



Minutes of the 2017 MVMA Annual General Meeting

Friday, February 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, 1808 Wellington Avenue

Present: Lorraine Adam, Tanya Anderson, Elizabeth Andree, Wadie Ariza, Patricia Ball, Chris Bell, Megan Bergman, Heidi Bjornson, Gina Bowen, Leanne Boyd-Sandelli, Amanda Brown, Mel Browning, Brenda Bryan, Joanne Buitenhuis, Shantel Burkett, Gemriff Capao, Melissa Cavanagh, Neil Charnock, Kane Christiuk, Stephanie Cook, John Copps, Suzanne Davidson, Patricia Dorval, Dale Douma, Kim Elphick, Annette Fleming, Maria Fuchs, Angelica, Galezowski, Danielle Godard, Ron Hamilton, Judy Hodge, Richard Hodges, Patricia Ilott, Kenneth Johnson, Alexandra Koby, Heather Kovacs, Scott Kramer, Christian Kranendonk, Jane Kranendonk, Hemalatha Kuppusamy, Megan Leclair, Fred Lindenschmidt, Trich Lobaton, Tannis Lochhead, Kirstin Macdonald, Christy Martens, Emily Martens, Liana Mawer, Janis McCarthy, Dale McKague, Hugh Millar, Catharine Moir, Barbara Nelson-Kozack, Roxane Neufeld, Reuben Neumier, Frank Nichols, Jennifer Nyhof, Doug Oliver, Enoch Omololu, Catherine Patterson, Allison Penner, Rosemary Postey, Jillian Preston-Gren, Virgil Purugganan, Allison Pylypjuk, Patricia Roberts, Kara Rutherford, Lisa Schmidt, Philipp Schott, Marguerite Seward, Jamaludeen Shamsudeen, Theodore Shwaluk, Cindy Shymko, Prabhjit Singh, Jennifer Sletmoen, Cindy Sontag, Manjit Sra, Vanessa Stewart, Joan Stewart-Hay, Matthew Strate, Steven L. Strauss, Suhada Thoppil, Krzysztof Tomczyk, Wayne Tomlinson, Cara Torevell, Blaine Tully, Cindy Vaughan, Lorna Verschoore, Doraine Wachniak, Jonas Watson, Candace Wenzel, Anne Whipple, Terry Whiting, Kristin Wiebe, Heather Wilton, Jessee-Lee Young, Jenesa Banman,

Guests: Minister of Agriculture Mr. Ralph Eichler, Province of MB, Dr. Troy Bourque, Dr. Chris Clarke, WCVMA, CVMA, Dr. Kevin MacAuley, ABVMA, Dr. Charlotte Williams, SVMA,

Staff: Andrea Lear, Melanie Neault, Michelle Martin-Strong, and Tracy Rees

Chairperson: Dr. Suzanne Davidson, 2016-2017 MVMA President

1. Call to Order

Dr. Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Dr. Davidson welcomed the meeting participants including veterinarians new to Manitoba and the veterinary technologist to the MVMA. Those members were asked to stand and received a round of applause.

2. Confirm Quorum & Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Davidson stated that MVMA By-laws requires at least 20 MVMA members needed to be in attendance to constitute a quorum for the meeting. Ms. Melanie Neault, MVMA Office Assistant, advised Dr. Davidson that 88 members had signed into the meeting.

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

Dr. Davidson advised the attendees Dr. Kevin McCauley from the ABVMA and Dr. Charlotte Williams from the SVMA had been appointed as scrutineers for the meeting. She asked if there were any objections to their appointment. There were none.

Dr. Davidson advised the attendees that for the purpose managing the meeting the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised would be used. She asked attendees to reference the basics of parliamentary procedure document. She reviewed the rules to follow when speaking during the meeting.

The Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order was moved by Dr. Ken Johnson. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cindy Sontag. After a vote, the motion was carried.

