



MVMA Annual General Meeting

Friday, February 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: Sharon Amort, Jessie Brooke Anderson, Elizabeth Andree, Erika Anseeuw, Amritpal Baath, Meaghan Ballard, Leeanne Bargaen, Abigail Bautista, Jennifer Beckwith, Chris Bell, Susan Bland, Odette Blankvoort, Robin Bonnett, Wiannea Borjal, Leanne Boyd-Sandelli, Melanie Browning, Emily Brunette, Neil Charnock, Rakesh Chaudhary, Elise Clarke, Jennifer Demare, Natalie Desaulniers, Patricia Dorval, Dale Douma, Christie Dueck, Nour Eissa, Kim Elphick, Jacqueline Enns, Nicole Enns, Mark Evachewski, Don Finlay, Colleen A. Fisher, Bethany Fisher, Shey Friesen, Taylor George, Alisha George-Birmingham, Elizabeth Greber, Stephanie Guenette, David Hamilton, Kelly Hammond, Waheed Haneef, Chandra J. Hickling, Erin Hildebrand, Esther Hill, Richard Hodges, Caitlin Hofer, Paul Holland, Keri Hudson Reykdal, Peter Iskander, Veronica Izydorczyk, Lisa Joachim, Kenneth Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Whitney Johnson, Carey Johnson Escobedo, Sonya Joyal, Susanne Klonisch, Jordan Kondratiew, Leslie Kumagai, Meshack Kusa, Anjelica Lacoff, Amy LaFleche, Keara Landry, Heather Laurie, Danielle Lim, Tricia Lobaton, Jan Lumasac, Mackenzie Marks, Tajanna Matwick, Carly Mayo, Jennifer Michaud, Hugh Millar, Catharine Moir, Aaron Mooi, Allison Murray, Barbara A. M. Nelson-Kozack, Kristen Neufeld, Jenna Noordenbos, Colleen O'Morrow, Tim Pasma, Catherine V. Patterson, Olivia Pearase, Raissa Perrault, Erin Peters, Marc Philippot, Tara Powell, Jillian Preston-Gren, Allison Pylypjuk, Melissa Reis, Mahavir Rekhi, Alia Richter, Taylor Robinson, Grayson Ross, Stephanie Sachvie, Hayley Schuddemat, Brittany Semeniuk, Vicky Sempers, Marguerite M. Seward, Balreet Sidhu, Calida Sokoliwski, Carlissa Spence, Iris Sprayberry, Amber Steppler, Samyra Stuart-Altman, Fawcett Taylor, Seth Thomas-Paetkau, Dave Thomson, Kristine E. Torske, Charuta Tung, Stephanie Van Deynze-Snell, Jessica Waito, Jonas Watson, Amanda Wawrin, Jewel White, Terry Whiting, Brandy Wieler, Marley Williamson, Melissa Young, Kendall Young, Behrouz Zareyan, Jessica Zinyk

Guests: Mr. Robert Dawson, MVMA Legal Counsel; Ms. Vera Chernecki, Parliamentarian, Dr. Tom Colbert, MVMA Life Member Recipient, Dr. Don Finlay, MVMA Life Member Recipient

Staff: Corey Wilson, Daniela Whelan, Jo-Anne Holod

Chairperson: Dr. Alison Litchfield, 2020 MVMA President

Present at MVMA office: Dr. Alison Litchfield, Dr. Allison Pylypjuk, Ms. Vera Chernecki, Parliamentarian, Trish Lobaton, MVMA Staff: Corey Wilson, Daniela Whelan, Jo-Anne Holod

1. Call to Order

Dr. Litchfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MVMA's Communication and Professional Development Coordinator, Daniela Whelan, advised Dr. Litchfield that 78 members had signed into the meeting. Quorum confirmed.

Agenda adopted by consensus.

The Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order was moved by Dr. Leanne Barga. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hodges. No discussion. After a vote, the motion was passed.

3. Recognition of MVMA Members

Dr. Litchfield recognized the MVMA Awards winners:

Dr. Carla Loewen was presented with the MVMA's Veterinarian of the Year Award.

Ms. Angela Hand was presented with the Veterinary Technologist of the Year Award.

Dr. Tom Colbert was presented with the MVMA's Life Member Award.

Dr. Don Finlay was presented with the MVMA's Life Member Award.

4. Introduction of Guests & Greetings

Dr. Litchfield advised members of greetings and reports from The Western College of Veterinary Medicine, CVMA - Society of British Columbia Veterinarians, The College of Veterinarians of British Columbia, and the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association with links on the meeting page.

The Manitoba Veterinary Technologist Association – Elizabeth Greber, President Elect and MVTA Liaison to the MVMA provided video greetings.

The Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, Honourable Blaine Pedersen provided video greetings.

5. Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Colleagues

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of colleagues who have passed or others who may be struggling with illness or other challenges, including a special tribute to Dr. Mark Swendrowski.

6. Canadian Veterinary Oath

Members were asked to recite The Canadian Veterinary Oath.

7. President's Greetings

Dr. Litchfield 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 informed the membership that the MVMA Council wants to continue hearing members' thoughts, concerns and comments.

