

## MVMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, February 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, 1808 Wellington Avenue

Present: Lorraine Adam (MVMA Council Public Member), Ashley Addison, Erika Anseeuw, Wadie Ariza, Meaghan Ballard, Corey Bartley, Heather Bassey, Abigail Bautista, Jocelyn Beggs, Chris Bell, Megan Bergman, Deidre Black, Gina Bowen, Leanne Boyd-Sandelli, Leeanne Bargaen, Brandy Catton, Michael Brown, Amanda Brown, Melanie Browning, Brenda Bryan, Michelle Camara, Gemriff Capao, Noel Catrysse, Neil Charnock, Leigh Chisholm, Karen Choptain, Elise Clarke, Jordan Currie, Suzanne Davidson, Melissa Desrochers, Coral Doherty, Carly Dreger, Glen Duizer, Carly Duncan, Jackie Elias, Kim Elphick, Mark Evachewski, Colleen Fisher, Annette Fleming, Lindsay Egdar, Tamara Frykas, Shailynn Fuz, Rufino Gaw, Lavina Gerbrandt, Jessica Ginter, Lesley Goethals, Samantha Goossen, Sheri Gould, Venessa Graydon, Bikram Grewal, Kara Griffith, Sara Haddow, Julie Hamilton, Jessica Hammond, Stacey Hannah, Jenessa Harms, Richard Hodges, Keri Hudson-Reykald, Delaney Johnson, Alexandra Johnston, Stephanie Kolodka, Meshack Kusa, Megan LeClair, Christian Legaspi, Fred Lindenschmidt, Alison Litchfield, Tricia Lobaton, Cindy Lukianchuk, Tara Macsymis, Merv Madill, Amanda Malam, Emily Martens, Christy Martens, Liana Mawer, Janis McCarthy, Kimberely McCarthy-Pisiak, Heather McDonell, Sally McGillivray, Hugh Millar, Catharine Moir, Kenneth Mould, Fiona Mulhern, Rochelle Naherniak, Barbara Nelson-Kozak, Roxane Neufeld, Jordan Nicol, Kayla Noel, Jennifer Nyhof, Paige Orser, Elizabeth Ostendorf, Mark Oswald, Crystal Pariseau, Barbe Parke, Kevin Penner, Chamath Perera, Courtney Peters, Jennifer Peters, Ada Pinho, Max Popp, Rosemary Postey, Taylor Purvis, Allison Pylypjuk, Mary Anne Ramos, Carel Reesink, Leigh-Ann Reichart, Luisito Reynoso, Jessica Riach, Jenine Robertson, Vanessa Ruiz, Brad Safiniuk, Michelle Saydack, Samantha Schauer, Peter Schwartz, Marg Seward, Trevor Shamanski, Sydney Shand, Cindy Shymko, Valerie Smid, Courtney Smith, David Snell, Cindy Sontag, Manjit Sra, Shawna Stepanik, Vanessa Stewart, Hayley Stewart, Rhonda Stockburger, Lisa Taylor, Fawcett Taylor, Jamie Thomas, Megan Thompson, Kellea Thomson, Sepideh Vakily, Daphne Vasconcelos, Jacquie Vasquez, Lorna Verschoore, Hanneke Vonderbank, Tara Vielfaure, Doraine Wachniak, Celine Ward, Jonas Watson, Terry Whiting, Kristin Wiebe, Robyn Winters

Guests: Ms. Janice Morley-LeComte, Member of Legislative Assembly for Seine River, Province of MB; Dr. Chris Clarke, WCVM; Dr. Troye McPherson, CVMA; Dr. Lesley Sawa, SVMA; Dr. Margitta Dziwenka, ABVMA; Dr. Sarah Armstrong, CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter; Mr. Robert Dawson, MVMA Legal Counsel; Ms Vera Chernecki, Partlimentarian

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

Chairperson: Dr. Richard Hodges, 2017-2018 MVMA President

## **1. Call to Order**

Dr. Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. Dr. Hodges welcomed the meeting participants including veterinarians and veterinary technologists new to Manitoba and the MVMA. Those members were asked to stand and received a round of applause.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Hodges stated that MVMA By-laws requires at least 25 MVMA members need to be in attendance to constitute a quorum for the meeting. Ms. Melanie Neault, MVMA Office Assistant, advised Dr. Hodges that 161 members had signed into the meeting.

