

Minutes



Annual Council Meeting December 4, 2024

Presiding Officer: Dr. Wade Wright

Members present: Dr. Patricia Alderson
Dr. Claire Beauchamp
Dr. Kathleen Day Dunbar
Ms. Cathy Hecimovich
Dr. Louise Kelly
Ms. Catherine Knipe
Dr. Lena Levison
Dr. Clayton MacKay
Dr. Sean Marshall
Dr. Alana Parisi
Dr. Sami Qureshi
Dr. Jessica Retterath
Mr. Douglas Reynolds
Ms. Rena Spevack
Dr. Yashvir Varma
Dr. Michael Zigler

Appointed Officer: Ms. Jan Robinson, Registrar and CEO

Staff in attendance: Ms. Kim Huson, Director, Communications & Engagement
Ms. Sarah Kirby, Director, Policy
Dr. Kim Lambert, Associate Registrar, Regulatory Programs
Ms. Kali Pieters, Policy & Projects Coordinator
Ms. Lesley Rankin, Director, People & Resources
Ms. Shilo Tooze, Deputy Registrar
Ms. Alice Couto, Executive Assistant

Guest attended: Ms. Michelle Steele, RLB Chartered Professional Accountants

1. Call to order

Dr. Wade Wright called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: It was moved and seconded,
“That the agenda be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

3. Annual Reports of Council

Written reports for each Committee were provided in the Council package.

- 3.1 Accreditation
Ms. Cathy Hecimovich, Chair of the Accreditation Committee, provided an oral report.
- 3.2 Registration
Dr. Alana Parisi, Chair of the Registration Committee, provided an oral report.
- 3.3 Complaints
Ms. Rena Spevack, Chair of the Complaints Committee, provided an oral report. Ms Spevack noted that Dr. Sami Qureshi was omitted, in error, from the report.
- 3.4 Discipline
Dr. Lena Levison, Chair of the Discipline Committee, provided an oral report.
- 3.5 Executive
Dr. Wade Wright, Chair of the Executive Committee, provided an oral report.

Non-Statutory Committees

- 3.6 Quality Assurance
Dr. Patricia Alderson, Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee, provided an oral report.
- 3.7 Governance, Audit and Risk Committee
Dr. Alana Parisi, Chair of the Governance, Audit and Risk Committee, provided an oral report.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded,

“That the Council of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario accept the Accreditation, Registration, Complaints, Discipline, Executive, Quality Assurance, and Governance, Audit and Risk Committee Reports as presented.”

CARRIED

4. Audited Financial Statements

Ms. Michelle Steele, from RLB Chartered Professional Accountants, presented the draft Audited Financial Statements for 2023/2024.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded,

“That the Council of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario accept the draft audited financial statements for 2023/2024, as presented.”

CARRIED

5. Appointment of Auditor

Annually the Council appoints an auditor at the Annual Council Meeting to audit the accounts of the College and to prepare financial statements for each fiscal year.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded,

“That the Council of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario appoint RLB Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for the College of Veterinarians of Ontario for the fiscal year 2025.”

CARRIED

6. 2024 Annual Report of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario

The draft Annual Report was distributed prior to the meeting. The Registrar provided Council with the highlights within the Annual Report, the Strategy 2026 plans and a summary of the Supplementary Data Report. The 2024 Annual Report will be posted online and available to all stakeholders.

7. President’s Remarks

Dr. Wade Wright addressed Council. He thanked Councillors and staff for their support during the past year.

8. Recognition

Dr. Jessica Retterath acknowledged the outgoing President, Dr. Wade Wright.

Dr. Wade Wright was provided with a certificate of recognition and letter from the 1st Vice President. Dr. Wade Wright spoke and thanked Councillors and staff and indicated that he enjoyed his time as President.

9. Close

Adjournment:

MOTION: It was moved and seconded,

“That the Annual Council Meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED



Dr. Wade Wright
President



Jan Robinson
Registrar and CEO



Alice Couto
Recording Secretary