

## *Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association Council*

### **Board Member**

Dianne Riding, Lake Francis<sup>^</sup>

Douglas Oliver, Woodlands <sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup> 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.

### **Authority:**

[The Veterinary Medical Act](#)

### **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.

The Public and Veterinary Technologist representatives are new to the council, and therefore by-laws have not yet been created for these positions.

**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.

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.

**Meetings:**

Location: Virtually and in person as necessary

Frequency:

Council:	8 times per year
Executive Committee:	Monthly
Full Council:	Semi-monthly
AGM:	Annually

Duration: Fridays (All Day)

**Remuneration:**

No remuneration