



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom

210 – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond

Friday, September 28, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members: Dr. Brendan Matthews (President), Dr. Joanne Weetman (Vice-President), Mr. Jeremy Pierce (Treasurer), Ms. Linda Wong, Ms. Lori Charvat and Dr. Sergije Prostran

Regrets: 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 10:22 a.m.

- Ms. Lori Charvat was not present at this time.

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 July 27, 2018 Open meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the July 27, 2018 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. Bylaws Schedule C

The Registrar informed Council that the Bylaws Schedule C had not been revised since 2016 and needs to be updated. Council was provided with an amended document for review and approval. Once approved by Council, this will require registrant vote to be formally approved.

Ms. Lori Charvat joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

The Registrar then walked Council through the proposed amendments:

- there needs to be a note explaining where GST does not apply (for example to fines and penalties);
- in the second section, every permutation of each class should be listed;
- the word “aggregate” was added to item 9;
- delete definitions as they duplicate the bylaw;
- include the fees for corporate and practice names (these are not new but have never been listed in Schedule C, only on the website);
- the practice facility re-inspection fee was annualized rather than being charged every 5 years;
- the “Captive Fee” was removed;
- the “Miscellaneous” category added; and
- general housekeeping details.

Council also discussed decreasing inspection fees and the difference between retired and non-practicing registration. These topics were both tabled for a future meeting.

MOTION: TO approve the amended Bylaws Schedule C as presented.

MOVED/SECONDED **CARRIED**

Council Direction: office to prepare messaging piece to accompany the amended Bylaws Schedule C for review at next meeting, before the Schedule C is sent for registrant vote.

3.2. Registrant Cooperation Standard

The Registrar reported to Council that there is a need for a standard that requires Registrants to come to the College’s office for an interview as part of the investigation process. This requirement is not listed in the *Veterinarians Act* or the Bylaws and the College is getting resistance. The Registrar has obtained two different legal opinions that it is necessary to draft a standard that requires registrant cooperation. A draft standard was provided to Council for discussion and approval.

MOTION: TO approve the “Registrant Cooperation Standard”.

MOVED/SECONDED **CARRIED**

Council Direction: develop a brief message to accompany this when published (do not publish before Council has approved this message).

Mr. Jeremy Pierce left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

ADDED: AGM Procedures and Guidelines

Following their attendance at the ABVMA AGM where there were published rules, the Registrar and President determined it would be a good idea to develop a similar procedures and guidelines document for the College's upcoming AGM. The Registrar provided a draft document to Council for discussion and reported that it is copied almost verbatim from the closed council meeting section of the Bylaws (with some deletions to simply legalistic wording).

MOTION: TO approve the "AGM: Procedures and Guidelines" as amended.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Council Direction: note on the document that it is Council approved, distribute it via e-blast, as a handout at the meeting and on screen at the meeting. Council also suggested the office look into setting up a livestream.

3.3. Bee Medicine Policy

The Deputy Registrar reported that on December 1, 2018, new federal legislation takes effects regarding Antimicrobial Use and the requirement for a veterinary prescription (and therefore a valid VCPR). This change can be expected to put increased pressure on producers and on large animal veterinarians, as producers who have historically managed to get by without a veterinary relationship will now be required to do so. The Deputy Registrar stated that she does not see any justification for making allowances for facilities with only small animal and/or non-ambulatory accreditation to provide herd animal services (even to backyard flock) without taking the regularly required steps for expanding practice scope.

However, she suggested that one area of practice that might deserve some special accommodation is bee medicine, as it presents some unique challenges with regard to VCPR. The CVO has its own policy regarding the requirements for a VCPR and the Deputy Registrar proposed that Council consider adopting a policy similar to that of the CVO for the provision of bee medicine in BC. By adopting such a policy, the geographic restriction that comes with a requirement for patient exam or site visits would be removed, which in turn would make it possible for a handful of truly interested veterinarians to meet the needs of this small but scattered group of

producers, rather than requiring (potentially) a majority of vets to familiarize themselves with bee medicine in order to service just a few clients each.

MOTION: TO approve the “Bee Medicine Policy” as amended.

MOVED/SECONDED **CARRIED**

Council Direction: publish and distribute.

3.4. VCPR Standard

The Deputy Registrar explained that there is an absence in the Bylaws of an outline of the expectations, duties and requirements of a Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) with respect to the duties the veterinarian has to the client and patient(s) but also with respect to what is necessary before a veterinarian is able to make a diagnosis, recommend treatments, and prescribe medications, etc. This leads to confusion and will be problematic as the College moves into discussions about the role and responsibilities of the veterinarian in antimicrobial stewardship, possible modifications to the traditional VCPR with regard to the practice of bee medicine, and a potential Memorandum of Understanding with the ABVMA regarding cross-border prescribing and dispensing. She suggested that it will benefit all parties to define the VCPR in a Professional Practice Standard.

With the permission of the CVO, the Deputy Registrar adapted that Standard and Guide, while ensuring that the basic universal tenets of the VCPR are clearly mentioned and that the Standard reflects the CVBC’s Bylaws as well. A draft standard and guide were presented to Council for discussion.

MOTION: TO approve the “Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship Standard” as amended.

MOVED/SECONDED **CARRIED**

Council Direction: publish and distribute the standard and revise the guidelines to bring forward for approval at next meeting.

3.5. Herd/Flock Medical Records Standard

The Deputy Registrar provided Council with a revised draft of the Herd/Flock Medical Records Standard. It was distributed to the profession on June 11, 2018 requesting feedback by June 18, 2018, as per Council direction. The office did not receive any input from registrants and only received one response, in favour of the standard.

MOTION: TO approve the “Herd/Flock Medical Records Standard”.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Council Direction: publish and distribute.

ADDED PFAC Scope of Practice Policy

The Deputy Registrar reported to Council that the PFAC has developed and approved a change in scope of practice policy. This policy was submitted to Council for consideration for approval.

MOTION: TO approve the “PFAC Scope of Practice Policy”.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Council Direction: publish and distribute.

3.6. Veterinary Dentistry Standard

This item was tabled until the next meeting as it will require thorough discussion and consideration.

3.7. Anesthetic Monitoring Standard

This item was tabled until the next meeting as it will require thorough discussion and consideration.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1. President’s Report

There was no report.

4.2. Registrar’s Report

There was no report.


4.3. Task List

The task list was received for information.

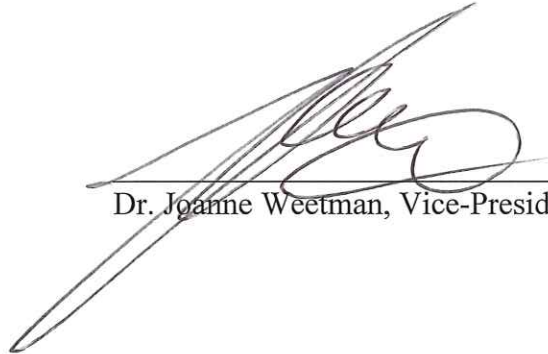
5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Next meeting date
Friday, October 12, 2018.

The open meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.



Dr. Brendan Matthews, President



Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President