

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association held on  
Friday February 5, 2010 at the Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Attendance:** Those in attendance were: Drs. Tanya Anderson, Leeanne Barga, Trevor Bechuk, Ioan Bularca, Brad Chappell, Kulwinder Chhoker, Shelagh Copeland, Jackie Enns, Chris Enright, Annette Fleming, Gord Goodridge, Tim Gurnell, Stavros Iacovides, Chris Kranendonk, Julie Lamb, Victor Grichtchenko, Maya Grichtchenko, Claus Leppelmann, Karen Leppelmann, Fred Lindenschmidt, Carla Loewen, Colleen Marion, Sue McMillan, Hugh Millar, Kevin Millar, Mary Ann Miller, Peter Molnar, Ken Mould, Reuben Neumier, Colleen O'Morrow, Tim Pasma, Cathy Patterson, Marc Philippot, Max Popp, Rosemary Postey, Jillian Preston-Gren, Bill Richards, Andrea Robertson, Erin Rubert, Brad Safiniuk, Jon Seguire, Trevor Shamanski, Jaswant Singh, Valerie Smid, Jim Standish, Marek Tomczyk, Dick Van Middlesworth, Lynn Webster, Jennifer White, Jeanine Woods, Wayne Tomlinson, John Cops, Merv Madill, Jane Kranendonk, Philipp Schott, Colleen Skavinsky, Peter Schwartz, David Scammell, Ab Hague, Rosemary Hood, Neil Charnock, Terry Whiting and Ronald Hamilton.

**New MVMA Members:** Drs. Leo Kenny, Neil Versavel, Larry Adelman, Valerie Millette, Jennifer Sexsmith, Melanie Van der Loop, Matthew Flintoft, Ian Bishop, Vicki Bishop, Alisha George, Allison Murray, Karly Lanz, Sanjiv Bhandari, Vandeep Shergill, Vanessa Burton, Barry Sliworski, Walter Olson and Angela Coleman-Weibe.

**MVMA Life Member:** Dr. Gus Wruck

**MVMA Staff** - Andrea Lear, Director of Communication and Advocacy, Araina Dowd, Secretary-Treasurer, Lauralou Cicierski, Peer Review Coordinator and Dr. Jon Seguire, Registrar.

**Guests:** Peter Solilak - MAHTA President, Dr. Melanie Roth - SVMA Vice President, Dr. Julie de Mossac, CVMA President, Dr. Robert Ruckman – ABVMA President and Dr. Charles Rhodes – Dean WCVMA.

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the MVMA President, Dr. Brad Chappell at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Greetings**

The SVMA vice-president, Dr. Melanie Roth brought greetings on behalf of the SVMA. She informed the membership that a deputy Registrar will be hired to help with the transition of the retirement of the current Registrar, Dr. Curt Hagele. Dr. Robert Ruckman President of the ABVMA brought greetings and information on ongoing projects with the ABVMA. Dr. Charles Rhodes, Dean of WCVMA addressed and brought greetings from the college, informing all that this would be the last time he would bring greetings as the Dean of the College. His replacement as Dean of the college is Dr. Douglas Freeman. Dr. Julie de Moissac President of CVMA brought greetings from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and informed the members of ongoing projects and tasks the CVMA are undertaking on behalf of all Associations. The 2010 CVMA Convention is taking place in Calgary, Alberta this year and the 2011 Convention is taking place in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Peter Solilak brought greetings to the meeting on behalf of the Manitoba Animal Health Technologists.

### **3. Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Colleagues**

Membership were asked to stand for a moment of silence for colleagues Dr. Rex Leach, Dr. Roy Wilbee and other colleagues who have passed away but live on through their influences on our lives.

#### **4. Veterinarians Oath**

The membership remained standing and recited the veterinary oath. This standard oath has been adopted by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and is used across the country.

