Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association Council

**Board Members**
Lorraine Adam, Winnipeg ^
Douglas Oliver, Woodlands ^

^ Government appointments

**Mandate:**
The MVMA council passes by-laws that govern the practice of veterinary medicine. This includes the standards of practice and the code of ethics of its members. Governance, Strategy, Vision, Mission and policy.

**Responsibilities:**
The Council sets policies and its Peer Review Committee hears complaints on veterinary misconduct. Council appoints members to the Peer Review Committee. Decisions on discipline are made by the Peer Review Committee, not council.

**Membership:**
As defined under Section 6.2 of The Veterinary Medical Act the council includes 11 members. The council must appoint one of the members as the president of the council. The president must be a licensed member. Members terms are set out by the bylaws.

MVMA council includes two public appointed representatives, two representatives elected by Veterinary Technologists, and seven representatives elected by veterinarians (one of which is president and one is past president). Membership in the MVMA includes both veterinarians and veterinary technologists.

The Minister is responsible to appoint two members to the council to serve as Public Representatives for a fixed term appointed by the minister which may not be for longer than 4 years. Members can be reappointed for a second term but must not serve for more than eight consecutive years.

**Length of Terms:**
Veterinarians are elected and serve a four year term, max eight years. If they serve as president, they will serve a fourth year as past president.

**Desirable Experience:**
Prospective members should have a solid foundation in board governance and a working knowledge on self-governing associations. The applicant should understand regulation and regulatory bodies. The practice and scope of veterinary medicine is broad, it includes food safety, animal health, and welfare. Knowledge on the practice of veterinary medicine is NOT essential to the position.
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As per section 6.6 of the act a person is not eligible to serve on the council as public representative if:

1) The person is not an individual, is a member or former member of the association or
2) A parent, spouse, common-law partner, brother, sister or child of a member;
3) Is employed by a member; or is an officer or employee of, or has a pecuniary interest in, a veterinary corporation.

Time Commitment:
Meet eight times a year, in addition to an Annual General Meeting. Meetings are normally a full day and generally on Fridays. The board structure may change with the addition of four new members.

The five person executive committee will meet monthly, and the full council will meet semi-monthly.

Meetings:
Location: Winnipeg, at the MVMA offices on Inkster Blvd.

Frequency:
Council: 8 times a year
Executive Committee: monthly
Full Council: Semi-monthly

Remuneration:
Currently there is no remuneration.