



MVMA Annual General Meeting

Friday, February 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, 1808 Wellington Avenue

Present: Neil Ambrose, Wadie Ariza, Jennifer Beckwith, Jocelyn Beggs, Megan Bergman, Christie-Leigh Capper, Danielle Carefoot, Joyce Chartrand-Kehler, Kulwinder Chhoker, Karen Choptain, Jennifer Conway, John Copps, Michelle Cutler, Suzanne Davidson, Brittney Derksen, Dale Douma, Tannis Dressell, Christopher Enright, Christine Geisreiter, Venessa Graydon, Tara Guinn, Marcel Hanley, Richard Hodges, Susan Hore, Petra Jebbink, Lisa Joachim, Chris Kranendonk, Christian Legaspi, Fred Lindenschmidt, Benjamin Lobb, Kennedy Makondo, Rita McKay, Hugh Millar, Barbara Nelson-Kozak, Roxane Neufeld, Reuben Neumier, Enoch Omololu, Marc Philippot, Jillian Preston-Gren, Carel Reesink, Nijitha Sanjayan, Michelle Saydack, David Scammell, Philipp Schott, Peter Schwartz, Vicky Sempers, Marg Seward, Vanessa Stewart, Fawcett Taylor, Cara Warkentin, Jonas Watson, Terry Whiting, Kimberley Teerhuis, Gemriff Capao, Elizabeth Ostendorf, Christy Martens, Jane Kranendonk,

Guests: Dr. Nicole Gallant, CVMA, Dr. Deb Hupka-Butz, SVMA, Dr. Louis Kwantes, ABVMA, Mr. Larry Odegard, College of Veterinarians of British Columbia, Dr. Al Longair, CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians, Dr. Duncan Hockley, WCVMA, Dr. Megan Bergman, MAFRD, Ms. Cindy Sontag, MAHTA

Staff: Andrea Lear, Michelle Martin-Strong, Tracy Rees and Judy Reynolds

Chairperson: Dr. Roxane Neufeld, 2015-2016 MVMA President

1. Call to Order

Dr. Neufeld called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. Dr. Neufeld welcomed the meeting participants including veterinarians new to Manitoba. Those members were asked to stand and received a round of applause.

2. Confirm Quorum & Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Neufeld stated that MVMA By-laws required that 10% of membership constitutes a quorum; meaning that at least 38 MVMA members needed to be in attendance. Ms. Judy Reynolds, MVMA Administrative Assistant, advised Dr. Neufeld that 55 members had signed into the meeting.

Dr. Neufeld stated that the agenda for the AGM had been sent to members and was also available at the meeting. She asked if there were any objections to the agenda. There were no objections from attendees.

Dr. Neufeld introduced Ms. Vera Chernecki as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

Dr. Neufeld advised the attendees that Dr. Deb Hupka-Butz from the SVMA and Dr. Louis Kwantes from the ABVMA had been appointed as scrutineers for the meeting. She asked if there were any objections to their appointment. There were none.

The Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order was moved by Dr. Hugh Miller. The motion was seconded by Dr. Marc Phillippot. After a vote, the motion was carried.

3. Special Recognition of MVMA Members

Life Member Award:

- Dr. Richard Van Middlesworth – was presented his award by Dr. Karen Choptain. Dr. Van Middlesworth talked about his career and expressed his appreciation to the membership.

Certificate of Merit:

- Dr. Peter Schwartz – was presented his award by Dr. Roxane Neufeld. Dr. Schwartz said a few words about his experience with the MVMA and the Peer Review Committee, and expressed his thanks for the award.

4. Introduction of Guests & Greetings

- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Nicole Gallant, president of the CVMA, brought greetings on behalf of the CVMA.

- Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Deb Hupka-Butz brought greetings on behalf of the SVMA.
- Alberta Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Louis Kwantes, President of the ABVMA, brought greetings from the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association
- College of Veterinarians of British Columbia – Mr. Larry Odegard, Registrar & CEO of the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia, brought greetings from his College.
- CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter – Dr. Al Longair, Vice-President, CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians, brought greetings on behalf of his association.
- Western College of Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Duncan Hockley, Director, brought greetings and news from WCVM.
- Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Development – Dr. Megan Bergman brought greetings on behalf of MAFRD.
- Manitoba Animal Health Technologists Association – Ms. Cindy Sontag, MAHTA liaison to the MVMA, shared concerns from MAHTA.

5. Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Colleagues

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dr. Walter Wolfe, a longtime MVMA member. Members also remembered those colleagues struggling with illness and other challenges.

6. Veterinarian's Oath

The Oath was recited by all members.