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

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

Dr. Hodges advised the guest attendees Dr. Lesley Sawa from the SVMA and Dr. Margitta Dziwenka from the ABVMA have been appointed as scrutineers for the meeting. He asked if there were any objections to their appointment. There were none.

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

*The Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order was moved by Dr. Terry Whiting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Trish Lobaton. After a vote, the motion was carried.*

## **3. Recognition of MVMA Members**

Dr. Hodges recognized the MVMA Awards winners who were presented with their awards before the MVMA AGM at the pre-AGM dinner. Dr. Roxane Neufeld was presented with a Certificate of Merit award. Dr. Samyra Stuart –Altman was presented with the award for veterinarian of the year. Rosa Mazur was presented the award for the veterinary technologist of the year. Dr. Gordon Glover was presented with the Life Member Award.

#### **4. Introduction of Guests & Greetings**

- Manitoba Agriculture – Member of Legislative Assembly for Seine River, Ms. Janice Morley-LeComte brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Manitoba.
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association - Dr. Troye McPherson of the CVMA, brought greetings on behalf of the CVMA.
- Manitoba Veterinary Technologists Association – Ms. Melanie Browning, MVTA Liaison to the MVMA, brought greetings from the MVTA.
- Western College of Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Chris Clark, WCVM, brought greetings on behalf of WCVM.
- Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Lesley Sawa, SVMA, brought greetings on behalf of the SVMA.
- Alberta Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Margitta Dziwenka, ABVMA brought greetings on behalf of the ABVMA.
- CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter – Dr. Sarah Armstrong brought greetings on behalf of the CVMA – Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter.

#### **5. Moment of Silence in Remembrance**

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of colleagues who have passed or others who may be struggling with illness or other challenges.

#### **6. MVMA Vision and Mission**

Dr. Hodges reviewed the MVMA Vision and Mission statements. He discussed how the MVMA Council uses the Vision and Mission statements to guide them and focus on association objectives.

#### **7. President's Greetings**

Dr. Hodges introduced himself to the membership and noted that events like the AGM served as a reminder to him and the other MVMA Councilors about who they are serving. He 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. He informed the membership that Council wants to continue hearing members' thoughts.

### Introduction of 2018 Council:

- Dr. Richard Hodges - 2017 MVMA President, University of Manitoba
- Dr. Manjit (Manny) Sra - 2018 MVMA President, Bridgwater 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. Sara Haddow - Veterinary Technologist Member, Elders Equine Veterinary Service
- Dr. Alison Litchfield – Veterinarian Member, Southglen Veterinary Hospital, Winnipeg
- Ms. Janis McCarthy – Veterinary Technologist Member, Assiniboine Park Zoo, Winnipeg
- Dr. Jennifer Nyhof - Veterinarian Member, Thompson Veterinary Clinic, Thompson
- Mr. Douglas Oliver - Public Member
- Dr. Jonas Watson – Veterinarian Member, Tuxedo Animal Hospital, Winnipeg

### Farewell to Retiring Council Members

Dr. Hodges recognized and thanked the two retiring council members.

- Dr. Suzanne Davidson – 2016 MVMA President, Portage Veterinary Hospital, Portage la Prairie
- Ms. Christy Martens - Veterinary Technologist Member, Transcona Veterinary Hospital, Wpg

### Introduction of MVMA Staff

Dr. Hodges introduced and thanked the MVMA staff members.

- 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. Hodges stated that the MVMA Annual report to Membership, 2017 in Review report was emailed to the membership before the AGM and copies were available at the meeting. Dr. Hodges encouraged the membership to thank the committees and volunteer representatives who work hard in support of MVMA activities He urged members to volunteer their time with the MVMA.

