



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom

210 – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond

Friday, November 24, 2017

2:00 p.m.

### Minutes of the Open Meeting

<b>Council Members</b>	Dr. Brendan Matthews, President	Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President	Mr. Jeremy Pierce, Treasurer
	Mr. David Dewhirst, Council Member	Ms. Linda Wong, Council Member	Dr. Nicky Joosting, Council Member
	Dr. Sergije Prostran, Council Member		
<b>Regrets</b>	Dr. Maarten Hart, Council Member	Mr. Wally Oppal, QC, Council Member	
<b>CVBC Staff</b>	Ms. Luisa Hlus, Registrar	Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar	Dr. Stacey Thomas, Staff Veterinarian
	Ms. Nicole Alivojvodic, Assistant		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:21 p.m.

### 2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

#### 2.1. Approval of the Open Agenda

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

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

**2.2.** Approval of the Open Minutes of the September 9, 2017 Council Meeting

**MOTION: THAT** the Minutes of the September 9, 2017 open meeting be approved as distributed.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

**3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION**

**3.1.** Field Law Article

This article was brought to Council's attention for information and background reading, as part of the Executive Committee's mandate to review CEO performance.

**3.2.** WCVM Meeting

The Deputy Registrar presented a recap of the 2017 Western Assembly of Veterinary Association meeting to Council for information. He reported that the ABVMA Registrar announced that 2019 would be the last intake year for undergraduate veterinary students from Alberta at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM). The result is that the University of Calgary is considering how to accommodate the 20 additional spaces. The SBCV will approach the BC government to consider providing additional funding, otherwise we are inviting a preference of foreign-trained vets over BC vets able to obtain training in Western Canada. At present, OVC only offers regular tuition to residents of Ontario, WCVM to residents of Saskatchewan and U of C to Alberta residents, except for the 20 spots which the BC government sponsors at WCVM. BC students who do not get accepted into those spots pay foreign student tuition at \$100,000 per year (unless they relocate to the other provinces to establish residency). It is not known whether there is a shortage of veterinarians in BC; in any event, it does not appear to be a regulatory issue but rather an ethical one.

### **3.3. AAVSB Model Policy: Telehealth**

Council was presented with the AAVSB Model Policy for the Appropriate Use of Telehealth for information. A discussion ensued about the pros and cons of telemedicine. CVO is due to release its policy next month.

### **3.4. CCVR Health Canada Teleconference: Opioid Problem**

The Deputy Registrar presented a recap of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Health Canada teleconference about the opioid problem to Council for information. He reported that the main takeaway points were: that measures should be taken to help veterinarians identify a client seeking to divert their animals' controlled drugs for personal use, regulators should take complaints cases against veterinarians diverting controlled drugs from their facility for their personal use, and that monitoring of dispensed veterinary controlled drugs and reporting to regulators varies from province to province.

## **4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

### **4.1. President's Report**

The report was received for information. The Executive Committee is in the process of evaluating the Registrar/CEO and putting together a summary. Once complete it will be provided to Council.

### **4.2. Operational Report**

The Registrar outlined some of the items contained in the Annual Report, which she would cover in greater detail in her speech for the AGM scheduled that evening. With the Deputy Registrar's imminent retirement, Dr. Stacey Thomas is learning registration procedures. Ethyle Lamb (bookkeeper) is retiring as soon as her duties can be divided among the two complaints coordinators, who have taken over from Meera Eragoda. The current contract accountant is working 2 days per week, which we hope to reduce to 2 days a month once the bookkeeping training and the accounting conversion to the cloud are both completed in early 2018.

There are significant IT issues, specifically as it relates to accounting, and an update will be provided to Council in January.

#### 4.3. Facilities Report

Council was directed to the Annual Report.

#### 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. The Deputy Registrar pointed out the trend of more registrants going into retirement instead of cancelling. He further suggested that we encourage more registrants to do so when they stop practicing as retired members can serve on CVBC Committees while cancelled members cannot. Dr. Brocklebank also mentioned that accounting for CE has been changed to now be a two-year period January to December, while previously it was October to September. This change creates some difficulties for those who partake in the November conference sponsored by the SBCV. Any ambiguity will need to be resolved in registrants' favour.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

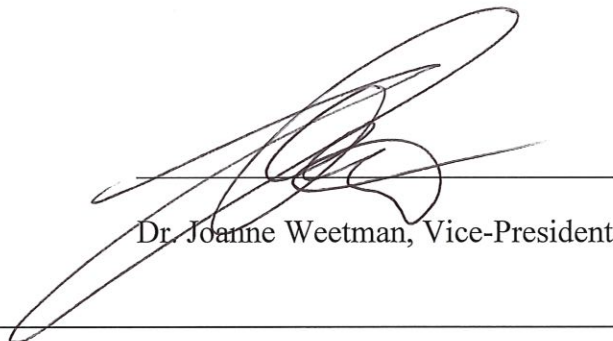
#### 5.1. Next meeting date

Saturday, January 20, 2018.

The open meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



Dr. Brendan Matthews, President



Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President