

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT VETERINARIANS

Action Note

Council Teleconference 1630 – 7th April 2016

Present

Kate Sharpe	KS	Chair
Linda Smith	LiS	
Lévon Stephan	LeS	
Fred Landeg	FL	
Rebeca Garcia	RG	
Amanda Carson	AmC	
Edwina Thirkell	ET	
Adrienne Conroy	AdC	
Jane Clark	JaC	
Joana Crisostomo	JoC	

Apologies

Cath McVicar	CM
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Council Telecon and Matters Arising

Action

HMRC Application for tax relief on membership subscription

This was still work in progress.

FL

Conference Update

There were at least 98 delegates expected 14 from AGV. It was hoped there would be at least 6 AGV council members would attend the conference and there would be an opportunity for a face to face meeting of council members.

Newsletter

It was hoped that the next newsletter could be a joint one between VPHA and AGV. This would be discussed at the conference.

KS

Careers Article for Veterinary Record

This article was in progress; **LS** was leading.

LS

Vet futures

ET had attended a meeting on vet futures. There was much to do in order for the wider profession to understand the role of the Government Veterinarian. There needed to be a single clear point of contact on the Working Group. There was an issue of leadership in terms of taking forward any recommendations. There would be a session at the Conference and it would be an opportunity to discuss these issues.

London Vet Show

We have a one-hour educational session at the LVS for which there would be no charge. We need to work up how we could use the session to demonstrate what Government vets do. A quiz might be a possibility. If necessary AGV could fund one attendee for the session.

Could all Council members circulate by email any suggestions for the session. There would be a discussion and final decision at the VPHA/AGV conference. Would a member of Council like to take the lead on this? **All**

World Veterinary Association – CPD Portal

KS had circulated an email with a link to the WVA CPD portal mock up for AGV. Could all members look at the portal and circulate an email on whether they think there would be any value in the portal for AGV **All**

EASVO

Council noted and want to put on record our thanks to Cath in recognition of her work in holding our EASVO position over the last few years while we remained a member with only observer status. This was a difficult role but was essential and has been influential in getting us to the stronger position we are in now to decide our future membership status.

KS thanked **JaC** for circulating her paper on the benefits of EASVO membership. The papers were discussed. There was agreement that AGV should be a member of EASVO but funding was problematic. JaC had set out options for remaining including funding. Council views welcome and the issue would be discussed at the AGV VPHA conference with VPHA. **All**

BVA Council Papers for 13th April 2016

Available papers had been circulated – there were some papers still to follow. There was a discussion on all items and AGV lines to take at BVA Council.

Ethics and Welfare - RC noted that guidance had been published on one health aspects of abuse. This was relevant also to farm animal welfare. The Guidance or a link to it could be published on the AGV website. **RC**

AGV should support the BVA line on rewilding.

EU Referendum Council noted the that while discussions had show significant benefits to animal health, animal welfare and the profession as a whole to remaining in the EU for legal reasons the BVA line to remain non-partisan on the issue was understood.

Nominations and Awards Support for BVA paper but feeling there should be greater transparency around the nomination process

Governance Review Support for option B1 for VPG (specialist divisions). Support proposal to invite AVI, BVHA, LAVA, RAVC, SGV and VDS [deer] to become members of Council. **AdC**

AOB

There were no items of other business.

Date of Next Meeting

Secretary would circulate dates for a telecon in early May. **FL**

Fred Landeg

8th April 2016