## 9. Special Orders

### A. Treasurer Report

- Presentation of Audited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2017

The MVMA's Council Treasurer is Dr. Richard Hodges, to review the financial statements. Dr. Hodges presented the financial statement to membership. Dr. Hodges asked for a motion to approve the financial statements as presented.

*Dr. Hugh Millar moved to accept the financial statement as presented. Dr. Terry Whiting seconded. After a vote, the motion was carried.*

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

*Dr. Brenda Bryan moved that OnBusiness Solutions continue as MVMA's accountants in 2018. Ms. Doraine Wachniak seconded. Motion was adopted.*

- Presentation of 2017/2018 budget for information purposes

The MVMA treasurer, Dr. Richard Hodges, presented the 2017/2018 budget which had been approved by the MVMA Council. Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Erika Anseeuw asked if the marketing fund fee was increased in the membership amount. Dr. Hodges responded that it's a re-allocation from the legal fund that is already in the membership fee.

### B. MVMA By-laws

- MVMA By-law Revision - for member approval

Dr. Hodges explained at the 2017 MVMA AGM, MVMA members in attendance approved a new by-law. This was required because of the amendments to the *Veterinary Medical Act* as well as the membership status and regulation of veterinary technologists.

At the 2018 AGM, there will be a total of 12 by-law amendments before the membership. Three are MVMA council proposed amendments and the balances are member proposed amendments.

Dr. Hodges 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 bylaw are entitled to vote on that part. For all proposed by-laws amendments before the membership at the 2018 MVMA AGM, only practicing veterinarian members and practicing veterinary technologist members will be eligible to vote.

**Vote #1 - Insert meeting rules into section 2, division 5 – Meeting of members of the general by-law No. 1 of the MVMA**

Dr. Hodges introduced the amendment and explained that because it was moved by the MVMA Council, it does not require a seconder. Dr. Hodges identified that council would like to add a statement into 2-5-10 that would prohibit the Council to bring forward new business to an AGM, including the enactment, amendment, or repeal of a by-law without notice to members. Dr. Suzanne Davidson was invited to speak.

*Dr. Suzanne Davidson moved to add "However, the MVMA Council cannot introduce the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any MVMA by-law without providing notice of the change in the annual meeting materials." Ms. Melanie Browning seconded. Motion was adopted.*

Dr. Hodges opened discussion on the proposed amendment. Dr. Colleen Fisher, Dr. Erika Anseeuw, Dr. Keri Hudson-Reykdal, Dr. Peter Schwartz, Dr. Sheri Gould, Mr. Mark Evachewski, Ms. Melanie Browning had comments on this amendment.

*Ms. Melanie Browning moved to separate each section; sections 2-5-3, 2-5-7, 2-5-8, 2-5-9, 2-5-10 & 2-5-11, individually. Mr. Mark Evachewski seconded. Motion was adopted*

*Section 2-5-3: Notice to members. - Motion was adopted.*

*Section 2-5-7: New business introduced by members with notice -Motion was adopted*

*Section 2-5-8: New business introduced without notice by members - Motion was adopted*

*Section 2-5-9: Motion for new business - Motion was adopted*

*Section 2-5-10: New business introduced by the council - As amended - Motion was adopted.*

*Section 2-5-11: By-law as new business introduced by member - Motion was adopted*

Section 2, Division 5 of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

***Division 5 – Meetings of members***

***Annual meeting***

**2-5-1** *The association must hold an annual meeting of the members of the association each year, and the Executive Director must give reasonable notice to all members of the date, time, and place of the annual meeting.*

***General meetings***

**2-5-2** *At the request in writing of the President or any two (2) council members or any twenty-five (25) members of the association, the association must hold a general meeting of the members within sixty (60) days of the association's receipt of the request for the meeting.*

***Notice to members***

**2-5-3** *At least fifty (50) days before an annual meeting or general meeting, the association must give written notice of such a meeting to the members of the association, and at least seven (7) days before an annual meeting or general meeting, the association must provide in writing the agenda for the meeting to the members of the association.*