7. President's Greetings

Dr. Neufeld introduced herself to the membership and noted that such public events as the AGM served as a reminder to her and the other MVMA Councilors about who they are serving. She reminded the audience that the events and activities of Council and MVMA committees are summarized in the Annual Report which is circulated to membership in advance of the AGM. She informed the membership that Council wants to continue hearing membership's thoughts.

A. Introduction of 2016 Council

The 2016 Council was introduced and ratified.

- Dr. Roxane Neufeld, 2015 President, Dauphin Veterinary Clinic, Dauphin
- Dr. Suzanne Davidson, 2016 President, Portage Veterinary Hospital, Portage la Prairie
- Dr. Richard Hodges, 2017 President, University of Manitoba
- Dr. Wadie Ariza, Councillor, Swine Health Professionals, Steinbach
- Dr. Dale Douma, Councillor, MAFRD - CVO/Food Safety Knowledge Centre
- Dr. Manjit (Manny) Sra, Councillor, Southglen Veterinary Hospital, Winnipeg (absent)
- Dr. Jonas Watson, Councillor, Tuxedo Animal Hospital, Winnipeg

B. Introduction of Interim Council Members

- Ms. Christy Martens, Interim Technologist Representative, Transcona Veterinary Hospital, Wpg
- Ms. Janis McCarthy, Interim Technologist Representative, Assiniboine Park Zoo, Winnipeg

C. Farewell to Retiring Council Members

Dr. Neufeld thanked the retiring Council members for their hard work and dedication to the association during their time on Council:

- Dr. Marguerite M. Seward, 2014 President, CFIA – Steinbach District Office, Steinbach
- Dr. Michael Sheridan, Councillor, Swine Practitioner, Winnipeg (absent)

D. Introduction of MVMA Staff

Dr. Neufeld thanked staff for their efforts over the past year. She singled out the Executive Director's efforts in regard to the opening of the Veterinary Medical Act in the past year.

- Andrea Lear, MVMA Executive Director
- Michelle Martin-Strong, MVMA Registrar

- Tracy Rees, MVMA Member Services Coordinator
- Judy Reynolds, MVMA Administrative Assistant
- Melanie St. Laurent, MVMA Office Assistant – unable to attend the meeting

8. MVMA Council, Committee & Volunteer Reports

a) MVMA Committee/Volunteer Representative Annual Reports

This report was emailed to the membership prior to the AGM and is also available online. Dr. Neufeld encouraged the membership to thank these committees and volunteer representatives who work hard in support of MVMA activities, and urged members to volunteer their time with the MVMA.

b) MVMA Council Updates – The MVMA Council reported on three specific items in the Annual Reports to Membership. They were:

- The MVMA and the Legislative process
- Next Steps – Life After Legislative Change
- Technologists membership – How Our Membership Will Grow

Dr. Neufeld asked if there were any questions arising from these reports. No questions were asked.

9. Special Orders

a) Presentation of Financial Statement ending June 30, 2015

Dr. Neufeld invited the MVMA's Executive Director to the stage to review the financial statements. The Executive Director presented the financial statement to membership.

Dr. Peter Schwartz asked a question about the MAAS lab equipment which the Executive Director explained.

Dr. Terry Whiting motioned to accept audited financial statement as presented. Dr. David Scammell seconded. After a vote, the motion was carried.

Dr. Neufeld advised membership that the MVMA Council had also approved the continued engagement of OnBusiness Solution as the MVMA Auditors for the ensuing year. She requested that membership in attendance approve this engagement.

Dr. Marc Phillippot moves that On Business Solutions continue as MVMA's accountants in 2016. Dr. Hugh Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion is adopted.

b) Presentation of 2015/2016 budget for information purposes

The Executive Director presented the 2015/2016 budget which had been approved by the MVMA Council.

c) MVMA By-laws – New & Amended

Dr. Neufeld advised attendees there was one MVMA By-law amendment to review at the meeting.

The "Members Voting on By-laws" by-law was presented to the attendees. As it was approved by the MVMA Council, this Bylaw only requires a seconder.

Seconded by Dr. David Scammell.

A technical error was found in the wording of the proposed bylaw. Moved to strike subsection 2 and replace with 7 (2). The amendment was moved by Dr. Terry Whiting. Seconded by Dr. Phillip Schott. After a vote the amended by-law was adopted.

10. New Business

There were no items/issues that MVMA members want to discuss with the AGM assembly.

11. Passing of the Gavel

Dr. Roxane Neufeld passed the gavel to the incoming 2016 MVMA President, Dr. Suzanne Davidson. Dr. Davidson presented Dr. Neufeld with a gift and thanked her for her service as president.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm