



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom
210 – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond
Saturday, September 9, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Open Meeting

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

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.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 June 17, 2017 Council Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the June 17, 2017 open meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. Duty to Report

This is an informational item. In July 2017, Jane Pritchard came out against the CVBC's statement issued in June about a veterinarian's duty to report and reported her personal view as a veterinarian. However, she published this under the Ministry of Agriculture's publication, *Animal Health Monitor*. The Ministry and the Registrar have agreed to publish a joint statement addressing this conflicting information.

There was a discussion about the clarity of this duty to registrants, specifically as it relates to dental work. Nicky Joosting has volunteered to write a newsletter article to be sent to registrants, following the issuance of the joint statement.

3.2. WCVM Scholarship

Council discussed the level and type of support the CVBC wishes to provide for the upcoming year. First, Council considered whether it was valuable to have someone from Council be a part of the interview process which the WCVM conducts at the CVBC offices annually, for BC student applicants. The WCVM pays travel expenses for a Council member to attend, but does not pay per diem expenses. The CVBC's inclusion is useful for the purpose of informing prospective veterinarians about the CVBC as well as to plant the seed early about the possibility of working on committees. Next, Council discussed the stethoscope and white coat donation (approximately \$4,000) and whether this was money well spent, ultimately deciding to repurpose the money spent towards scholarships and bursaries for students demonstrating hardship or exceptional community service. It was noted that Hill's also provides stethoscopes and lab coats to students. In the past, the CVBC sponsored a Council or senior staff member travelling to the WCVM to present the donation, but this year this practice was discontinued as not cost effective and unnecessary. Instead, the presentation was made by WCVM faculty on behalf of the CVBC.

Council needs more information on how much the CVBC is contributing to WCVIM before further deciding how to apply its funding. This item is tabled until a future meeting.

Joanne Weetman joined the meeting at 9:30 AM

3.3. Diplomate and Specialist Status Survey

Council considered whether to expand eligibility to be registered in the SPP class and be entitled to use the terms “specialist” with EBVS diplomate status. Some provinces accept a “specialist” designation with EBVS diplomate status while others do not and the CVBC occasionally gets inquiries about why it is not accepted in BC. It was noted that veterinary school programs in New Zealand, Australia and South Africa are recognized by the EBVS. Montreal has a considerable number of EBVS specialists.

The Deputy Registrar explained that currently recognized diplomates may be registered in the PP (private practice) class if they hold a CQ, or in the SPP (specialty private practice) class if they do not hold a CQ. Otherwise, the same registration criteria apply. For accredited schools, the registration path requires the NAVLE. For non-accredited schools, the registration path requires CPE and CQ for full active registration.

Council resolved to direct a revision of the bylaws, knowing that it is subject to a registrant vote.

MOTION: TO revise part 2 and part 4 of the CVBC bylaws to also recognize as specialists holders of certificates granted by the EBVS.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

3.4. Therapeutic Cannabis Use – Regulatory Issue

Council considered a PowerPoint presentation provided by Dr. Bobsien from the 2017 ACVIM meeting about therapeutic cannabis use in animals. Hemp and CBD oil products do not have Health Canada drug identification numbers. There is currently no legal pathway for veterinarians in BC to prescribe, administer, dispense medical marijuana to animals or to counsel clients to use such products. However, the issue was raised that counselling is unavoidable when clients regularly ask about this as an alternative therapy. Nevertheless, Council agreed that there is a difference between talking about it candidly (including advising about the legal limitations, the

unregulated and possibly unreliable or incomplete descriptions and concentrations of the ingredients described on the labels, and the scientific invalidity of extrapolating dosages from human studies to animals, given differing metabolisms) as compared to counselling clients about use and sourcing of therapeutic cannabis.

It was noted that the CVO has published a news item on this topic with appropriate and accurate content. Council decided to disseminate the information from Health Canada on the topic. Regarding the PowerPoint presentation, it is a good first step but it is still alternative therapy at this time. The Deputy Registrar offered to write an article for the SBCV, whose role it is to lobby the government on behalf of the profession.

Staff is directed to investigate how Colorado and Washington state are handling this issue, and to thank Dr. Bobsien for her work on this topic.

3.5. Management and Disposal of Controlled Drugs

Council would like to thank Drs. Denis Anderchek and Merv Wetzstein for their help on this matter. Council would also like to acknowledge the College of Veterinarians of Ontario's work and permission for use as forming the basis for the CVBC's final document.

MOTION: THAT Council approves the CVBC Professional Practice Standard CVBC Bylaws, Schedule D Accreditation Standards: Management and Disposal of Controlled Drugs, which will be provided to registrants through an e-mail notification and then posted to the CVBC website.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1. President's Report

Tabled until next meeting.

4.2. Operational Report

Verbal update provided about the successful completion of the office relocation.

4.2.1. Deputy Registrar Application Process

CVBC has received two applications for the Deputy Registrar position. Both interviews will be held on October 4th, 2017 with an interview panel composed of Brendan Matthews, Luisa Hlus, and John Brocklebank.

