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Council Meeting: September 28, 2005

- Received activity reports from statutory committees, the President and the Registrar.
- Amended and accepted the Budget for 2005-2006.
- Held a second reading on the draft Guideline **Ordering, Performing and Interpreting Laboratory Tests in Veterinary Clinical Practice**, and returned it to staff for amendment
- Amended and accepted in principle the draft Guideline **Medical Records for Companion Animals**, and directed staff to circulate the draft for consultation (see CVO website under Regulatory Consultations).
- Amended and approved the Position Statement **Animal Rehabilitation in Veterinary Practice** and directed that it be published.
- Amended and accepted in principle the draft Position Statements **Ophthalmic Screening Programs, Cardiac Screening Programs and Congenital Deafness Screening Programs for Companion Animals**, and directed staff to circulate the drafts for consultation (see CVO website under Regulatory Consultations).
- Decided that the CVO Public Award will not be awarded for 2005.
- Approved the amended Strategic Plan *2005 and Beyond*.
- Approved [proposed by-law amendments](#) to be presented to the membership for confirmation at the Annual General Meeting January 18, 2006.
- Appointed Dr. Mark Gemmill and Dr. Peter Villhauer as Deputy Returning Officers for the Council election to be held October 4, 2005.
- Deferred appointment of a Working Group of Council to conduct Monitoring Reports in accordance with Board Governance Policies to permit further research.
- Considered a request from the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association that the College support a regulatory amendment that would extend the right of non-voting shareholder ownership of veterinary professional corporations to family members of veterinarians. Council was not convinced that the proposal was consistent with the public interest mandate of the College but agreed to take a neutral position as long as the regulatory concerns were adequately addressed.

Proposed By-law Amendments

Council approved the following proposed By-law amendments on September 28, 2005 to be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting on **January 18, 2006**.

(Underlined words are additions and ~~strike-throughs~~ are deletions from the existing text of the By-laws).

Constitution

23.-(1) There are hereby established the following committees, should council be of the opinion that they would be of assistance for each upcoming year, additional to those established by the Act:

1. Communications Committee,
2. Education Committee,
3. Finance Committee,
4. Nominating Committee.

(2) Where one or more vacancies occur in the membership of a committee, the committee members remaining in office constitute the committee so long as their number is not fewer than the prescribed quorum.

(3) Unless otherwise prescribed by law or this by-law, the council ~~shall~~ may appoint the members of each committee and a convenor for each committee.

(4) The executive committee may ~~and, if necessary for a committee to achieve its quorum, shall fill~~ any vacancies which occur in the membership of a committee.

(5) Every appointment to a committee automatically expires at the annual meeting of the council which occurs next after the appointment.

Procedure

24.-(1) Each committee that has been appointed shall meet from time to time at the direction of the council or the executive committee or the call of its chairman or convenor at a place in Ontario or by electronic means, date and time designated by the chairman or convenor.

Finance Committee

27.-(2) The finance committee, where one has been appointed, shall review and report to the executive committee regarding the financial affairs and position of the college.

Nominating Committee

28.(4) The nominating committee shall,
(b) make recommendations to the ~~annual council meeting~~ through the executive committee regarding the members and convenors of each committee, and...

Banking

29.-(4) The registrar, the deputy registrar or other staff persons appointed by the registrar for the purpose may endorse any negotiable instrument for collection on account of the college through the bank or for deposit to the credit of the college with the bank, and the college's rubber stamp may be used for such endorsement.

Expenses

31.(1) Each year the council shall approve a budget for the operations of the college. ~~Subject to a budget approved by the executive committee, the registrar may authorize the purchase or lease of goods or facilities, and the obtaining of services, for the benefit of the college.~~

31.(2) The registrar shall administer the finances of the college in accordance with the annual budget and council policies including, subject to subsection (3), determining the remuneration to be paid to employees of the college. ~~Subject to a budget approved by the executive committee, the registrar shall determine the remuneration to be paid to employees of the college who are not designated as officers of the college.~~

31.(3) The executive committee shall determine the remuneration to be paid to the registrar ~~officers~~ of the college.

31.(4) The registrar, the deputy registrar or other staff persons appointed by the registrar for the purpose ~~or both the chief administrative assistant and the co-ordinator of the finance committee together,~~ may sign cheques in payment of expenses of the college incurred in according with this section. Two signatures are required for each cheque. The registrar may establish internal administrative policies for the signing of cheques.

Borrowing

34.(4) The registrar or the deputy registrar may sign documents to implement a decision made under subsection (1) or subsection (3).

Documents

36.-(2) Unless otherwise provided by law or this by-law, a document of the college shall be signed by:

(a) the registrar and one of the president or vice-president if the document has financial implications greater than \$25,000 for the college, and

(b) the registrar, the deputy registrar or other staff persons appointed by the registrar for the purpose if the document has no financial implications for the college or the financial implications are for \$25,000 or less.

Deputy Registrar

38.-(1) A person hired by the registrar whom the council has appointed as a deputy registrar shall discharge the duties of the registrar during the absence, disability, or vacancy in the office, of the registrar.

(2) Where no person has been appointed by the council as a deputy registrar, the executive committee shall, in the event of the absence, disability, or vacancy in the office, of the registrar, appoint a person to act as registrar.

Membership

39.(1) The college shall maintain membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards of the United States, and shall pay the annual fee for the membership.

~~(2) The registrar and a member of the council appointed by the council shall represent the college at meetings of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.~~

~~(3)~~ (2) The college shall maintain representation on the National Examining Board of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and shall pay the annual assessment for the same.

~~(4) A member of the registration committee appointed by the council shall represent the college at meetings of the National Examining Board of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association."~~