3. Recognition of MVMA Members

Dr. Davidson recognized the MVMA Awards winners who were presented with their awards prior to the MVMA AGM at the pre-AGM dinner. Dr. Kevin Millar was presented with both a Certificate of Merit as well as a Life Member Award. Drs. Michael Sheridan and Mark Swendroski were presented with Life Member Awards. Ms. Bath Knight was presented with an MVMA Honorary Membership.

4. Introduction of Guests & Greetings

- Manitoba Agriculture – Minister of Agriculture, Ralph Eichler, Brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Manitoba.
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Troy Bourque of the CVMA, brought greetings on behalf of the CVMA.
- Manitoba Animal Health Technologists Association – Ms. Cindy Sontag, MAHTA liaison to the MVMA, brought greetings on behalf of MAHTA.
- Drs. Chris Clark, WCVMA, Charlotte Williams, SVMA, and Dr. Kevin MacCauley, ABVMA were in attendance but did not bring greetings.

- Western College of Veterinary Medicine - Dr. Chris Clarke was in attendance, but did not present greetings.
- Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Charlotte Williams was in attendance, but did not present greetings.
- Alberta Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Kevin McCauley was in attendance, but did not present greetings.

5. Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Colleagues

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

6. MVMA Vision and Mission

Dr. Davidson reviewed the MVMA Vision and Mission statements. She discussed how the MVMA Council uses the Vision and Mission statements to guide them and focused on association objectives.

7. President's Greetings

Dr. Davidson introduced herself to the membership and noted that events like 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 member's thoughts.

A. Introduction of 2017 Council

Dr. Davidson introduced the 2017 MVMA Council.

- Dr. Suzanne Davidson - 2016 President, Portage Veterinary Hospital, Portage la Prairie
- Dr. Richard Hodges - 2017 President, University of Manitoba
- Dr. Manjit (Manny) Sra - 2018 President, Southglen Veterinary Hospital, Winnipeg
- Ms. Lorraine Adam - Public Member
- Dr. Wadie Ariza - Veterinarian Member, Swine Health Professionals, Steinbach
- Dr. Amanda Brown - Veterinarian Member, Stonewall Veterinary Clinic, Stonewall
- Ms. Janis McCarthy – Veterinary Technologist Member, Assiniboine Park Zoo, Winnipeg
- Ms. Christy Martens - Veterinary Technologist Member, Transcona Veterinary Hospital, Wpg
- Dr. Jennifer Nyhof - Veterinarian Member, Thompson Veterinary Clinic, Thompson
- Mr. Douglas Oliver - Public Member
- Dr. Jonas Watson – Veterinarian Member, Tuxedo Animal Hospital, Winnipeg

B. Farewell to Retiring Council Members

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

- Dr. Roxane Neufeld -2015 President, Dauphin Veterinary Clinic, Dauphin
- Dr. Dale Douma – Veterinarian Member, Manitoba Agriculture - CVO/Food Safety Knowledge Centre

C. Introduction of MVMA Staff

Dr. Davidson thanked staff for their efforts over the past year. She singled out the Registrar and Executive Director for their hard work on the by-law reconstruction and also Tracy Rees for her dedication on the CenCan Conference preparation. Dr. Davidson also thanked Judy Reynolds and Melanie Neault for their support within the MVMA Office. She introduced each staff member by name.

- Andrea Lear, MVMA Executive Director
- Michelle Martin-Strong, MVMA Registrar
- Tracy Rees, MVMA Member Services Coordinator
- Melanie Neault, MVMA Office Assistant
- Judy Reynolds, MVMA Administrative Assistant

8. MVMA Council, Committee & Volunteer Reports

Dr. Davidson stated that the MVMA Annual report to Membership, 2016 in Review report was emailed to the membership prior to the AGM and copies were available at the meeting. Dr. Davidson 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.

9. Special Orders

A. Treasurer Report

- Presentation of Audited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2016

Dr. Davidson invited the MVMA's Council Treasurer, Dr. Richard Hodges, to review the financial statements. Dr. Hodges presented the financial statement to membership.

Dr. Dale Mckague, asked about the practice inspections and if it comes out of the legal fund. Richard Hodges responded that they do not.