#### **5. President's Greetings**

Dr. Brad Chappell welcomed all those present and informed them that Council has taken on some important initiatives and would welcome their thoughts and considerations as we evolve and enhance our association and our profession. Dr. Chappell introduced the MVMA Council for 2010 as: Dr. Chris Kranendonk – vice president, Dr. Colleen Marion – past-president, councilors Dr. Rosemary Postey, and Dr. Trevor Bebchuk and new council members for 2010, Dr. Leeanne Bargen and Dr. Marc Philippot. Dr. Chappell informed the membership that the current council members were acclaimed and if there is no objection, the election of Council will be ratified. No objections.

The two outgoing members of Council, Dr. Carla Loewen and Dr. Sue McMillan were introduced to the membership.

MVMA Staff were introduced to the membership;

Araina Dowd – Secretary-Treasurer

Andrea Lear – Director of Communication and Advocacy

Dr. Jon Seguire – Acting Registrar

Lauralou Cicierski – Public Relations Assistant

Judy Reynolds – Administration Assistant – Unable to attend the meeting

#### **6. MVMA Committee/Volunteer Representative Annual Reports**

The Annual Reports were mailed to the membership prior to the AGM. Dr. Chappell listed the committee chairs who have acted in the best interest of the Association over the past year:

Dr. Randy Aitken – Strategic Planning Committee

Dr. Leeanne Bargen – Professional Image Committee

Dr. Corey Bartley – Companion Animal Committee

Dr. Fred Lindenschmidt – Practice Inspection/Practice Standards Committee

Dr. Nancy McQuade – Winnipeg Humane Society Liaison

Dr. Hugh Millar – WCVM Advisory Representative

Dr. Ken Mould – Canadian Animal Blood Bank President

Dr. Bob Newfield – Advisory to the CVMA Economic Survey Report and RRC Liaison

Dr. Mike Sheridan – MVMA Representative to the CVMA

Dr. Wayne Tomlinson – Food Animal Committee

Dr. Gus Wruck – Peer Review Committee

Vice-President, Dr. Chris Kranendonk addressed the membership informing them that Council has received a submission from Dr. Gus Wruck outlining suggested self-governance policies. The need to better define committee, staff and association function roles and responsibilities should be recognized. Council will look into self-governance policies this year.

Dr. Chappell informed the membership that Council has enlisted the services of parliamentarian, Mr. Dan Lynch to assist in the smooth running of the AGM. A parliamentarian is an expert in meeting procedures and rules of order and advises the chair on meeting procedure. Roberts Rules of Order are being followed for this meeting.

## 7. Special Orders

A) Additions/Modifications to agenda: The draft agenda sent out prior to the AGM will be followed unless there is any objection. No objections.

B) Minutes of the February 6, 2009 Annual General Meeting were made available to members. The Chair asked if there were any corrections and approved the Minutes as presented.

C) Presentation of Audited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2009 by Hawkins & Company were posted on line for the membership to review. Council is seeking quotations for service from other accounting firms and may appoint a new auditor for the Association

D) Presentation of 2009/2010 budget. This is presented for informational purposes and the membership were informed that our budget is in a deficit which is a reflection of two anticipated legal expenses and staff changes. Council is working on updating the Veterinary Medical Act to allow for professional incorporation and the interprovincial mobility agreement that will both require legal expertise. Staff modifications and associated salaries have also seen increases over the past year.

Council Reviewed/Approved bylaws as presented on the agenda will not be recorded as being moved and seconded. These will only require member voting to affirm ratification. Any member proposed bylaw will require a motion and a seconder in order for it to be voted on.

i) Dr. Hugh Millar chaired the CE task force to streamline approval of CE courses for credits towards requirement of licensure. Council have reviewed and approved the proposed changes and Dr. Millar was called to the podium to speak in favor of the proposed amendments. The motion on the floor to ratify changes to bylaw 6 with consequential amendments to bylaw 5 was modified by Dr. Kevin Millar as follows:

(b) CE is defined as a scientific or non-scientific program that can be justified to be within the member's scope of veterinary practice. – Remove the word member's

(e) In the event that a member is selected for an audit, the onus is on the member to provide the Registrar with documentary proof of participation in the requisite number of CE hours. Upon request, the member may be required to justify why a submitted CE is within "their" scope of practice. Change "their" to "the".

