



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

Video Conference

Friday, July 28th, 2023

Minutes of the Open Meeting

- Council Members:** Dr. Jane Pritchard (President), Dr. Michele Martin (Vice President), Mr. Gian Sihota (Treasurer), Dr. Josh Waddington, Mr. Harinder Mahil, Ms. Christine Arnold, Dr. Justin McLash and Ms. Kari Michaels
- Staff:** Dr. Megan Bergman (Registrar & CEO), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Deputy Registrar) & Ms. Rosalee Magcalas (Executive Assistant)
- Guest:** Ms. Amanda Barker, BCVTA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pritchard at 10:01 a.m.

2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

2.1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Council would like to respectfully acknowledge that we work and live on the traditional ancestral and unceded lands of the Coast Salish, Squamish, Sechelt, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh nations and we acknowledge all other first nations in British Columbia.

2.2 Approval of the Open Agenda

MOTION: THAT the Agenda be approved with the power to add.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2.3 President's Remarks

With a long break until the next meeting, Dr. Pritchard would like to avoid leaving anything on the table at this meeting. In the event that an item requires electronic voting over the summer, members are reminded to ensure that the office has the best email to reach you at.

2.4. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION: THAT the Open Consent Agenda be approved as presented with items 2.5, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2.5. Minutes of the June 16th, 2023 Open Council Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the June 16th, 2023 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Direction: To post the approved June 16th, 2023 open meeting minutes.

3. ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. Update from the BCVTA

While Ms. Barker was not in attendance at the last BCVTA meeting, she was still able to let Council know that it was the first meeting for the new President. The Stipend Policy was introduced for the Liaison, President and any position other position that conducted work over and above their regular duties. The BCVTA has also posted a locum page on their website for RVTs, and their fall conference will be held virtually on October 15th, 2023.

3.2. Updated CE Requirements for Inactive Registrants Applying to Reactivate

The issue of CE requirements for inactive registrants applying to reactive was first brought to the Continuing Competence Committee, who suspect they may have been misinterpreting the bylaw requirements. Their new understanding is a much more appropriate interpretation and that everyone needs to do 30 hours of CE every cycle, but inactive registrants are not expected to meet the ongoing requirements while they are in inactive status. If they decide to return, they do need to prove that they have done those hours in order to reactivate. No bylaw change or policy is required as nothing is changing, just clarification on how the bylaw is to be applied and this is presented as a guideline. Non-practicing and retired registrants are eligible to reactive for up to three years while registrants returning from maternity leave would be held to this new interpretation, as advised by outside counsel.

MOTION: TO approve the CVBC Guidelines to the Bylaws: Inactive Registrants and Continuing Education Requirements, effective immediately.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Direction: To post the Guideline on the website and put into use.

3.3. Council & Committee Fall Workshop

Council is also in agreement with Dr. Klemmensen's recommendation that the meeting with Committees and Council be held in person, and requested a report on the meeting for those who are unable to attend. The Registrar will start crafting a message to all members to attend in person. The possibility of recording the session was raised and this will be put to Dr. Klemmensen to consider.

Not having the workshop as a hybrid will alleviate many issues experienced at last year's AGM and opens up more options for venues, such as local community centers in Richmond.

Direction: To begin working on messaging for Committee members to attend in person. Visit community centers to gauge suitability for the workshop.

3.4. WCVM Business

Every year the CVBC is invited to participate in the White Coat and Awards Ceremony. Additionally, the SBCV has invited the Registrar to speak with the BC students. The Registrar is reaching out to Council to see if there is any interest to attend among the Council. Council feels it is important for the Registrar or Deputy Registrar to attend as there will be an opportunity to discuss other matters with colleagues in addition to participating in the WCVM Advisory Committee meeting. .

Council confirmed commitment to award a bursary to a 4th year WCVM student from BC in the amount of \$2,500.

MOTION: TO raise the amount of the one bursary to a 4th year WCVM student from BC to \$2,500.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Direction: Drs. Bergman and Thomas will discuss who will attend. Dr. Bergman will contact WCVM to advise of the increase in bursary.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

- 4.1. Report on New Registrants – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.
- 4.2. Report on Change of Registration Class – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.
- 4.3. Name Approvals – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.
- 4.4. Report on Facilities, Closed, New & Reaccredited – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.
- 4.5. 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 September 22nd, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION: THAT the Open meeting be closed at 10:43 a.m.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Council took a 10 minute break.