



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom

210 – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond

Friday, June 21, 2019

2:55 p.m.

## Minutes of the Open Meeting

**Council Members:** Dr. Joanne Weetman (President), Dr. Sergije Prostran (Vice-President), Ms. Lori Charvat (Treasurer), Dr. Doris Leung, Dr. Josh Waddington, Mr. Chris Finding, Mr. Gian Sihota, Ms. Dulce Cuenca

**Regrets:** Dr. Maarten Hart

**Staff:** Ms. Luisa Hlus (Registrar), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Deputy Registrar) and Ms. Rosalee Magcalas (Executive Assistant)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The open meeting was called to order by Dr. Weetman at 2:55p.m.

### 2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

#### 2.1. Approval of the Open Agenda

**MOTION: THAT** the Open Agenda be approved with the power to add.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

#### 2.2. Minutes of the April 26, 2019 Open Meeting

**MOTION: THAT** the Minutes of the April 26, 2019 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

### Added Item

Council Member, Gian Sihota spoke about his experience attending the May 23, 2019 public board member foundational training session arranged by CABRO. There were over 300 board members in attendance.

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Introductory remarks by the Hon. Carol James spoke of the role board members and their accountability to the public.

Several different sessions were presented at the meeting and various members were chosen to attend different sessions. Mr. Sihota attended the session on Finance which discussed using funds in an appropriate manner, taking the time to ascertain where the money might be best utilized.

He also attended a session on Human Resources which talked about how to handle matters, depending upon what sector you are in.

The last session attended by Mr. Sihota was one on Risk Management: How to avoid litigation.

It was a beneficial meeting allowing members to share experiences between different boards and learning from each other. Due to its success, more meetings may occur in the future.

### **3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION**

#### **3.1. Feedback on Personal Use Accounts**

Although this topic was discussed in detail at the last Council Meeting, Council directed the Registrar and Deputy Registrar to seek more information regarding the wholesaler's process and to reach out to other Colleges.

The Deputy Registrar reached out to the three main wholesale companies, letting them know that it is the College's position that PUAs should be restricted to food items only, until further notice. At this point, the process of signing up for and maintaining a PUA with a wholesaler remains basically unknown to the College.

The College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO) is also taking on this issue and the Deputy Registrar has reached out to her for direction on what questions need to be asked and answered and how to proceed. The CVO plans to eliminate PUAs by January 2020.

Wholesalers should have some accountability and check on a regular basis if a registrant is still licensed and practising at an accredited facility, rather than just relying upon the information provided in the application with no follow-up each time, or even yearly, if they are still licensed and should be purchasing items.

It comes down to public safety if a registrant were to be stockpiling pharmaceuticals purchased from a wholesaler and not working out of an accredited facility, perhaps as a mobile clinic and they were broken into, could the public then assume that the



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College, as the regulator, is responsible for not foreseeing such an event. The College does not want to be seen as regulating the purchasing but must focus on regulating the public risk of inappropriate destination, storage and use of these products.

As the CVBC has no jurisdiction over wholesalers, they may not answer our questions on how they are handling accounts, but are accountable to Health Canada and are profit-driven.

Even if the CVBC negotiates a Memorandum of Understanding with wholesalers that they will check with us once a year to see veterinarians receiving products are still practicing at an accredited facility and are still licensed, we remain accountable to the public. Other professionals do not have these privileges from their regulators. The current practice is inconsistent with managing the opioid crisis and anti-microbial stewardship, which has federal reporting requirements. Council Members requested that staff gather evidence of actual risk or harm.

### **Sergije Prostran left the meeting.**

Discussion turned to potentially asking the new General Manager, Garth Graham of the Associated Veterinary Purchasing Co. Ltd. (AVP) to attend a Council Meeting for dialogue with Council on personal use accounts and to answer questions directly.

The Registrar and Deputy Registrar proposed drafting a Professional Practice Standard with AVP and other wholesaler consultation before seeking registrants' input.

### **Direction: Draft a Professional Practice Standard**

- 3.2 Health Canada Consultations on the Access to Veterinary Drugs  
FOR INFORMATION.

## **4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

- 4.1. Report on New Registrants (on table item)  
No discussion. Provided for information.
- 4.2. Change of Registration Class Report (on table item)  
No discussion. Provided for information.
- 4.3. Report on Facility Changes  
No discussion. Provided for information.



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#### 4.4. Task List

Provided for information. Add: notice of Annual General Meeting must be distributed by September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

#### 5.1 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2019.

The Open Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.