



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom

210 – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond

Saturday, January 20, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members: Dr. Brendan Matthews (President), Dr. Joanne Weetman (Vice-President), Mr. Jeremy Pierce (Treasurer), Mr. David Dewhirst, Dr. Maarten Hart, and Dr. Sergije Prostran

Regrets: Dr. Nicky Joosting, Mr. Wally Oppal, QC and Ms. Linda Wong

Staff: Ms. Luisa Hlus (Registrar), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Staff Veterinarian) and Ms. Nicole Alivojvodic (Assistant)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

2.1. Approval of the Open Agenda

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

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

2.2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 24, 2017 Open meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the November 24, 2017 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. AAVSB Visit

Council was informed that the AAVSB is offering outreach services at an upcoming Council meeting and asked to give a meeting date that they preferred. Council inquired about whether the AAVSB would be able to present to them an explanation of how American state boards are run.

Council Direction: to respond that the visit can take place at any Council meeting date in May or later and amend the errors in Drs. Weetman, Prostran and Joosting's terms in the provided document.

3.2. AGM Date

Council was provided with the results of a registrant poll asking for preferred dates and times for the 2018 AGM. The poll showed a strong preference for the AGM to be held the same weekend as the SBCV AGM and Council agreed to move forward with this date. While holding the meeting downtown is less cost effective, Council suggested that it is a worthwhile goodwill gesture for the College to make for both the SBCV and the registrants attending the sponsored SBCV conference.

Council Direction: move forward with organizing the 2018 AGM on November 2, 2018 in the afternoon at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront.

3.3. Cat Declaw Ban Issues

The Registrar provided Council with an update on the movement among a group of registrants who are pushing for the College to issue a ban on cat declawing. Dr. Hart, Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee, reported to Council on the discussion among the AWC members the previous evening. They called for a rewording of the news release that was published to the CVBC website and distributed to the media which is now making its rounds in animal welfare groups. On November 24, 2017, Dr. Matthews had asked two AWC members to prepare a balanced report on the issue. Nothing has been submitted to date.

Council direction: publish and distribute a new statement stating that this is an important issue that Council is discussing and researching.

Council discussed how best to approach this important issue and resolved to do more extensive research. Dr. Matthews volunteered to draft a new survey to distribute to registrants which will provide greater insight in their consideration of this issue than the previous March 2017 survey. The number of procedures performed is known to be on the decline. Of interest are the numbers being done "as a last resort".

Council Direction: task the Staff Veterinarian and the AWC with getting more statistics and reports as it relates to cat declawing and create a detailed survey to send

to the profession by e-blast. The matter is returnable to each Council agenda until it is resolved.

Dr. Joanne Weetman left the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

3.4. Regulator v. Association Article

This article was provided to Council for information. Council discussed and suggested that it be distributed during Committee member training.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1. President's Report

There was no President's Report.

4.2. Report on Unpaid Registration Fees

The Registrar reported to Council that a letter was sent to registrants with outstanding registration fees outlining enforcement actions that will be taken if payment is not received by the end of January.

4.3. Duty to Report Update

The report was received for information.

4.4. Report on Name Approvals

The report was received for information.

4.5. Report on New Registrants

The report was received for information.

4.6. Report on Change of Registration Class

The report was received for information.

4.7. Task List


The task list was received for information.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Next meeting date
Saturday, March 10, 2018.

The open meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Dr. Brendan Matthews, President


Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President