

BCVTA Board Meeting Highlights
February 9, 2026

Annual General Meeting Preparation:

- Fulton and Co. conducted a legal review of the current BCVTA Bylaws and provided recommendations for amendments.
- Reviewed the recommendations and discussed the best way to present these for discussion at the AGM.
- Discussed the proposed agenda for the AGM on Saturday, May 23, 2026.
- Reviewed the Director terms that are coming to an end and who will be renewing their term.

Road to Regulation:

- Discussed the facilitated meeting with DVMs on January 18 and follow up discussions with those who were not able to attend.
 - Identified key learnings from this meeting and possible next steps.

Member Benefit Proposal:

- The Board reviewed a proposal by [Novum](#), a company that offers group access to legal assistance.
- Discussed the possible benefit to the members and the potential cost.

Governance:

- Approved updates to the Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee and the Awards Working Group

Next Board meeting is Monday, March 9, 2026.



Tips from CleverOrcaVT - Sleep Matters

Getting enough sleep isn't just about feeling rested—it directly impacts how well you learn and perform. Research shows that students who sleep more tend to have higher GPAs, while consistently getting fewer than five hours can hurt academic performance.

That's because sleep is when your brain consolidates what you've studied, turning short-term learning into long-term memory; this happens when new connections form between the hippocampus and the neocortex during sleep. When you're sleep-deprived, decision-making slows and mistakes increase—exactly what you don't want on high-stakes exams like the VTNE®.

Aim for seven or more hours of sleep, and remember: sometimes the smartest study move is to rest (or even nap) so your brain can do its job.



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Board of Directors vs Committee vs Working Group

In December's newsletter, we broke down the Board of Directors (BoD) and their roles within the BCVTA. But what exactly distinguishes a BoD from a committee or working group, and how do they work together to support the association?

The BoD is responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the BCVTA. This includes:

- creating, reviewing, and updating policies,
- overseeing financial activities and decisions,
- ensuring the organization meets its legal and ethical obligations,
- making final decisions that impact the association as a whole.

Board members carry fiduciary responsibility and are ultimately accountable to the membership.

Committees, on the other hand, are focused groups that support the Board by handling specific areas of work. Examples of BCVTA committees include:

- Continuing Education (CE) Committee,
- Governance Committee,
- Complaints Committee
- Conference Planning Committee.

Committees are made up of both Board members and BCVTA members, allowing the association to draw on a wide range of expertise, experience, and perspectives. While committees do not hold the same legal authority as the BoD, they play a vital role by researching topics, developing plans, managing projects, and making recommendations for consideration.

A working group, by contrast, is formed to address a specific issue, project, or goal. Within the BCVTA, the Awards Working Group is a short-term, task-focused group that meets two to three times per year. Working groups are often temporary and dissolve once their task is complete. They may be created to explore new initiatives, review policies, plan one-time projects, or gather targeted input.

In short, the BoD sets the direction, while committees and working groups help carry out the work. This structure allows the BCVTA to operate efficiently, involve more members in meaningful ways, and ensure informed decision-making that benefits the entire veterinary technology community.



Upcoming CE Events

- Feb 15-18, 2026 - WVC Las Vegas
- Feb 18, 2026 - CABB Free CE Webinar
- Feb 19, 2026 - ABVTA Anesthesia Part 1
- Feb 26-28, 2026 - OAVT Conference
- April 1, 2026 - BCVTA Understanding CE Requirements
- June 24-26, 2026 - CVMA Conference

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