

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT VETERINARIANS
Action Note
Council teleconference 16.30 – Thursday 30th March 2017

Present

Kate Sharpe (Chair)
Fred Landeg
Adrienne Conroy
Anthony Ridge
Rebeca Garcia
John Lawrence
Katherine Grace
Linda Smith
Mick Park
Liz Kelly

Apologies

Amanda Carson
Jane Clark
Joana Cristomo

1. Council Telecon 18 January 2017 and Matters Arising

None

2. Transfer of Accounts to new treasurer

- Paperwork now transferred to Linda.
- **Action Linda;** to complete mandate form from Barclays.
- **Action Linda;** to set up online account.

3. Tour de Table

- Council members introduced themselves with short biography. It was agreed that the biographies (250 maximum word limit) and photos (if available) would be put on AGV website.
- **Action all;** to send bios plus photo to Liz.
- **Action Liz;** to collate biographies, check contents with Council members and send to Anthony to put on website.

4. Roles within AGV Council

- It was agreed that all formal roles currently in place would continue and this would be reviewed next year. Post holders were asked to give a short summary of what the roles entailed, as below.
- **BVA Council Rep (Adrienne)**, 4 meetings in London per year, preparation and briefing pre-meeting, AGV views taken forward with summary post BVA council meeting. This role to be split with either AGV President or Junior Vice-President supporting Adrienne. Kate currently provides this support.
- **AWF and AGV animal welfare rep (Rebeca)**, attendance at AWF forum annually, liaison with BVA on welfare and ad hoc volunteer work on relevant issues.
- **EUSVO (Jane)**, annual meeting over 3 days, with production of report for AGV.
- **BVA Liaison (Liz, with Anthony alternate contact)**, distribution of relevant BVA information and news to all members, collation of responses.
- **VPHA Liaison (John)**, as John is VPHA rep on BVA Council he can also provide backup cover for AGV at BVA meetings if necessary.
- **Website (Anthony, with support from Fred and Liz)**

- **Action Liz;** send details of all formal BVA contacts to BVA

5. VPHA/AGV conferences

- Conferences are held twice a year, the last one was very good, both in format and range of attendees and discussions. However low numbers from AGV attended.
- **Action all;** consider how best to take forward a survey of AGV members for guidance on why conference poorly attended (eg subject matter, weekend timing, other?) and get views on future conferences.
- AGV have opportunity to lead, in consultation with VPHA, on speakers and topics for next conference in November with VPHA providing logistics. Topics discussed included; Embracing Innovation (with RCVS support); Wellbeing and Mind Matters (again with RCVS); Ethical dilemmas facing vet profession.
- **Action Kate;** discuss with counterparts in VPHA.
- **Action Rebeca;** set up small AGV working group to take forward conference topics (Liz and Mick volunteers to date).

6. BVA Council meeting Wednesday 19th April

- **Action Liz;** arrange AGV council meeting 12th April to discuss papers received from BVA and provide briefing to Adrienne and/or Kate.
- **Action all;** confirm attendance at 12th April meeting telecon.

7. AOB

- **Action Liz;** send information on One Welfare consultation/survey to all AGV members
- **Action Liz;** send information to all Council members on AWF forum day with discount ticket

8. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 12th April, 16.30, dial in details to follow

Liz Kelly
April 2017