Dr. Davidson asked for a motion to approve the financial statements as presented.

Dr. Hugh Millar motioned to accept the audited financial statement as presented. Dr. Marg Seward seconded. After a vote, the motion was carried.

Dr. Davidson advised membership that the MVMA Council had also approved the continued engagement of OnBusiness Solution as the MVMA Auditors for the ensuing year. She asked for a motion to approve this engagement.

Ms. Melanie Browning moves that On Business Solutions continue as MVMA's accountants in 2017. Dr. Hugh Millar seconded. All in favor. Motion is adopted.

- Presentation of 2016/2017 budget for information purposes

The MVMA treasurer, Dr. Richard Hodges presented the 2016/2017 budget which had been approved by the MVMA Council.

Dr. Chris Bell asked if the legal fund reaches its target of \$250,000 this fiscal year would contributions still be required. Dr. Hodges responded that Council will review and determine if further contributions would be required.

B. MVMA By-laws

- MVMA By-law Revisions - for member approval

Dr. Davidson explained that in the fall of 2015, the MVMA Council recognized that, as a result of the amendments to the Veterinary Medical Act as well as the membership status and regulation of veterinary technologists, the MVMA would have to develop new or revise existing MVMA By-Laws. After a review of all MVMA by-laws, the council determined that there were very few by-laws that would not require revision and, further, the MVMA by-laws could benefit from reformatting which would result in better organization and readability. As a result, the MVMA Council decided that the MVMA By-Laws would undergo a "renovation" in 2016. The MVMA Council decided not to make many substantial revisions to the by-laws unless revisions were required due to amendments to the Act or membership status and regulation of veterinary technologists. This is so that members can review this new layout without also having to be concerned with significant revisions to existing by-laws. The revised by-law will be presented tonight for membership approval. The revision will replace current MVMA by-laws.

Dr. Davidson explained that as set out in section 7(2) of the Veterinary Medical Act, the MVMA Council reviewed the proposed by-law and identified the membership classes that are affected by the parts of the by-law. Only those membership classes that are affected by parts of the by-law are entitled to vote on that part.

Colored voting cards were distributed to each member category that the vote will affect, only all registered veterinary technologists with blue cards can vote on those portions that are blue. Veterinarians will have green cards and can only vote on the green sections.

Dr. Davidson stated that common portions of the by-law were grouped together and will be voted on together allowing for focus and discussion on the specific portion of the by-law when that portion is called for a vote.

Dr. Davidson explained that because the MVMA Council approved and adopted the proposed by-law on January 9, 2017, for the purpose of this meeting it has been moved by council therefore does not require a seconder.

- **Vote #1- Part 5 – Transitional Provision and part 6 – Repeal and coming into force.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions. There were none. A vote was held. All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #2 – Interpretation.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Lorna Verschoore had a question about a definition of practice on veterinary technologist's members and scope of practice, what is the definition of a RVT not under direct supervision of a veterinarian. Dr. Davidson responded that these are broad categories and they will be broken into more detail within the membership classes. The MVMA Council will look into this further.

All in favour. Motion is adopted

- **Vote #3 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 1 – Council; Division 2 – election of council members; Division 3- vacancies and removal of council members; Division 4 – Council meetings; Division 5 – meetings of members; Division 6 – election of officers.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Melanie Browning had a comment on this section, if there should be an amendment on the quorum requiring a specific number of members from each category in order to constitute a quorum. Dr. Davidson explained that quorum is not based on membership classes.

All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #4 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 7 - Members.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there are any questions. There were none. All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #5 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 9 – Veterinary Technologists, Sections 1 to 4c, 4e to 12.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Doraine Wachniak had an amendment on page #26 – Section 2.9.7 – it should be replaced with section 2.8.7.

Ms. Doraine Wachniak motioned to change section 2.9.7 to section 2.8.7. Ms. Lorna Verschoore seconded. All in favour. Motion adopted.

