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Policy Reviews

The following documents were approved or amended and approved by Council:

- In Title 8 of the *Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario*, clauses 4.6.10 and 4.6.12 were removed and clause 10.2 was amended as follows (strike-through notations indicate deletion):

~~If necropsies are done in the facility,~~†The following is readily available in the facility:

1. sufficient equipment to perform a necropsy; and
 2. containers of formalin.
- The position statement, “**Release of Medical Information,**” was approved.
 - The position statement, “**Granting Exemptions for the Self-Contained Requirement for Veterinary Facilities,**” was approved.

The following document was approved in principle but will be returned to Council for further review:

- The draft position statement, “**General Principles for Delegation.**” Staff were directed to circulate to affected shareholders for consideration.

The following documents were reviewed and will be returned to Council:

- The draft position statement, “**Compounding of Veterinary Drugs,**” was discussed and returned to staff for reorganization and formatting.
- The position statement, “**Animal Rehabilitation in Veterinary Practice**” (approved by Council in September 2005). Staff were directed to re-circulate for comment as per the policy-review schedule for this document.

Presentations

- Dr. Deb Stark, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Veterinarian of Ontario (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) spoke to Council about current issues.
- Dr. Mark Spiegle, CVO representative to the National Examining Board, outlined changes in examination requirements that will affect graduates from non-accredited schools, including a new Basic and Clinical Sciences Examination.

Reports

- Both the President and the Registrar provided oral reports to Council.
- The VSTEP Steering Committee reported that VSTEP would like to pursue incorporation; Council approved the request in principle.
- The Working Group reviewing the Minimum Standards for Companion Animal Hospitals put forth nominations for members interested in participating. Council approved these and appointed Dr. Aaryn Clark, Dr. Glen Collard, Dr. Mary DeCaire, and Dr. Deji Odetoyinbo to the working group.
- A financial report was submitted for information purposes.