December 21, 2016

Dr. Brendan Matthews, President and to All Council Members
College of Veterinarians of British Columbia
#107 - 828 Harbourside Drive
North Vancouver BC V7P3R9

Dear Dr. Matthews and All Council Members:

We are writing on behalf of our 565 members, all veterinarians who are registrants of the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia. We are writing to seek clarification and further information which we intend to disseminate to our members and which may encourage further discussion and debate.

We have been informed that the recent bylaw revisions proposed by the College, which were presented as a resolution to the registrants and voted upon, and which resolution then was passed, has now been withdrawn due to an error or oversight on the part of the College with respect to the notice period. Subsequently, a resolution regarding a current set of revised bylaws is now before members.

The CVMA-SBCV Chapter has heard from concerned registrants that there is considerable confusion regarding the proposed revisions and the Chapter seeks some clarification for itself and its members:

1. Could you kindly provide the Chapter, on behalf of its 565 members, an annotated or even a “track changes’ copy of the proposed bylaws showing each proposed revision?

2. Could the College also provide to the Chapter, on behalf of its 565 members, a summary document or explanation outlining why each substantial (non-housekeeping) revision is proposed?

3. And, for clarity, could you kindly provide to the Chapter, on behalf of its 565 members, a copy of the communication sent to registrants which explains the reason for a new vote and the need for registrants (who may have already voted and may believe this matter has already received their attention) to once again vote on a proposed bylaw revision resolution?

4. Could you provide the Chapter, again on behalf of its 565 members, the exact dates for the discussion paper, and all deadlines and key dates regarding this matter including the dates of the voting period?
UPDATE

We have just been informed that the proposed second vote has also been invalidated.

5. Could you confirm if this is true, and if true, could you kindly still provide answers to questions 1, 2 and 3?

6. Finally, during this time of confusion, could you confirm which bylaws your registrants and our 565 members are currently being governed by (and provide a copy or a link to a copy)?

We understand the time constraints during this holiday season, but that makes it even more important that the Chapter, on behalf of its 565 members, receives a timely response from the College. We intend to share this letter with our membership.

We look forward to receiving such a timely response and we thank you for your collaboration on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Sarah Armstrong

On behalf of the Board
Dr. Al Longair, Vice President
Dr. Rob Ashburner, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Marco Veenis, Past President
Dr. Koharik Arman, Director
Dr. Christiane Armstrong, Regional Director
Dr. Jessica Robertson, Director
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