



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## COUNCIL MEETING

Video Conference

Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

### Minutes of the Open Meeting

**Council Members:** Dr. Jane Pritchard (President), Mr. Chris Finding (Vice President), Mr. Gian Sihota (Treasurer), Dr. Josh Waddington, Dr. Michele Martin, Dr. Jane Mancell, Mr. Harinder Mahil, Dr. Tammi Whelan and Ms. Christine Arnold

**Staff:** Dr. Megan Bergman (Registrar & CEO), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Deputy Registrar), and Ms. Rosalee Magcalas (Executive Assistant)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pritchard at 2:46 p.m.

#### 2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

##### 2.1. Approval of the Open Agenda

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

**MOVED/SECONDED                      CARRIED**

##### 2.2. President's Remarks

No remarks. Thrilled at the support from Council in moving through all the agenda items.

##### 2.3. Approval of Consent Agenda

**MOTION: THAT** the Open Consent Agenda be approved with items 2.5, 3.6 (from addendum), 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4.

Dr. Martin requested that item 3.6 from the Addendum be moved to the regular open agenda for the next meeting scheduled for July 15, 2022.

**MOVED/SECONDED                      CARRIED**

#### 2.4 Minutes of the April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Open Meeting

Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION: THAT** the Minutes of the April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Open Council meeting be approved as per the Consent Agenda.

**MOVED/SECONDED**                      **CARRIED**

**Direction:** To post the approved April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 open meeting minutes.

### 3. **ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION**

#### 3.1. Governance Training

The Registrar has identified that the College does not really prepare Council or Committee members in their governance role when they start. . Council tasked her with the job of seeing what is being offered as a means of training. Public Council members go through CABRO training, but it is only available to public members so another source would be good for all Council members. Dr. Bergman reached out to AMC NPO Solutions, who offer these services, but she found that it was more business focused and would probably not provide the value or flexibility we would be looking for. We are members of CLEAR and much of their training is around regulatory training and if we chose to get an unlimited membership, it would allow us to put anyone through the program. Modules can be worked through online at your own time and is more focused around the foundations of professional regulation, roles and responsibilities of board members. The Registrar's personal preference is CLEAR which will provide good value for the money, by allowing us to get everyone through the courses for one fee.

Dr. Martin asked if these courses would be available for CE credit and if they fit the criteria, it would be a win-win. This training does not fit well into the practice of veterinary medicine, practice management, or professional ethics section of the bylaws, but can be brought forward to the Continuing Competence Committee for consideration.

**MOTION: To** approve enrolment of the CVBC in the CLEAR unlimited use online training package at a cost of \$2,311.20 CDN plus tax.

**MOVED/SECONDED**                      **CARRIED**

**Direction:** To enroll in CLEAR Solutions online training package.

#### 3.2. Staff and Contractor Travel & Expense Reimbursement Policy Approval

The approval of the Policy was carried over from the last meeting and at that time, it was agreed that the Council Executives approve the Registrar's travel, and the Registrar approves staff travel. Changes were requested previously and those have been made.

**MOTION: To** approve the CVBC Staff and Contractors Expense Reimbursement Policy as presented.

**MOVED/SECONDED**                      **CARRIED**

**Direction:** To review this policy annually.

### 3.3. Acceptance of Resignation of Current VP and Election of Replacement VP

Vice President, Mr. Chris Finding has tendered his resignation to sit as a Council Executive but will remain an active member of Council, Council accepted and agreed to move forward with identifying a new Vice President.

**MOTION:** To accept the resignation of Mr. Chris Finding from the Council Executive position of Vice President.

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

The floor was opened up for nominations to the position of Vice President and Mr. Sihota nominated Dr. Michele Martin, who accepted. There were no other nominations and Dr. Martin was acclaimed to the Executive position of Vice President.

### 3.4. Draft Council Policy Discussion

After the last Council meeting, the Registrar drafted two policies regarding Building the Council Agenda and Revisiting Past Council Decisions. In the interest of time, Council made the decision to move this item to the next scheduled Council meeting in July.

**Direction:** To bring these two policies back to the July meeting.

### 3.5. Registrar Policy: Recognition of International Jurisdictions for Temporary Registration Applications

The Deputy Registrar reviewed that eligibility for temporary registration with the CVBC requires current registration in a jurisdiction “recognized by the Registrar”. This policy is intended to establish the criteria that are assessed in this decision process, for clarity and transparency to applicants, registrants and staff. The draft policy establishes that the standard criterion will be current licensure in a jurisdiction which has an AVMA-accredited veterinary school within its borders. However, the policy does not preclude an applicant from presenting an argument for other information to be considered by the Registrar. While the policy is new, there have been several instances in recent years when the Registrar has needed to consider this question, and the policy is consistent with the decisions that have been made to date.

While the Council President does not have a problem accepting the policy, she does note that while some jurisdictions may have one AVMA accredited school, they might also have several other schools that aren't and wonders why that was chosen as a discerning line. Dr. Thomas explained that most countries that have multiple veterinary schools are broken up into smaller geographic areas (such as states or provinces) and each region has its own regulatory body – we would be recognizing the particular jurisdiction with the accredited school, not the entire country.

Council agrees that although this is not something that comes up often, it is good to have a policy in place, so the College is not making or seen to be making arbitrary decisions but rather has a thoughtful plan in place.

**MOTION:** To approve the Registrar Policy: Recognition of International Jurisdictions for Temporary Registration Applications as presented.

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

**3.6. Inclusive Writing Policy**

As per the request of Dr. Martin at the beginning of this meeting, this item will be brought back to the July meeting and placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

**4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

4.1. Report on New Registrants – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

4.2. Name Approvals – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

4.3. Report on Facilities, Closed, New & Reaccredited – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

4.4. Task List – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

5.1. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday July 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**MOTION: THAT** the Open meeting be closed at 3:51 p.m.

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**CARRIED**