Dr. Wayne Tomlinson had a question on section 2.9.11. When dehorning animals over 4 months, anesthesia is required. However, dehorning is allowed indirect supervision but the administration of anesthesia requires direct supervision. This limitation would not allow veterinary technologists to dehorn animal greater than 4 months of age.

Dr. Terry Whiting motioned to strike 2.9.11. Subsection L – Dehorn food animals. Dr. Catherine Patterson seconded. It was defeated with majority voting against the strike. Not carried.

Dr. Richard Hodges proposed an amendment on this section - changed to only administration of local anesthetic for the purpose of dehorning food animals; and dehorn food animals. Dr. Terry Whiting seconded. All in favour. Motion adopted.

Ms. Kim Elphik motioned to remove the wording of: or indirect supervision of a practicing vet member on section 2.9.6. Ms. Lorna Verschoore seconded. All in favour. Motion adopted.

With the above noted amendments on Vote #5. All in favour. Motion adopted.

- **Vote #6 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 10 – Students, Sections 2, 3, 5 & 7.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions. There were none. A vote was held. All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #7 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 11 – Continuing Education.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions. There were none. All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #8 - Part 2, Division 12 – Fees.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions. There were none. All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #9 – Part 4 – Protection of the public, Divisions 3 – Code of Ethics and 5 – Complaints.**

Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions. There were none.
All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #10 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 9 – Veterinary Technologists, Section 2-9-4d.**

Only Registered Veterinary Technologists can vote on this section. Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Trish Lobaton proposed an amendment to 2.9.4d. She proposed changing the Manitoba Animal Health Technologist Association name to Manitoba Veterinary Technologist Association Inc. to reflect the organization's new name. Ms. Lorna Verschoore seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

A vote was held on the entire amended d. all in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #11 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 8 – Veterinarians.**

Only Licensed Veterinarians can vote on this section. Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions. There were none.
All in favour. Motion is adopted

- **Vote #12 – Part 2 – The Association, Division 10 – Students, Sections 1, 4 & 6.**

Only Licensed Veterinarians can vote on this section. Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions. There were none.
All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #13 – Part 4 Protection of the public; Divisions 1 Professional Liability Insurance, 2 – Practice Inspections and Practice Standards Guidelines, 4 – Veterinary Fees, 6 – Practice veterinary medicine and 7 – Non-members acting under supervision as well as schedule A.**

Only Veterinarians can vote on this section. Dr. Davidson asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Lorna Verschoore had a question on section 4.7.2 – grandfather of animal health assistants. She asked if this would be reopened and if individuals will be allowed to be added to the list? Dr. Davidson responded, no, there would be no one added to the existing list.

Dr. Chris Bell motioned to add to section 4-6-10 including without limiting the generality of the forgoing the floating of equilibration of equine teeth. Dr. Ronald Hamilton seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Vote called on #13. All in favour with the amendments. Motion is adopted.

- **Vote #14 – Approval of the entire by-law.**

Dr. Davidson explained that now that the various portions of the by-law had been approved, the entire by-law needed to be approved. She stated that no further amendments can be considered at this time. She requested a motion and a seconder from the attendees.

Ms. Trish Lobaton motioned to approve the entire by-law. Dr. Wayne Tomlinson seconded. All in favour. Motion is adopted.

- **MVMA Corporation By-laws - for information**

Dr. Davidson updated the attendees regarding the veterinary corporations and the related by-law. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

10. New Business

Ms. Doraine Wachniak brought forward by-law amendments she would like addressed at the 2018 MVMA AGM.

Ms. Wachniak motioned to strike "other exam" from section 2.9.4b and 2.9.5.

Ms. Wachniak also motioned to amend the quorum for the MVMA AGM or other general meetings be increased to 10% of members of the association (section 2.5.3).

11. Passing of the Gavel

Dr. Suzanne Davidson passed the gavel to the incoming 2017 MVMA President, Dr. Richard Hodges. Dr. Hodges presented Dr. Davidson with a gift and thanked her for her service as president.

12. Adjournment

Dr. Hodges thanked everyone for the participation and adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.