



Council Connection

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Dear MVMA Members,

As we navigate through the tail end of winter calving season and edge closer to the heartworm season, I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. These seasonal milestones remind us of the cyclical nature of our work and the constant adaptation it requires. It's a time for reflection on the past and preparation for what lies ahead.

The MVMA Council has been actively working to enhance our communication and engagement with you, our valued members. With this goal in mind, I'm pleased to introduce the **Council Connection** plan, a new initiative designed to keep you informed about the Council's activities and decisions. Expect quarterly updates through the President's Messages in March, June, and September, as well as in the Annual Report. These communications are part of our commitment to transparency and engagement with our membership.

In our recent efforts to foster collaboration and understanding within our community, the Council had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Stephanie McLean from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). We are grateful for the opportunity to hear about the initiatives our federal partners are undertaking and their eagerness to support Manitoba's veterinary professionals.

Furthermore, we have engaged in meaningful dialogue with the Winnipeg Humane Society (WHS) concerning tail docking. Acknowledging the complexity and diversity of opinions on this matter, we plan to consult with membership this spring. Your input is invaluable, and we encourage you to stay tuned for further updates.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the resignation of Celina Dunfield, RVT, from the MVMA Council. After a year of dedicated service, her departure leaves a vacancy for an RVT Council member. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Celina for her commitment and contributions to the profession. In light of this, we are seeking a passionate Registered Veterinary Technologist to join the Council.

On another note, we've made adjustments to the Temporary Specialty fees and application process. For more details, please visit [here](#).

As we move forward, I'd like to draw your attention to a few critical calls to action:

1. RVT Council Member Recruitment: We are inviting applications for the vacant RVT Council member position. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to your profession's governance and development. Interested candidates should contact Corey Wilson, MVMA ED/Registrar, at registrar@mvma.ca by Friday, March 29th, 2024.

2. PIPS By-Law Consultation: In response to longstanding issues identified in 2020, our Ad Hoc PIPS Rewrite Committee has proposed changes aimed at improving the PIPS inspection process. Your feedback is crucial to this comprehensive review. For more information and to participate in the consultation, visit <https://www.mvma.ca/consultation-pips/>. You can also sign up for automatic updates on the consultation process [here](#).

Lastly, don't miss out on upcoming opportunities for professional development and community engagement. Sign up for:

[March 28, 2024 - Animal Health and Welfare CE](#)

[May 31, 2024 - MVMA Family Day at the Goldeyes](#)

[June 12, 2024 - Membership Engagement: RVT Utilization & Specialization CE](#)

Your active participation in these events and initiatives enriches our community and strengthens our profession. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment. Together, we can continue to elevate veterinary medicine in Manitoba.

Sincerely,



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MVMA President