

Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association
Annual General Meeting
Friday, February 3, 2012
Victoria Inn
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Attendance: Drs. Larry Adelman, Leeanne Bargaen, Trevor Bechuk, Chris Bell, Naomi Berard, Charlene Berkvens, Andrea Braha, Brad Chappell, Neil Charnock, Shelagh Copeland, Jennifer Demare, Jacqueline Enns, Chris Enright, Kent Fenton, Annette Fleming, Gordon glover, Jessica Ibey, Tara Jacobsen, Pat Dorval, Navjot Kaur, Mike Kosheluk, Chris Kranendonk, Jane Kranendonk, Fred Lindenschmidt, Merv Madill, Colleen Marion, Mackenzie Marks, Heather McDonell, Dale McKague, Stephani McLean, Mary Ann Millar, Hugh Millar, Kevin Millar, Allison Murray, Colleen O'Morrow, Walter Olson, Suzanne Pankratz, Cathy Patterson, Wendy Paziuk, Marc Philippot, Jillian Preston-Gren, Allison Pylypjuk, Sarvjot Singh, Fawcett Taylor, Wayne Tomlinson, Adele Veinot, Lynn Webster, Terry Whiting, Jeanine Woods, Bill Richards, Frank Juck, Bob Newfield, Joyce Chartrand-Kehler, Jaswant Singh, Kulwinder Chhoker, Carolyn Maguet, Peter Molnar, Bhupinder Singh, Marg Seward, Ken Johnson, Erika Anseeuw, Tanya Anderson, Trevor Shamanski, Mike Sheridan, Reuben Neumier, Ellen Amundsen-Case and Barb Nelson-Kozack.

Invited Guests: Dr. Annabelle Denson - President AVMA, Dr. Ken Gummesson – President College of Veterinarians of BC, Dr. Kevin Millar representing the CVMA and Dr. Douglas Freeman – Dean of WCVM.

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Dr. Chris Kranendonk welcomed all to the AGM as well as the new members in attendance who had attended the seminar/exam earlier in the day.

Dr. Bob Spice was called to the podium to present Dr. Jon Seguire with his Life Membership Award on behalf of the MVMA. Dr. Spice gave a few personal thoughts about Dr. Seguire and informed the membership of his volunteering and commitment to the MVMA over the years. Dr. Seguire expressed his thanks to the membership for the honor presented to him.

Dr. Chris Kranendonk introduced some guests who had been invited to the MVMA AGM including the President of AVMA, President of the College of Veterinarians of BC and Dr. Kevin Millar, representing the CVMA. Also Dean Douglas Freeman (WCVM) attended the MVMA Annual General Meeting and updated the membership on the college happenings.

Remembering colleagues who have passed away in 2011 - A moment of silence was observed for Dr. Peter Van Deveire and Dr. Robert Hugh Best.

The Veterinarians Oath was recited by the membership.

Dr. Kranendonk addressed the assembly.

2012 Council was ratified with their introduction. Dr. Marc Phillipot, 2012 MVMA President; Dr. Wayne Tomlinson, Vice-President for 2012; and acting Councilors for 2012: Dr. Leeanne Bargaen, Dr. Bhupinder (Tony) Singh, Dr. Chris Kranendonk – Past President for 2012. The two new incoming council members

are Dr. Marg Seward and Dr. Jackie Enns. Current council members are acclaimed and if no objections the council is ratified for 2012. No objections.

The outgoing council members are Drs. Brad Chappell and Trevor Bebchuk. Dr. Chris Kranendonk thanked them for their contributions on council and for the MVMA.

Dr. Kranendonk then introduced the MVMA staff, Andrea Lear, General Manager and Director of Communication & Advocacy; Michelle Martin-Strong, Registrar; Araina Dowd, Secretary-Treasurer; Simone Gillies, Communication & Regulatory Associate; and Judy Reynolds, Administrative Assistant (Judy was not in attendance).