The chair called for the vote which was passed.

ii) Mr. Peter Solilak, President of MAHTA, was called to the podium to present modifications to bylaw 12, the Animal Health Technologists Bylaw to bring it up to date and keep it consistent with MAHTA bylaws. The motion was opened for discussion. To ratify the motion on the floor the chair asked for a show of hands and the motion was passed.

iii) Dr. Brad Chappell asked Dr. Chris Kranendonk to assume the duties of the chair and proceeded to the podium to speak in favor of the motion for bylaw 24 – MVMA Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR). The proposed changes to bylaw 24 – MVMA definition of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR), are being put forward in order to clearly define the minimum requirements (consultations and record keeping) and the definition of a VCPR. The motion was open for discussion. To ratify the motion on the floor, the chair asked for a show of hands and the motion was passed with one member opposed.

Dr. Chappell resumed his duties as chair.

iv) Dr. Fred Lindenschmidt was called to the podium to speak in favor of proposed motions to modify the PIPS bylaws. Dr. Lindenschmidt informed the membership of the PIPS bylaws modifications that will be taking place this year. The motion on the floor to adopt the Pharmacy proposed bylaw change was introduced with some discussion taking place. Dr. Colleen Marion proposed that the word “canine” be added to the section of Additions to Pharmacy General Requirements #1, 1 a) “canine donor”. A point of order was called and Dr. Jeanine Woods seconded Dr. Marion’s proposed addition. The vote was called on the proposed addition with the membership voting against the proposed addition – it will not be amended. The chair called for the original motion on the floor regarding the pharmaceutical update and PIPS redesign and the inspection requirement for newly opened/newly purchased/newly renovated clinics which was accepted and passed by the membership.

#### Member Proposed bylaw

i) Dr. Jeanine Woods introduced this bylaw change with Dr. Terry Whiting as the seconder, to allow members to volunteer and participate on the Peer Review Committee (PRC). This will allow new opinions, interpretations, expertise and attitude to be expressed as members are changed regularly. “New Blood” on the committee will allow members to participate without making a long commitment. The motion was opened to the membership for debate. Dr. Hugh Millar spoke against the motion as he felt that experience and consistency on PRC is important. Dr. Colleen O’Morrow spoke in favor of Dr. Wood’s motion, as did Dr. David Scammell. Dr. Colleen Marion stated that the concept of the motion is valid and felt that this should go back to Council to review and formulate some organizational bylaws. Dr. Carla Loewen supported Dr. Marion’s proposal that Council review this bylaw. The proposed bylaw was amended to read – “The term of the MVMA member representatives of the peer review committee shall be three (3) years. The peer review committee members can be re-appointed for a second term, but the terms must not be consecutive.” A subsidiary motion by Dr. Marion to refer this bylaw back to Council for review and re-present at next years’ AGM was passed.

### **8. New Business**

An open forum for membership commentary was introduced. The chair advised the membership that the MVMA bylaws do not allow us to vote on items for which notice wasn’t given. Dr. Wayne Tomlinson, on behalf of Dr. David Thomson, presented Dr. Thomson’s request that CE credits be awarded to members who purchase PIPS required text books. The topic on the floor was not recognized by the membership, thus died.

### **9. Open Forum**

a) Legal Expense Fund – Dr. Trevor Bebchuk informed the membership that Council is addressing this matter and the membership will be updated.

b) Incorporation of Veterinary Practices – Dr. Bebchuk informed the membership that Council is also addressing this matter and will be approaching the Minister of Agriculture to have the Veterinary Medical Act opened to address the section on Incorporation.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and the chair thanked all present for participating in the 2010 AGM.