



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

In Person at #210-10991 Shellbridge Way
Friday, October 20, 2023

Minutes of the Open Meeting

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pritchard at 5:00 p.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

Remarks were waived.

2.4. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION: THAT the Open Consent Agenda be approved as presented with items 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

3. ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. Update on Council Election Process

On Consent Agenda, not discussed.

3.2. Debrief on Leadership Retreat

The workshop was a valuable learning tool that allowed Council and Committee members as well as staff to get to know each other on a more personal basis. Dr. Klemmensen led the

group through several very successful activities, which encouraged engagement of all participants. It gave everyone a clearer understanding of past events, where the CVBC is felt to be currently and where it might be going in the future.

While Council sees value in having a workshop like this every few years, and focus on repeating smaller Council-Committee discussions annually as much as possible (as at the 2022 AGM).

Dr. Klemmensen will provide a summary report on the day to close out her contract with the CVBC; Dr. Pritchard will ask her to provide her thoughts on what we can do to get take-aways from the day from the attendees to help us define a path for moving forward. Dr. Thomas and Mr. Walsoff will ask staff to share what they came away from the day with.

One idea is to ask Mr. Cavouras to record a 1-hour webinar explaining the College's mandate which could be made available to registrants through the Learning Hub. It would be something that the IC might be interested in requiring some registrants to complete as CE when signing a RAC, and also could be additional required session for new registrants to accompany the existing bylaw seminar.

Council members identified a theme among both staff and committee members regarding the notion of a role in "supporting" registrants. This is not an attitude that is reflective of the College's mandate to act in the public interest and to protect the public, and is something that needs to be addressed. It was acknowledged that "support" can mean different things to different people and in different contexts. This is an issue to be addressed at the staffing level by the Acting Co-Registrars and isn't for Council to involve itself directly in.

A focus for the new Registrar will be to ensure that the College has a clear discussion with staff about the CVBC's mandate and also to develop a clear message to registrants about this as well. It will likely need to be messaged repeatedly and frequently given the evidence that many registrants are still confused so many years after the new Act was established..

Direction: For the co-registrars to discuss the concerns raised by Council with staff. Dr. Pritchard will speak with Dr. Klemmensen about how to approach the attendees for their take aways. Dr. Thomas and Mr. Walsoff will speak to staff about their take-aways.

3.3. Update on CVBC's Learning Hub

On Consent Agenda, not discussed.

3.4. Update on Progress of Telemedicine Standard

On Consent Agenda, not discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1. Next Meeting Date

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 26th, 2023;
Tentative Council meeting: Friday, December 15th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (if needed).

MOTION: THAT the Open meeting be closed at 5:44 p.m.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Council broke for dinner until 6:15 p.m.