The membership was informed that for the purpose of managing the meeting, Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised is being used. Also, the MVMA has retained the services of Mrs. Vera Chernecki as a parliamentarian. The basics of parliamentary procedure (copies on all tables) can be referenced during the meeting. Dr. Kranendonk called for a motion to approve these rules for this meeting.

Dr. Lynn Webster moved to approve the Basics of Parliamentary Procedure to be used at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Dr. Ken Johnson seconded.

The membership was asked if there was any discussion on the motion, of which there was none and the motion was adopted.

Motion passed.

Dr. Kranendonk informed the membership that Council has appointed Dr. Annabell Denson and Dr. Ken Gummeson to act as scrutineers for this Annual General Meeting. There was no objection from the membership.

The Secretary-Treasurer informed the President that a quorum for the meeting has been reached with 67 members signing in.

MVMA council have approved and passed the 2011 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

The GM spoke to the financial statements and the 2011-2012 MVMA Budget which have been approved by council. The financial statements for year ended June 30, 2011 are available online to the membership. There were no questions or concerns from the membership. MVMA will continue to engage the services of OnBusines for financial statements and audits.

Dr. Tomlinson presented the proposed change to by-law 19 regarding Council's authority to approve unusual expenditures of money and contracts greater than one year.

Dr. Tomlinson moved that the proposed bylaw amendment regarding the approval of unusual expenditures and contracts greater than one year be approved as presented. Dr. Leeanne Barga seconded. No discussion. Motion Passed.

Dr. Bebchuk presented the amendment to the MVMA Code of Ethics regarding the Advertising By-law - that all ads by clinics and veterinarians should be retained for a period of one year.

Dr. Trevor Bebhuk moved, Dr. Kevin Millar seconded. Open debate.

Dr. Leeanne Bargen moves to strike the phrase “as a record against any complaints generated by the advertising” and amend the amendment, Dr. Hugh Millar seconds.

***The first amendment presented – no further debate. - Passed
Amendment to the MVMA bylaw as first presented – Passed.***

New MVMA bylaw 31 - Dr. Leeanne Bargen moved to approve the proposed new MVMA ear cropping bylaw , Dr. Terry Whiting seconded. Open debate

A member expressed her concern that if veterinarians do not do ear cropping then other lay people will do it. The member felt that if it's going to be done it should be done by qualified veterinarians. Another member stated that veterinarians need to take a stand against the breed owners and support this motion.

Call for vote. Majority in favor - Passed. Four (4) opposed.

Dr. Brad Chappell introduced the Parliamentary Authority Bylaw 32.

Dr. Brad Chappell moved to approve Parliamentary Authority Bylaw 32. Dr. Max Popp seconded. Passed.

Dr. Marc Philippot spoke to this matter referencing a member motion referred to MVMA Council 2010. In response, the MVMA Council passed into policy on July 1, 2011 the “Terms of Reference for Committees and Representatives”.

Dr. Marc Philippot moved the “Terms of Reference for MVMA Committees and Representatives” will be held in MVMA policy rather than the MVMA bylaws. Dr. Colleen Marion seconded. Majority in favour - Passed. One member opposed.

Annual Reports for 2011 were mailed to the membership and no verbal reports will be given. There were no questions from the membership on the reports.

Dr. Philippot spoke to the membership about the proposed new office lease which is under review. The MVMA Council is waiting for the final report on the potential move and will keep the membership informed. Dr. Lynn Webster asked what the results of the office relocation survey sent to the membership were. It was shared with those in attendance that the feedback was generally positive.

Dr. Wayne Tomlinson provided an update on the state of veterinary incorporation and veterinary pharmaceutical regulations. Mr. Robert Dawson addressed the membership regarding incorporation.

No new business from the membership presented.

Dr. Chris Kranendonk passed the gavel to the incoming president Dr. Marc Philippot.

Dr. Philippot expressed his thoughts of becoming president and presented Dr. Kranendonk with a gift for the hard work during his time as president of the MVMA and thanked him for his commitment to the association.

As his first official duty as 2012 MVMA President, Dr. Philippot adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.