***Quorum***

**2-5-4** *Fifty (50) members of the association constitute a quorum at the annual meeting or a general meeting.*

***Annual report and auditors***

**2-5-5** *At each annual meeting,*

- (a) the Treasurer must present a report for the immediately preceding fiscal year, which must include the financial statements for the year and the auditor's report on those statements; and,*
- (b) the members must appoint an auditor for the current year.*

***Member participation***

**2-5-6** *Members of the association are entitled to attend and speak at the annual meeting or a general meeting. Each member who is present at the annual meeting or a general meeting is entitled to one (1) vote.*

***New business introduced by member with notice***

**2-5-7** A member of the association may introduce new business, including by-law amendments, at the annual meeting. Where, at least thirty-five (35) days before an annual meeting, the member has given notice in writing to the Executive Director of an intention to introduce such new business at the next annual meeting, including a description of the nature of the new business to be introduced, the motion regarding the new business shall be put to a vote at that annual meeting.

***New business introduced without notice by member***

**2-5-8** Where, contrary to the requirement set out in Section 5-7 of this by-law, a member has not given notice of an intention to introduce new business, including by-law amendments, at the annual meeting, the member of the association may nonetheless introduce such new business, but it shall not be put to a vote at that annual meeting. Instead, the new business shall be put to a vote at the annual meeting or general meeting that next follows the annual meeting at which the member first introduced the new business.

***Motion for new business***

**2-5-9** A motion for new business introduced with or without notice by a member must be signed by that member and seconded by another member.

***New business introduced by the council***

**2-5-10** With or without notice, the council may introduce new business at an annual meeting or general meeting, and the new business may be put to a vote at the same meeting at which it was introduced. However, the MVMA Council cannot introduce the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any MVMA by-law without providing notice of the change in the annual meeting materials.

***By-law as new business introduced by member***

**2-5-11** Notwithstanding Sections 5-7 or 5-8 of this by-law, no member may introduce new business or second a motion in support of new business, where the subject of the new business is the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any by-law of the association, except where both the moving member and the seconder are members of a membership class identified pursuant to s. 7(2) of the Act as being affected by the by-law, amendment, or repeal when passed.



***Voting on by-laws***

**2-5-12** Pursuant to s. 7(2) of the Act, a by-law may be enacted, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the association's members in the membership classes that the council identifies, by resolution, as being affected by the by-law, amendment or repeal when the council passes it.

***Method of voting on by-laws***

**2-5-13** Pursuant to s. 7(3) of the Act, the council must determine the method by which members are to vote for the enactment, amendment, or repeal of a by-law, and the members must vote by one (1) of the following methods:

- (a) voting by ballot by members present at a general meeting of members, including the annual meeting of the association;
- (b) voting by ballot delivered by mail; or,
- (c) voting by another method conducted in accordance with the by-laws.

***Procedural issues***

**2-5-14** A dispute concerning the procedure to be followed at the annual meeting or a general meeting that is not provided for in the Act or this by-law must be resolved in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised current edition.

**Vote #2 - Amendment to section 2-9-4 (a) – Update animal health/ veterinary technologist college requirement adding the words “or veterinarian” before the word “technology”**

Dr. Hodges introduced the amendment and explained that because it was moved by the MVMA Council, it does not require a seconder. Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions. There was none.

***A vote was held on the amendment to section 2-9-4 (a). Motion was adopted.***

Section 2-9-4 (a) of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

***Application for registration***

**2-9-4** An applicant for registration as a veterinary technologist must:

- (a) be an animal health or veterinary technology graduate of a school, college, or institute that the CVMA or the AVMA accredits;

**Vote #3 - Amendment to Sections 2-12-5 and 2-12-10 to correct the association name from the Manitoba Animal Health Technologists Association in both sections and replaced it with Manitoba Veterinary Technologists Association.**

Dr. Hodges introduced the amendment. He identified a typographical error in 2018 MVMA AGM – Proposed By-law Amendments Booklet on page 7; the words “Technologists” was not made plural and should have been. The amendment will read “Manitoba Veterinary Technologists Association”. He then stated that because it was moved by the MVMA Council, it does not require a seconder. Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions. There was none.

