registration policy (see below) and passed the following motion:

MOTION: THAT Council adopts the policy for such registrants to forego the CVBC Bylaw Seminar if they have otherwise met the requirements.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Policy:

Pursuant to Bylaw s. 1.55, the Registration Committee proposes that Council adopt a policy for the handling of pending or further applications from registrants seeking to transfer to active registration status after no more than 3 years of being in the inactive classes of registration (retired, non-practicing and life inactive).

The Registration Committee considers that the public will be adequately protected if applicants who have been inactive for less than 3 years in the above named inactive classes of registration, who are otherwise eligible for active registration status, update their knowledge of the current Bylaws by reading the Bylaws rather than being required to attend the Bylaw seminar offered by the CVBC. Accordingly, the Registration Committee recommends to Council the adoption of a policy that will direct the registrar to waive the requirement in Bylaw s. 2.25(2)(d) and to exempt those applicants from attending the bylaw seminar.

The policy is not intended to apply to the following:

- registrants being inactive by virtue of a suspension,
- applicants for reinstatement following non-payment of fees (s. 2.29),
- applicants for reinstatement after a disciplinary suspension (s. 2.30), and
- applicants for reinstatement after a disciplinary cancellation (s. 2.31).

3.7 Classified Ads on CVBC Website

Luisa Hlus advised Council that the placing of classified ads on the CVBC website is not within the purview of a regulatory body and that consideration should be given to discontinuing the ads.

Council members had concerns with the suggestion, discussed the issue and agreed to provide the service to registrants for another year pending Dr. Joosting's discussion with the BC Chapter of the CVMA, Executive Director, Corey Van's Haaff, about taking over the classifieds from the CVBC.

Jeremy Pierce left the meeting at 2:30 pm.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1 President's Report

The President reported that "townhall" style meetings were contemplated around the province once the Bylaws incorporating the certified technicians were completed.

The President ceded the floor to the Vice President for the purpose of reporting on other matters, including PFAC. The Vice President, being a member of the PFAC, had observe that the PFAC required staff support which it had recently lost, placing an undue burden on the Chair. Several challenges were described, including the administrative burden of recently reversing fines, provision of handwritten inspection reports being submitted by inspectors, the timing of the submission of inspection reports, the questionable utility of the self-assessment form, the desirability of replacing it with an abbreviated annual practice declaration form, and the possibility of issuing iPads to the inspectors.

The Registrar stated that the inspectors reported to him and to the Deputy Registrar, and that he would direct them to provide a readable form in a timely manner.

4.2 Operational Report

The Registrar reported that there are no significant issues. The discussion regarding the Captive continues with the Ministry and FICOM and there is a requirement mid this year for a plan to address the expiry of the indemnity by June, 2018.

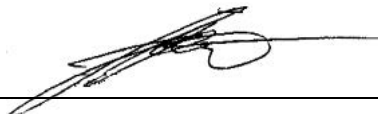
The Health Regulators group is looking at an opportunity to move to shared services with a communal property. The CVBC has been invited to participate in preliminary discussions and the first step would be to have the CVBC property appraised.

4.3 Facilities Report

Dr. John Brocklebank, Ms. Luisa Hlus and Ms. Gae Sellstedt were asked to leave the meeting so that the Registrar and Council members could return to the closed meeting.



Dr. Brendan Matthews, President



Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President