- Introduction of 2021 Council

Dr. Litchfield stated that the MVMA Council has welcomed two new Public Members to MVMA Council by the Provincial Government. She welcomed Lexie Carvey and welcomed back Doug Oliver.

Dr. Litchfield introduced the 2021 Council:

- Allison Pylypjuk, 2021 MVMA President, Interlake Dairy Services
- Keri Hudson-Reykdal, 2021 MVMA Vice President, Hudson-Reykdal Veterinary Services
- Shey Friesen, Veterinary Technologist Member, Southglen Veterinary Hospital and Bridgwater Veterinary Hospital
- Lexie Carvey, Public Representative Member
- Esther Hill, Veterinarian Member, Machray Animal Hospital
- Mackenzie Marks, Veterinarian Member, Central Veterinary Services
- Doug Oliver, Public Representative Member
- Jillian Preston-Gren, Veterinarian Member, Birchwood Animal Hospital
- Melissa Young, Veterinary Technologist Member

Farewell to Retiring Council Members:

Dr. Litchfield recognized and thanked the three retiring council members.

- Dr. Jonas Watson, MVMA Past President, Grant Park Animal Hospital
- Trish Lobaton, Veterinary Technologist Member, Fort Garry Veterinary Hospital
- Jennifer Demare, Veterinarian Member, Swine Health Professionals

Introduction of MVMA Staff:

Dr. Litchfield recognized and thanked the MVMA staff members.

- Corey Wilson, MVMA Registrar and Interim Executive Director
- Daniela Whelan, MVMA Communication and Professional Development Coordinator
- Jo-Anne Holod, MVMA Office Administrator
- Judy Reynolds, MVMA casual employee

8. MVMA Council, Committee & Volunteer Reports

Dr. Litchfield stated that the MVMA Annual Report to Membership, 2020 in Review e-report, was provided to members on the MVMA website before the AGM and links are found on the screen during the meeting as well. Dr. Litchfield encourages the membership to thank the committee and volunteer representatives who work hard in support of MVMA activities. She urged members to volunteer their time with the MVMA.

Dr. Litchfield stated that in addition to the MVMA council reports on Council Member Profiles, The MVMA's Code of Ethics Review and The Inaugural Rural Forum. Dr. Litchfield reviewed new business items brought forward at the 2020 MVMA AGM.

New business presented at 2020 AGM

- 1) Request as to why veterinary technologists were not voting on PIPS (Practice Inspection, Practice Standards) by-law amendments.
 - There is a specific process the MVMA council follows when determining which membership classes will vote on by-law – new, amend or repeal. The MVMA council must review each by-law – new, amendment or repeal – and determine which membership classes are "affected" by it. It is a responsibility assigned to the MVMA Council through Manitoba legislation, *The Veterinary Medical Act*. The legislation assigns the MVMA council statutory discretion to decide which membership class votes on which by-laws. The MVMA Council must consider the implication of not correctly exercising the statutory requirement. All council members – veterinarian, veterinary technologist and public – have an active voice on the council and share their thoughts on who is "affected." All council members understand the parameters, legal implications and responsibility of defining which membership classes are affected. The MVMA Council considered these decisions very thoroughly, seriously and individually.
- 2) Request of a proposed amendment to MVMA PIPS by-law 2.12.1.16 to include a requirement that a CSA (Canadian Standards Association) certified or The Standards Council of Canada approved electronic patient warming device shall be used in addition to temperature monitoring during intra and post-operative care. Blankets or towels may be used as needed.
 - The proposed amendment was referred to council to consider the impact on large animal surgery. The MVMA Council believes that this proposal would be best reviewed as part of the PIPS By-Law review that is currently underway. As such, this matter will be further considered as the PIPS By-law is redrafted.

MVMA Code of Ethics Review

Dr. Allison Pylypjuk provided a report to membership about the progress made since the 2020 MVMA AGM.

Homewood Health

Dr. Litchfield reminded members about the MVMA and MVTA partnership through Homewood Health which is available to all MVMA and MVTA members and their immediate families.

3) Special OrdersA. Minutes of the February 7, 2020 Annual General Meeting

- The MVMA Council has reviewed and approved the 2020 MVMA AGM minutes and are available to members on the MVMA website as well as a link on the meeting page.

B. Treasurer Report

Presentation of Audited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2020.

- The MVMA's Council Treasurer, Ms. Trish Lobaton presented the financial statement to membership and they also were available to view on the meeting page. Dr. Litchfield asked for a motion to approve the financial statements as presented.

Dr. Jennifer Beckwith moved to accept the financial statements as presented. Ms. Melanie Browning seconded. After a vote, the motion was passed.

- Dr. Litchfield advised membership that the MVMA Council had also approved the continued engagement of OnBusiness Solutions as the MVMA Auditors for the ensuing year.

Ms. Melissa Young moved that OnBusiness Solutions continue as MVMA's accountants in 2021. Dr. Leanne Barga seconded. After a vote, the motion was passed.