*A vote was held on the amendments to sections 2-12-5 and 2-12-10. Motion was adopted.*

Section 2-12-5 and 2-12-10 of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

***Special fees, levies, and assessments***

**2-12-5** *The council may additionally require members to pay any special fee, levy, or assessment necessary for the Association to pursue its purpose and carry out its duties, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing the collection of annual or other membership fees charged by professional associations such as the CVMA or the Manitoba Veterinary Technologists Association.*

***Discretionary fee refunds***

**2-12-10** *A member who has paid a fee pursuant to this Division but who voluntarily elects to withdraw from the membership class for any reason other than suspension, may, within the sole discretion of the Executive Director, be entitled to a refund of a portion of the fee, excluding the fee for membership in the CVMA or the Manitoba Veterinary Technologists Association, as the case may be, and any levy made against the member contributing to any reserve fund that the council has established, in an amount determined by the Executive Director.*

**Vote #4 - Amendments to section 2-9-4 (b) and 2-9-5 to strike after the words “national examination” the phrase “or any other examination that the council by resolution has recognized and approved”**

Dr. Hodges explained that because the two amendments, although similar, were submitted as separate motions, there would be a separate debate and vote for each proposed amendment.

Dr. Hodges also identified there was a typographical error in the chart in the 2018 MVMA Annual General Meeting Proposed By-law Amendments Booklet. The chart on page 9 lists the proposed amendment to section 2-9-4, it should read 2-9-5.

Ms. Doraine Wachniak submitted the proposed amendments with Ms Lorna Verschoore as seconder. Dr. Hodges explained that as both individuals were in the room, he was not required to call for a motion or second. Ms. Wachniak was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-9-4 (b). Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Coral Doherty and Ms. Melanie Browning had a comment on this amendment.

*A vote was held on the proposed amendment to 2-9-4 (b). Motion was adopted.*

Section 2-9-4 (b) of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

***Application for registration***

**2-9-4** *An applicant for registration as a veterinary technologist must:*

- (b) *provide to the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that the applicant has passed the Veterinary Technician National Examination;*

Ms. Wachniak was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-9-5. Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions. There were none.

*A vote was held on the proposed amendment to 2-9-5. Motion was adopted.*

Section 2-9-5 of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

***Application for registration without examination***

**2-9-5** *Where an application for registration as a veterinary technologist has satisfied all of the requirements for registration as set out in the Act and this by-law, but where the applicant has not yet passed the Veterinary Technician National Examination, provided that, within two (2) consecutive years of registration in the association, the applicant must pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination failing which the Registrar shall strike the applicant from the register of veterinary technologists.*

**Vote #5 - Amendment to section 2-5-3 quorum requirement at annual general meetings of the MVMA**

Dr. Hodges identified that with the adoption of meeting rules into Part 1, Division 5 of the General By-law No. 1 of the MVMA, the quorum requirement clause has been re-numbered and is now 2-5-4 rather than 2-5-3. Dr. Hodges identified the MVMA received two separate proposed amendments to the quorum section and Ms Wachniak's proposed amendment would be dealt with first.

**Vote: Amendment to S. 2-5-4 Quorum to strike the phrase "twenty-five" and replace it with "10% of the".**

Ms. Doraine Wachniak submitted the proposed amendments with Ms Lorna Verschoore as seconder. Dr. Hodges explained that as both individuals were in the room, he was not required to call for a motion or second. Ms. Wachniak was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-9-4. Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

*Dr. Suzanne Davidson moved to make an amendment to strike out "10% of the" and replace it with "fifty (50)" members. Mr. Mark Evachewski seconded.*

Dr. Terry Whiting, Dr. Erika Anseeuw, and Ms. Doraine Wachniak spoke to this proposed amendment.

*A vote was held on the strike out "10% of the" and replace it with "fifty (50)" members Amendment was adopted.*

The members then voted on 2-5-4, as amended: "Fifty (50) members of the association constitute a quorum at the annual meeting or a general meeting."

