

All BCVTA2018 AGM Bylaw proposals were passed by the membership using electronic voting, the results were as follows:

Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBER

- A) Shall be a graduate of an Animal Health, or Veterinary Technology program, which is accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, or the American Veterinary Medical Association, or
- B) Shall be a graduate from an Animal Health, or Veterinary Technology program in Ontario, that is accredited by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, or
- C) Shall be a graduate from a non-accredited International or Canadian Animal Health/Veterinary Technology (minimum 2 years) diploma or degree program that is approved by a credentialed assessment program recognized by the British Columbia Veterinary Technologists Association.
- D) Shall be a resident of the Province of British Columbia, or other Canadian Province or Territory that does not have a recognized AHT/VT Association (eg, Yukon, North West Territories, Nunavut).
- E) Shall have successfully completed the national examination within three years of new application effective May 1, 1997.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 96.65%	202
I oppose this bylaw change 3.35%	7
Total Responses	209

Section 2. SUSTAINED MEMBER

- A) Shall be an Active Member in good standing at the time of category change.
- B) This category can be held for a maximum of two years and a maximum of two times (with at least one year of Active membership status in between.)
- C) The absence of less than one year will be rounded up to a full year.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 91.71%	177
I oppose this bylaw change 8.29%	16
Total Responses	193

3. RETIRED MEMBER

- A) Shall be an Active Member in good standing at the time of category change.
- B) Must have a minimum of 20 years of registered membership in a provincial AHT/VT Association
- C) Reinstatement from the retired member category to the active member category shall require the member to show accumulation of 10 continuing education credits per year of retired membership.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 90.21%	175
I oppose this bylaw change 9.79%	19
Total Responses	194

Section 6. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUSTAINED MEMBERS

- A) Shall have voting privileges
- B) Upon return to Active membership, shall show 10 CE credits or pay a reduced fee for each year of Sustained membership.
- C) Shall adhere to the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics, and Standard of Practice of the Association.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 96.91%	188
I opposed this bylaw change 3.09%	6
Total Responses	194

Section 7. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RETIRED MEMBERS

- A) Shall no longer be working in the animal health/veterinary field in any capacity
- B) Shall have voting privileges and shall be eligible to hold office.
- C) Shall pay membership dues at the same rate as student members
- D) Shall pay conference fees at the same rate as student members
- E) Shall have access to electronic newsletter and message board
- F) Shall adhere to the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics, and Standard of Practice of the Association.
- G) Shall be exempt from continuing education accumulation requirements.

H) Shall be considered a retired registered member of the Association and given the title Registered Veterinary Technologist (Retired) (RVT(ret)).

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 91.71%	177
I oppose this bylaw change 8.29%	16
Total Responses	193

Section 9. STUDENTMEMBER

- A) Shall be a student in good standing currently enrolled in an Animal Health/Veterinary Technology program as described in Section 1 A), B) and C).
- B) Shall reside in the Province of British Columbia, or other Canadian Province or Territory that does not have a recognized AHT/VT Association (eg, Yukon, North West Territories, Nunavut).

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 97.37%	185
I oppose this bylaw change 2.63%	5
Total Responses	190

Section 13. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- A) A member in good standing shall be defined as: A person whose application for membership in the Association has been accepted as outlined in Section 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9.
- B) A member ceases to be in good standing at such time as he/she ceases to pay the required dues, fines, or surcharges at such time as they become due and payable as described in these bylaws; or in the event that it is determined that he/she has acted in a manner which contravenes the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics, and Standard of Practice or compromises the objects of the Association.
- C) An Active member who has previously written the national examination and has allowed their membership to lapse for a period of greater than three years will be required to re-sit and pass this examination before being considered for reinstatement as an active registered member of the Association.

D) A member in the retired member category for greater than three years who is re-applying for active member status and cannot show 10 CE credits for each year of retired membership will be required to re-sit and pass the national examination before being considered for reinstatement as an active registered member of the Association.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 87.37%	166
I oppose this bylaw change 12.63%	24
Total Responses	190

Section 1. TERMS OF OFFICE

- A) Candidates shall fulfill all the obligations of Active or Retired membership categories.
- B) One person may not hold more than one BCVTA office at one time with the exception of the President-Elect.
- C) Length of office for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer is two years commencing at the end of the election meeting; no candidate shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.
- D) Length of office for the Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada (RVTTC) Representative(s) shall be three years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- E) Length of office for the College of Veterinarians of BC Liaison (CVBC Liaison) shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board, for the purpose of continuity.
- F) The members may by special resolution, remove a board member before the expiration of his/her term of office, and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 97.35%	184
I oppose this bylaw change 2.65%	5
Total Responses	189

Section 6. SECRETARY

- A) Shall be responsible for maintaining accurate minutes of all Executive Board and General Business meetings.
- B) Shall be responsible for ensuring all members have access to the minutes of General Business meetings within two (2) weeks of the meeting.
- C) Shall be responsible for ensuring that all directors have access to the minutes of Executive Board meetings within two (2) weeks of the meeting.
- D) Shall present proposed amendments to the Constitution to the general membership in writing prior to the next General Business meeting.
- E) Shall be responsible for all correspondence pertaining to this position.
- F) Shall transfer all secretarial records to incoming Secretary.
- G) Shall be responsible for ensuring copies of all meeting Agendas are retained.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 99.47%	187
I oppose this bylaw change 0.53%	1
Total Responses	188

Section 7. TREASURER

- A) Shall be custodian of the financial resources of the Association.
- B) Shall present a written and verbal financial report to the membership.
- C) Shall keep an itemized account of all transactions.
- D) Shall ensure all bills are paid promptly.
- E) Shall have an unaudited financial statement prepared by a Chartered Accountant to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- F) Shall keep all books available to be reviewed by any member.
- G) Shall turn over completed and accurate records to the newly elected Treasurer.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 100.00%	185
I oppose this bylaw change 0.00%	0
Total Responses	185

Executive Director Section 2. DUTIES

- A) Shall maintain a permanent Association Office and a post office box address at a mutually agreed upon Post Office location.
- B) Shall be responsible for all correspondence received at that address.
- C) Shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate membership register and roster, while maintaining Member's confidentiality.

RESPONSES	
I approve this bylaw change 100.00%	184
I oppose this bylaw change 0.00%	0
Total Responses	184