



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom

210 – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond

Saturday, March 10, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members: Dr. Brendan Matthews (President), Dr. Joanne Weetman (Vice-President), Mr. Jeremy Pierce (Treasurer), Ms. Linda Wong, Mr. David Dewhirst, and Dr. Nicky Joosting

Regrets: Dr. Sergije Prostran, Dr. Maarten Hart and Mr. Wally Oppal, QC

Staff: Ms. Luisa Hlus (Registrar), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Deputy Registrar) and Ms. Nicole Alivojvodic (Communications Coordinator & Administrative Assistant)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:56 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**

- Before proceeding with the agenda as planned, the President announced that this was Mr. Dewhirst's final meeting as a member of the Council and thanked him for his 8 years of service.
- Mr. Dewhirst expressed that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve for 8 long years.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes of the January 20, 2018 Open meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the January 20, 2018 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED **CARRIED**

3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. National Scope of Practice Statement for Veterinary Medicine

The Deputy Registrar provided this statement to the Council for review. This piece was distributed to all veterinary regulators in Canada with a request for input, with the intention that all provinces reach agreement. The Council noted several changes required for the document to align with the College's legislation regarding the definitions of "veterinary medicine". It is not clear to what extent alternative therapies are included.

Council Direction: provide feedback with discussed changes and research whether the *Good Samaritan Act* applies to treating animals.

3.2. CVMA Opioid Paper

Council was provided with this paper for information. It is published on the CVMA website in the Member Only section.

Council Direction: publish to the College website in the Registrant Only section.

3.3. Feline Declaw Survey

Council discussed the participation rate and results of the recent feline declaw survey. In considering the results, Council noted that there are two polarized groups; those who would like the decision to be left up to the veterinarian and those who want an outright ban. Council also noted that there are other common procedures (e.g. spay and neuter) which are also done without benefit to the animal.

Given that the survey results indicate that this procedure is rarely performed in the first place, Council discussed whether action was necessary. Council resolved to impose a severe restriction in a Professional Practice Standard instead of an outright ban, where the procedure may not be performed except in circumstances that are medically necessary (for the feline, *not* the owner).

Council Direction: draft this Standard for review at the next Council meeting with a view to severely restrict the circumstances in which some or all digits can be amputated. A legal opinion is being sought to verify the Registrar's view that there

may be no difference in the enforceability of a mandatory practice standard, as compared to a bylaw.

Council Direction: publish and distribute the survey results and full comments on Monday, explaining that Council is still in discussion.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1. President's Report

The President reported to Council about the ABVMA "Leadership Weekend" that he and the Registrar attended in Edmonton on February 23-25, 2018. Both the President and Registrar confirmed that there is value in attending these conferences and seeing how other regulators operate and the issues that they face.

The Registrar then gave Council an update on office staffing changes and the activities in various College committees. Notably, the Practice Facility Accreditation Committee revoked the accreditation of Surrey Animal Hospital. The Registrar also reported that the Investigation Committee is operating well with the appointment of the new Chair, Dr. Cathy Wilkie.

4.2. Report on Name Approvals

The report was received for information. Raintree Veterinary Hospital Inc. was removed from the list as the name has not yet been approved due to a paperwork error.

4.3. Report on New Registrants

The report was received for information.

4.4. Report on Change of Registration Class

The report was received for information.

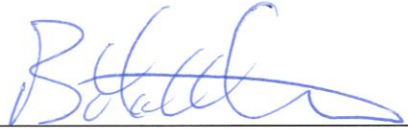
4.5. Task List

The task list was received for information.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Next meeting date
Friday, May 4, 2018.

The open meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.



Dr. Brendan Matthews, President



Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President