Dr. Vanessa Graydon and Dr. Trevor Shamanski made a comment.

*A vote was held on the strike out "Twenty-five (25)" from the original by-law and replace it with "fifty (50)" members. Motion was adopted.*

Section 2-5-4 of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

**Quorum**

**2-5-4** *Fifty (50) members of the association constitute a quorum at the annual meeting or a general meeting.*

Dr. Hodges identified the second proposed amendment to this section would be dealt with now. As part of the proposed amendment was to change quorum to 50 members, and that was approved with the previous vote only the outstanding part of the proposed amendment would now be reviewed and voted on.

**Vote: Amendment to S. 2-5-3 Quorum to add the statement: "The composition of quorum must minimally be comprised of a combination of twenty-five practicing veterinarian members and non-practicing veterinarian members and a combination of twenty-five practicing veterinary technologist members and non-practicing veterinary technologist members."**

Ms. Melanie Browning submitted the proposed amendments with Ms Cindy Sontag as seconder. Dr. Hodges explained that as both individuals were in the room, he was not required to call for a motion or second. Ms. Browning was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-5-3. Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Cindy Sontag, Dr. Terry Whiting, Mr. Mark Evachewski, Ms. Trish Lobaton, Dr. Kevin Penner, Dr. Suzanne Davidson, and Ms Melanie Browning spoke to this proposed amendment.

*A vote was held to add the statement: "The composition of quorum must minimally be comprised of a combination of twenty-five practicing veterinarian members and non-practicing veterinarian members and a combination of twenty-five practicing veterinary technologist members and non-practicing veterinary technologist members." The motion was defeated.*

**Vote #6 - Amendment to section 2-9-10 (e), (h), and (i) veterinary technologist scope of practice under direct supervision**

Dr. Hodges explained that although the three amendments are for the same section of the General By-law No. 1 of the MVMA - section 2-9-10 veterinary technologist scope of practice under direct supervision, as they were submitted as separate motions will be moved, debated and voted on separately.

**Vote: Amendment to section 2-9-10 (e) an amendment to insert the phrase "and if deemed competent by the supervising Practicing Veterinarian Member, dental extractions."**

Ms. Melanie Browning submitted the proposed amendments with Ms Cindy Sontag as seconder. Dr. Hodges explained that as both individuals were in the room, he was not required to call for a motion or second. Ms. Browning was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-9-10 (e). Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Liana Mawer, Dr. Colleen Fisher, Ms. Doraine Wachniak, Ms. Samantha Schauer, Ms. Cindy Sontag, Dr. Neil Charnock, Ms. Trish Labotan, Ms. Jackie Elias, Dr. Cathy Moir, Dr. Trevor Shamanski, Ms. Deidre Black and Ms. Melanie Browning had comments on this amendment. Mr. Robert Dawson, MVMA Legal Counsel, also addressed the audience regarding the phrase “if deemed competent by the supervising Practicing Veterinarian Member”.

*A vote was held on the proposed amendment to insert the phrase “and if deemed competent by the supervising Practicing Veterinarian Member, dental extractions.” The motion was defeated.*

**Vote: Amendment to section 2-9-10 (h) amendment to insert a new clause “if deemed competent by the supervising Practicing Veterinarian Member administer enemas; and”.**

Ms. Melanie Browning submitted the proposed amendments with Ms Cindy Sontag as seconder. Dr. Hodges explained that as both individuals were in the room, he was not required to call for a motion or second. Ms. Browning was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-9-10 (h). Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

*Mr. Mark Evachewski moved to strike out “if deemed competent by the supervising practicing veterinarian member”. Dr. Hugh Millar seconded. Amendment was adopted.*

The members then voted on the amended 2-9-10 (h) reading “(h) administer enemas; and,”.  
*A vote was held insert the phrase “(h) administer enemas; and,”. Motion was adopted.*

**Vote: Amendments to section 2-9-10 (i) amendment to insert a clause “if deemed competent by the supervising Practicing Veterinarian Member, suture or staple skin”**

Ms. Melanie Browning submitted the proposed amendments with Ms Cindy Sontag as seconder. Dr. Hodges explained that as both individuals were in the room, he was not required to call for a motion or second. Ms. Browning was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-9-10 (i). Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

*Mr. Mark Evachewski moved to strike out “if deemed competent by the supervising Practicing Veterinarian Member”. Ms. Melanie Browning seconded. Amendment was adopted.*

The members then voted on the amended 2-9-10 (i) reading “(i) suture or staple skin.” Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Jonas Watson had comments on this amendment.