Presentation of 2020/2021 budget for information purposes

- The MVMA treasurer, Ms. Trish Lobaton presented the 2020/2021 budget, which had been approved by the MVMA Council. Ms. Lobaton asked if there were any questions. There were none.
- Dr. Litchfield thanked Ms. Trish Lobaton for serving as the MVMA treasurer.

C. MVMA By-laws

MVMA By-law Revisions - for member vote

Amendment to: Remote Area/Temporary Clinics (2.7.2.1) of the MVMA Practice Inspection, Practice Standards By-laws

- MVMA Council Proposed By-Law Amendment
- **Voting membership classes:** Practicing veterinarian members

Current By-law

2.7.2.1 Remote Area/Temporary Clinic:

For each clinic undertaken, a separate application form is signed by the member to ensure:

- i). The veterinarian is currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the Province of Manitoba and is currently associated with a facility licensed as a Small Animal Hospital/Clinic or Small Animal Ambulatory.
- ii) The community receives no veterinary services on a regular basis. (Defined for these purposes as no visits to the community by a licensed member more frequently than every 3 months.)

Proposed Amendment

2.7.2.1 Temporary Clinics

Where:

“Act” means The Veterinary Medical Act, CCSM, V30;

“Association” means the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association; “Council” means the council of the Association

“Practicing Veterinarian Member” means an individual whose name is entered in the register pursuant to s. 9(1) of the Act and who currently holds a licence to practice veterinary medicine in Manitoba pursuant to the Act, whether or not that licence is restricted;

“Registrar” means the person appointed pursuant to s. 9(2) of the Act; and,

“Temporary Clinic” means a facility that the Registrar has licensed to operate at a single location on less than 7 whole or part days over a 45-day interval and at which one or more Practicing Veterinarian Members engage in the practice of veterinary medicine;

the Registrar may issue a licence to a Temporary Clinic only if,

- a) the Registrar has received a written application in the form that the Registrar prescribes for a licence for the operation of a Temporary Clinic, together with

payment in an amount equal to the licence fee that the Council fixes from time to time;

- b) a Practicing Veterinarian Member who makes application for a licence for the operation of a Temporary Clinic must give an undertaking to the Registrar that the Temporary Clinic that is the subject of the application will operate
 - (i) only at a specified location, and
 - (ii) less than 7 whole or part days during a specified interval that is no more than 45 days;
 - c) at the time of application, the Practicing Veterinarian Member who makes application for a licence for the operation of a Temporary Clinic must
 - (i) certify in writing to the Registrar that the Practicing Veterinarian Member is associated with a facility that the Association has licensed as a Small Animal Hospital/Clinic, Small Animal Mobile Clinic, or Small Animal Ambulatory, within the meaning of Rule 2.5 of these PIPS By-Law, and the Practicing Veterinarian Member intends to practice veterinary medicine through the Temporary Clinic that is the subject of the application; and,
 - (ii) demonstrate to the Registrar's satisfaction that the operation of the Temporary Clinic that is the subject of the application would serve and protect the public interest; and,
 - d) the Practicing Veterinarian Member who makes the application for the operation of a Temporary Clinic provides written consent for the MVMA to publish any and all information contained on the Temporary Clinic application.
- Dr. Erika Anseeuw had comment on this amendment.

Vote occurred. Motion is adopted.

New: Electronic meetings and electronic voting (2-5-15) of the General By-law No. 1 of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association

- MVMA Council Proposed By-Law Amendment
- **Voting membership classes:** Practicing veterinarian, practicing veterinary technologist, non-practicing veterinarian, and non-practicing veterinary technologist members

Proposed By-law

Electronic meetings and electronic voting

2-5-15 Where the Act or this by-law authorizes the members of the Association to meet (including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an annual meeting, general meeting, and special meeting), the members will gather in a single physical location for the purpose of transacting business, or participate in the meeting by joining two (2) or more physical locations through a means of communication that allows all participants simultaneously at least to hear the discussion, such as teleconference, audioconference, or videoconference.

- a) It is within the sole discretion of the chair of the meeting to determine its physical or virtual format, and no member may require that the meeting take any other format than the chair may so determine.
- b) Notice of the physical or virtual format of the meeting shall be given with notice of the meeting itself.
- c) Where members are invited to vote during a meeting held in a virtual format, the voting shall take place by such electronic means as the Chair may determine to be suitable.

Where the council invite members of the Association to vote on some business outside of a meeting (including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an annual meeting, general meeting, and special meeting), the council may authorize the Executive Director to use electronic processes, including the internet, for the circulation of voting information and other material and for the conduct of the vote itself.

This Rule 2-5-15 applies to all annual meetings, general meetings, special meetings, and all other meetings of the Association, except for meetings of the council required by Rule 2-4-1 and permitted by Rule 2-4-2.

No discussion. Vote occurred. Motion is adopted.

4) New Business

Items/issues that MVMA members want to discuss with the AGM assembly

- No comments or new business brought forward

5) Passing of the Gavel

Dr. Alison Litchfield passed the gavel to the incoming 2021 MVMA President, Dr. Allison Pylypjuk

6) Adjournment

Dr. Pylypjuk thanked everyone for the participation and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm

Reference: 2021 MVMA AGM – Proposed By-law Amendment Booklet