

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT VETERINARIANS

Note of Action Points

Council Teleconference 1630 24 June 2015

Present

Linda Smith Chair
Adrienne Conroy
Kate Sharpe
Levon Stephan
Rebeca Garcia
Fred Landeg

Apologies

Anne-Marie McDowall
Cath McVicar

Relationship with BVA

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1. Kate gave an update on the BVA/Specialist Divisions workshop that she attended on 23rd June.
All 20 specialist Divisions attended plus current, junior and senior BVA presidents, CEO and other members of the steering group.(full list attached)
This workshop formed part of 4 main work streams identified in on-going review of BVA governance.
 - i. The relationship between BVA and the specialist divisions
 - ii. Procedures for electing BVA officers
 - iii. BVA's committee structure and appointments to committees
 - iv. The relationship between Board and Council

The aim is to find ways to work better together (BVA and specialists and within and between the specialist groups)by;
1. Focussing on better communication processes, to allow more affective dissemination of information and more effective consultation and development of national BVA policy, representing the views of all or clarifying any differences.
2. Co-ordination over CPD design and provision to reduce competition for the same pot of money.
3. considered organisational options and
4. funding models.

The atmosphere was very positive with a strong desire to work better together. A report of the meeting will be circulated soon.

Kate had discussions on the periphery with other reps on options to work more closely with other relevant small associations with

similar interests to AGV such as LAVA, AVTRW, VPHA, FVS, AVI to share speakers and invitations to each other's conferences.

The Way Forward

2. Kate Sharpe and ideally Edwina would meet with Jason Aldiss, to discuss the alliance with VPHA, the joint Conference including arrangements for an AGV AGM, AGV membership fees and joint membership fees.

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3. It was agreed with the changing face of delivery for Government Veterinary Services, the membership of AGV should be open to veterinary surgeons who provided veterinary services for Government through delivery agents.

The treasurer recommended that the membership fee structure should also be changed with retired members paying a possibly reduced membership fee. This would allow an accurate determination of membership numbers, provide greater income and allow a register of members contact details to be maintained.

The possibility of opening membership to non-veterinary surgeons engaged in the delivery of Government veterinary services was also discussed but it was felt this was better left to the new veterinary membership to discuss.

The above changes would require a change in the Constitution of AGV. The Acting Secretary would draft the changes for the constitution and circulate a draft for comment.

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Process

4. Once changes to the Constitution had been agreed motions would have to be drawn up and put before an AGM. The acting secretary would take this forward.

It was proposed that the AGM would be held at the joint VPHA/AGV conference to be held on 10-11 September 2015

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Acting President

5. It was agreed that Kate Sharpe would take over as acting President until formal appointment of President at the next AGM. Our thanks go to Linda Smith who has been President since 2011

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Date of Next Meeting

Action

7. The next Council Telecon would be held on Monday **13 July 2015 -1630hrs**. Council members' availability would be sought.

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Fred Landeg

29 June 2015