*A vote was held insert the phrase “(i) suture or staple skin”. The motion was defeated.*

Section 2-9-10 of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

***Scope of practice under direct supervision***

**2-9-10** *A Practicing Veterinary Technologist Member may, only under direct supervision,*

- (a) utilize chemical restraint;*
- (b) administer and maintain anesthetic and analgesia;*
- (c) intubate an animal;*
- (d) euthanize animals using humane and acceptable practices;*
- (e) perform dental prophylaxis;*
- (f) administer rabies vaccine;*
- (g) assist in surgery; and,*
- (h) administer enemas*

**Vote #7 - Amendment to section 2-9-11 (n), (l), and (m) veterinary technologist scope of practice under indirect supervision**

Dr Hodges explained that although the three amendments are for the same section of the General By-law No. 1 of the MVMA - section 2-9-11 veterinary technologist scope of practice under indirect supervision, each motion will be moved, debated and voted on separately. The amendments to 2-9-11 (l) and (m) are editorial changes and typically do not require the approval of the membership.

**Vote: Amendment to section 2-9-11 amendment to insert a new clause “(n) removal of skin sutures or staples.”**

Ms. Melanie Browning submitted the proposed amendments with Ms Cindy Sontag as seconder. Dr. Hodges explained that as both individuals were in the room, he was not required to call for a motion or second. Ms. Browning was invited to speak to her proposed amendment to 2-9-11 (n). Dr. Hodges asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Leigh Chisholm and Mr. Mark Evachewski had comments on this amendment.

*A vote was held to insert the clause “(n) removal of skin sutures or staples”. Motion was adopted.*

**Vote: Amendment to section 2-9-11 (l) to strike out the “and,” and section 2-9-11 (m) to insert the “and”,**

Dr. Hodges asked if there would be any objection to making the amendments to section 2-9-11 (l) & 2-9-11 (m) editorially. There were no objections. No vote required.

Section 2-9-11 of General By-Law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association now reads:

***Scope of practice under indirect supervision***

**2-9-11** *A Practicing Veterinary Technologist Member may, only under direct supervision or indirect supervision,*

- (a) collect, prepare, and analyze laboratory samples, such as blood samples by venipuncture; fecal samples; urine by free flow, catheterization, or cystocentesis; milk samples; body secretions, abscesses, and visible sores by swabbing; and, skin scrapings;*
- (b) administer medication and veterinary biologics (excluding rabies vaccines) via intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous routes or stomach tubing;*
- (c) administer and monitor fluid therapy;*
- (d) bandage and apply splints;*
- (e) take radiographs and ultrasonic images;*
- (f) administer laser and ultrasonic therapy;*
- (g) perform contrast procedures on the gastrointestinal tract and lower urinary tract;*
- (h) express anal sacs internally;*
- (i) utilize E.K.G. machines;*
- (j) tattoo and microchip animals;*
- (k) clean and irrigate external ear canals;*
- (l) administer local anesthetic for the purpose of dehorning food animals;*
- (m) dehorn food animals; and,*
- (n) remove skin sutures or staples*

**10. New Business**

Ms. Melanie Browning proposed the MVMA investigate a whistleblower by-law.

**11. Passing of the Gavel**

Dr. Richard Hodges passed the gavel to the incoming 2018 MVMA President, Dr. Manjit Sra. Dr. Sra presented Dr. Hodges with a gift and thanked him for his service as president.

**12. Adjournment**

Dr. Sra thanked everyone for the participation and adjourned the meeting at 10:47 pm.