



**Annual General Meeting  
Friday, February 7, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, 1808 Wellington Avenue**

Membership attendance: Drs. Ellen Amundsen-Case, Tanya Anderson, Elizabeth Andree, Wadie Ariza, David Baker, Leeanne Bargen, Chris Bell, Charlene Berkvens, Joselyn Bongiorno, Leanne Boyd, Brenda Bryan, Neil Charnock, Kulwinder Chhoker, Karen Choptain, Wayne Clayton, Angela Coleman, Suzanne Davidson, Gillian Dobson, Patricia Dorval, Glen Duizer, Jacqueline Enns, Philipp Gavalov, Esther Hill, Ken Johnson, Supreet Kahlon, Jason Kellsey, Suresh Khatkar, Margaret Kranendonk, Dawn Lameg, Wayne Lees, Chelsea Lim, Colleen Marion, Kaitlyn Martin, Amelie Mathieu, Heather McDonell, Sally McGillivray, Dale McKague, Susan McMillan, Mary Ann Millar, Hugh Millar, Kevin Millar, Catharine Moir, Peter Molnar, Kenneth Mould, Fiona Mulhern, Roxane Neufeld, Reuben Neumier, Suzanne Pankratz, Marc Philippot, Aude Pingard, Max Popp, Rosemary Postey, Allan Preston, Jillian Preston-Gren, Melissa Purcell, Darwin Ramos, Justin Rosing, Lisa Schmidt, Marguerite Seward, Michael Sheridan, Muhammad Shuaib, Theodore Shwaluk, Jaswant Singh, Colleen Skavinsky, Ingrid Sproll, Vanessa Stewart, Mark Swendrowski, Suzanne Thiessen, Marek Tomczyk, Wayne Tomlinson, Lynn Webster, Wineeta Weebadda, Terry Whiting and Wenchao Zheng.

Invited guests: Drs. Baljit Singh (National Examining Board representative), Jim Berry (CVMA President) and Marco Veenis (CVMA – Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter), Dr. Glen Duizer (MAFRD), Ms Dee Black and Ms Jenine Robertson (MAHTA).

**Chairperson: Dr. Wayne Tomlinson, 2013-2014 MVMA President**

**1. Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.**

Dr. Tomlinson welcomed attendees including all the new MVMA members who attended the seminar/exam earlier today.

**2. Special Recognition of MVMA Members**

**Life Members:**

- Dr. Frank Juck was nominated for a life membership. Dr. Rosemary Postey, who nominated Dr. Juck, was asked to go to the podium to make the presentation. Dr. Juck responded to the presentation given by Dr. Postey.

**Certificate of Merit:**

- Dr. Colleen Marion was nominated by Council for this award. Dr. Wayne Tomlinson made the presentation to Dr. Marion. Dr. Marion accepted and thanked all for her award.

**Veterinarian of the Year:**

- Dr. Terry Whiting was nominated by MVMA member Dr. Leeanne Bargen. Dr. Leeanne Bargen was called to the podium to make the presentation to Dr. Whiting who thanked membership for this honor.

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

- CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter – Dr. Marco Veenis, President of the Chapter, brought greetings on behalf of CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter.
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association – Dr. Jim Berry, President of CVMA, brought greetings on behalf of the CVMA.
- Western College of Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Baljit Singh from the WCVM brought greetings and updated the membership with happenings at the college. Dr. Tomlinson thanked Dr. Singh for his years of service to the MVMA as our NEB representative.
- Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Development – Dr. Glen Duizer brought greetings from MAFRD.
- Manitoba Animal Health Technologists Association – Ms. Dee Black brought greetings and informed the membership of the happenings in MAHTA.

### **4. Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Colleagues –**

Membership was asked to observe a moments silence in honor of former colleagues who have passed away.

### **5. Veterinarian's Oath**

The membership recited the Veterinarian's Oath.

### **6. President's Greetings**

Dr. Tomlinson spoke to the membership of the happenings of Council over his year as president. He thanked the outgoing council members and welcomed the new incoming council members. Introductions and ratification of the current council was completed.

#### **A. Ratification of 2014 Council – Council ratified by the membership.**

- Dr. Wayne Tomlinson, 2013 President, MAFRD – Livestock Knowledge Centre, Winnipeg
- Dr. Marguerite M. Seward, 2014 President-Elect, CFIA – Steinbach District Office
- Dr. Roxane Neufeld, 2015 President-Elect, Dauphin Veterinary Clinic, Dauphin
- Dr. Suzanne Davidson, Councillor, Portage Veterinary Hospital, Portage la Prairie
- Dr. Jacqueline Enns, Councillor, Winkler Veterinary Clinic, Winkler
- Dr. Jason Kellsey, Councillor, McLeod Veterinary Hospital, Winnipeg
- Dr. Michael Sheridan, Councillor, Swine Practitioner, Winnipeg

#### **B. Farewell to Retiring Council Members with thanks.**

- Dr. Marc Philippot, 2013 Past-President, St. Claude Vet Clinic, St. Claude
- Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Councillor, Henderson Animal Hospital, Winnipeg