4.3. Facilities Report

There was no Facilities Report.

4.3.1. Information Technology Update

Council received an IT update from Zaman Valli-Hasham who is contracted by the CVBC to deal with e-mail, the website, data and iMIS.

Email

Zaman reported that all e-mail was moved to the Microsoft cloud, housed within Canada. The advantage is that we no longer have a single point of failure/vulnerability (our on-site server). All e-mails are backed up continually, without sacrificing connectivity. Council noted that there needs to be a discussion about how long to save archived e-mails on the server (currently the period is 10 years).

iMIS

Zaman reported that iMIS (our registration database, from which our website information is also driven) is hosted on a single server located in the CVBC office. The main disadvantage is that a physical server failure (including a power outage) will limit recovery of information as of the date of the last backup. On site back up occurs nightly, but if that fails, then offsite back up would likely take one week to recover because it consists of unconfigured file data. Hosting the entire system off site may cost as much as \$1,000 monthly, but would have no recovery issues. Currently being explored is fail over off site recovery, which would incur costs only if needed.

Zaman also noted that iMIS is a very specialized system updated by an expert onshore partner charging very high hourly rates. An offshore team is developing

expertise at much lower rates. Zaman also explained to Council that upcoming changes with iMIS include better processing of payments. Even with better on-line payment options from the user's point of view, reducing the number of manual payments received by telephone, payments are batched nightly and a bookkeeper must manually enter them to each registrant's credit, following which a second entry must be made in the accounting software, which amounts to a cumbersome process.

Council was advised to focus firstly on backup and recovery, then to evaluate whether the CVBC should continue with iMIS for matters such as users inputting their own information using "Fast Forms". The C Systems quote for building Fast Forms is expensive and needs to be explored via alternative service providers.

Website

The website is hosted on the office server. The payment process has been updated in the registrant portal with the addition of a shopping cart, allowing for more payment options than just the annual dues.

Data still resides on the office server, but is being moved onto the Microsoft cloud as that is part of the hosting costs. Individual access to data will be better controlled in the cloud and it will be easier for remote workers, so this is the priority before iMIS and the website are addressed.

Improvements

The physical aspects of the office server have been improved with the office move. The previous location was under a sprinkler and next to a restaurant premises in a lower quality building. The probability of failure is lower in the current location, although heat during the summer months is a concern being explored by obtaining a quote for a dedicated air conditioning system (the HVAC for the building does not operate overnight nor on weekends). Tech support at the previous location was "on-call" (unpredictable as to timing and expensive). Current support is offered remotely. Software updates are added regularly to reduce security risks. Video conferencing has been enabled. Functionality has been streamlined.

Next steps include: a cooling system, securing the door to the IT closet, removing the complexity of a second switch, engaging off site back up, moving data to the Microsoft cloud, completing shopping cart system to decrease on site payment processing, modernizing the website, adding Fast Forms, test data recovery to ascertain that disaster recovery plan is in place.

4.4. Report on Name Approvals

The report was received for information.

4.5. Report on New Registrants

The report was received for information. It was noted that there have been many American veterinarians coming to work in Canada since the new American President was elected.

4.6. Report on Change of Registration Class

The report was received for information.

4.7. PFAC Resignation

Council accepted Dr. Fergus Alexander's recent resignation from PFAC. A new Chair has not yet been considered by PFAC, following Dr. Bruce Kay's resignation earlier in the year.

MOTION: TO accept the resignations of Drs. Bruce Kay and Fergus Alexander from the PFAC.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1. Next meeting date

The Saturday, October 14th Council meeting has been moved to a teleconference on Tuesday, October 17th, from 7 pm to 9 pm.

The Saturday, January 13th Council meeting has been moved to Saturday, January 20th. It will be followed by a Council meeting on March 10, 2018.

5.2. AGM date

Council decided to have the Council meeting and AGM both on the same day. The first choice is Friday, November 17th and the second, Friday, November 24th.

A Committee Mixer will be held before the start of the AGM, to recognize the invaluable contribution of current and recently resigned Committee Members. Appetizers and cocktails will be offered.

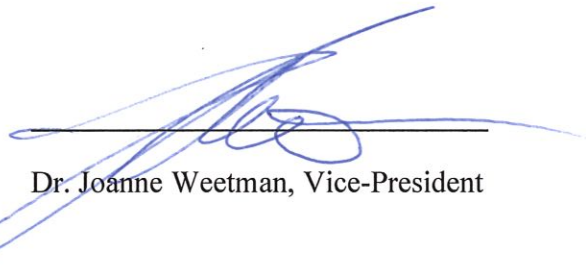
Venues will be contacted and booked shortly for all events.

Council also discussed the fact that few registrants come to the AGM, a key issue being travel distance, and are considering doing a livestream of the AGM so that registrants may watch remotely.

The open meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.



Dr. Brendan Matthews, President



Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President