### **C. Introduction of MVMA Staff with thanks.**

- Andrea Lear, MVMA Executive Director
- Michelle Martin-Strong, MVMA Registrar
- Collene Ferguson, MVMA Member Services Coordinator
- Araina Dowd, MVMA Secretary/Treasurer
- Judy Reynolds, MVMA Administrative Assistant

### **7. MVMA Council, Committee & Volunteer Reports**

- a) MVMA Committee/Volunteer Representative Annual Reports were mailed to the membership and were also available for view online.
- b) MVMA Council Updates
  - i. Holding an animal until payment received - was a request received by council from members who are seeking guidance on this matter – Council sought a legal opinion on this matter and are sharing this opinion with members to help them understand the MVMA’s position on this matter. MVMA’s legal counsel attended the AGM and spoke to the membership informing them that Manitoba has no statutory provision that permits veterinarians to hold an animal in order to secure payment. At most, there is a general legal principle that creates a lien. Unless there is a specific and encompassing written contract, such a lien would arise only in very specific circumstances. Putting aside legal considerations, a lien seems an ineffective and problematic means by which to secure payment for veterinary services. MVMA Council plans to develop resources to support members in the collection of outstanding fees.
  - ii. Rule changes for “Companion Animal Temporary Clinics” – the temporary clinic rules were mailed out to the membership prior to the AGM. There were no questions or comments from the membership on the matter.

### **8. Special Orders**

Mr. Don Freese was introduced as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

Drs. Jim Berry and Marco Veenis were identified as the scrutineers for meeting. Membership was asked if there were any objections; there were none.

Dr. Tomlinson confirmed with Ms. Araina Dowd that a quorum is present.

Dr. Tomlinson reviewed with membership that MVMA AGMs follow the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly revised. The “Basics of Parliamentary Procedure” document, that summarizes the rules, was also reviewed.

Dr. Tomlinson asked for a motion that the Basics of Parliamentary Procedure be approved as presented.

***It was moved by Dr. Collene Marion that the 2014 Annual General Meeting will follow Roberts Rules of Procedure. Dr. Wayne Clayton seconds. Motion passed.***

a) Additions/Modifications to agenda

There were no additions or modification to the agenda.

Dr. Tomlinson explained that, because the MVMA follows Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, the minutes of the February 3, 2013 Annual General Meeting do not appear on the agenda or are approved by the membership. He further detailed that the MVMA Council reviewed and approved the February 3, 2013 AGM minutes.

b) Presentation of Audited Financial Statements ending June 30, 2013

The Executive Director presented the financial statement and asked if there were any concerns or questions regarding the Audited Financial Statement. No questions or concerns from the membership.

c) Presentation of 2013/2014 budget for information purposes

The Executive Director presented the 2013/2014 budget with no questions or concerns from the membership.

d) MVMA By-laws – New & Amended

i. Amendment: By-law #16. Elections

- Allows for timing of nominations and elections to be linked to the AGM rather than a specific date
- Add a provision for electronic voting.
- Remove requirement for returning officer to break ties (thus being unable to vote unless there is a tie). Also, a draw from a box removes influence from any specific member.
- Clarification of nomination and election process.

***Council has moved to amend bylaw #16, Elections. Dr. Kevin Millar seconds. (No debate. The question was called of those in favor). Motion passed.***

ii. Amendment: By-law #6. (d) Continuing Education

- Administrative change to remove specific date reference regarding CE audit

***Council has moved to amend Bylaw #6. (d) Continuing Education. Dr. Terry Whiting seconds. (No debate. The question was called of those in favor). Motion passed.***

iii. Amendment: Various By-laws re: Director of Communication and Advocacy title change.

- Throughout the MVMA bylaws where the title "Director of Communication and Advocacy" is stated, change to "Executive Director" to reflect the current position title.

***Council has moved to amend various bylaws that contain Director of Communication & Advocacy title and change to Executive Director. Dr. Max Popp seconds. (No debate. The question was called of those in favor). Motion passed.***

## **9. New Business**

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

- a) Discussion: Development of an MVMA program to support mental health in the veterinary profession.

A video about depression was viewed by all present. The MVMA Council has researched the development of such a program. There were some questions from the floor regarding this topic. The ED provided information who she had contacted and what the outcome of the meeting was. This program would offer quicker access for support than the public health system.

It would be like an insurance premium that would be paid. A discussion was held by all present. This topic and potential programs will be researched and investigated further. Information obtained will be circulated to the membership. This issue will be dealt with sooner rather than later and membership was encouraged to watch for updates as we go forward.

Membership was asked if there was any new business that they wished to discuss. There was none.

## **10. Passing of the Gavel**

Dr. Tomlinson asked Dr. Seward to come to the podium and receive the gavel as the newly elected 2014/15 President of the MVMA.

Dr. Seward thanked Dr. Tomlinson for serving as MVMA President for 2013/2014 and for all his contributions to the MVMA. A token of appreciation was presented to Dr. Tomlinson.

## **11. Dr. Seward adjourned the 2014 Annual General Meeting at 9:20 p.m.**

