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Board Newsletter to Members

Two Honorary Memberships Awarded

The Board recommended to the CASV-ACVP membership during the Annual Meeting, the approval of two new honorary members – **Dr. Tim Blackwell and Dr. Frank Marshall.**

Dr. Blackwell's diverse work includes private practice, university teaching hospitals, and government service related to large animal health management. For more than two decades he worked as a public servant with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness most recently in the role of Lead Veterinarian, Disease Prevention-Swine.

Dr. Marshall has worked with Canadian and multinational swine breeding companies, integrated commercial swine companies, family farms and Hutterite Colonies in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Montana. In 2008, Dr. Marshall joined the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine to teach the new generation of students about swine herd health and production.

CVMA Consultation on Position Statement – Transport of Commercial Animals

CVMA is asking for member input on the new position statement regarding
The Transport of Commercial Animals.

CVMA members are invited to comment on the proposed position statement before it is submitted to CVMA Council for approval. The consultation will conclude on **January 1, 2026**.

You can access the position statement and leave your comments online at:

CASV-ACVP AGM, New Board of Directors and Year in Review

The CASV-ACVP AGM was held online on October 18th; 33 members participated. Highlighted accomplishments in 2024-2025 included:

- Continued offering the member research e-newsletter but on a bi-weekly basis. Noemie Van Vyve, Rienske Mortier, George Charbonneau, and Susan Fitzgerald are managing it.
- Planned 10 member webinars for 2025. The webinars were well attended. They were recorded and are available on members' section of website www.casv-acvp.com. CE certificates provided
- The Board conducted a membership survey regarding priority swine welfare initiatives in relation to the review of the Pig Code. The Board continues to monitor progress on the Pig Code review
- Monthly calls with CPC staff continued
- Dr. Christine Pelland was appointed as the CASV-ACVP representative to the CanSpot ASF Technical Committee and to the ASF Executive Management Board
- There was a CFIA presentation to the Board on their proposed ASF outbreak surveillance plan and a presentation from Animal Health Canada on the ASF integrated emergency response plan
- The Board provided input to CFIA on their draft ASF herd health questionnaire to be used in the event of an ASF outbreak.
- The Board sent letter to Health Canada regarding Consultation on Categorization of Antimicrobials
- The Board participated in a CVMA meeting with National Veterinary Species Groups and also met with CVMA to discuss Position Statements.
- CASV-ACVP hosted two meetings with the other National Veterinary Species Groups. The group sent a letter to CVMA urging them to include recommendations and perspectives of CVMA members who practice livestock medicine when dealing with livestock topics.
- The financial agreement was renewed with CPC and the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System to jointly fund the Canadian Swine Health Intelligence Network
- The International Pig Veterinary Society asked CASV-ACVP to continue managing the IPVS funds for an annual fee.
- Two student bursaries were awarded for travel to the 2025 AASV annual meeting.

The AGM is also when we elect the incoming Board of Directors. The chart lists the members of the 2025-2026 Board.

Dr. Kurt Preugschas stepped down from the Board and was thanked for his many years of service as a director and President.

	Director	Representing	
1	Dr. Svetlana Ponsin	Director (WCASV)	Vice President
2	Dr. Jessica Law	Director (WCASV)	
3	Dr. Christine Pelland	Director (OASV)	Past President
4	Dr. Conor Voth	Director (OASV)	
5	Dr. Martin Choiniére	Director (AVIA)	New
6	Dr. Isabelle Moreau	Director (AVIA)	President
7	Dr. Karine Talbot	Director at large	
8	Dr. Blaine Tully	Director at large	
9	Dr. Christian Klopfenstein	Director at large	
10	Dr. Andrea Patterson	Director at large	
11	Noémie Van Vyve	Director at large	
12	Dr. Jordan Buchan	Director at large	New
13	Dr. Hannah Jansen	Director at large	New
14	Dr. Rienske Mortier	Director at large	New
15	Dr. Lexie Reed	Director at large	New

canadianveterinarians.net/policy-and-outreach/position-statements/statements/the-transport-of-commercial-animals-draft/

Seneca Virus in Canada
A sow herd in southern Manitoba has recently tested positive for Seneca Valley Virus, which continues to circulate at high-traffic livestock locations across Western Canada, Ontario, Quebec and the United States. Click here for online article.

Reported in Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (CEZD) Weekly Intelligence Report covering the period of November 24, 2025, to November 30, 2025

There was also one on-farm case of Seneca in Ontario as reported in the CSHIN Q3 2025 report.

Spain Investigating if ASF Virus Came from a Lab
Spain has confirmed 13 cases of ASF in wild boars in a 6 km radius in Barcelona; sequencing has shown most similarity to the Georgia 2007 strain which is not currently circulating in other EU member states but is used in experimental studies and vaccine evaluation – suggesting the potential origins may be from a containment laboratory. Click here for National Hog Farmer article.

Reported in Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (CEZD) Weekly Intelligence Report covering the period of December 1, 2025, to December 7, 2025.

Advertising in the CASV-ACVP Newsletter
The CASV-ACVP newsletter is sent to 170+ association members each week.

If you are interested in any advertising opportunities, please contact Susan Fitzgerald in the CASV-ACVP office at susan.tfio@bell.net, 519-787-4322

CASV-ACVP Annual Membership Fees Increasing $5

In 2024, the CASV-ACVP Board reviewed long-term budget projections for the next five years, to 2029. Annual membership fees had not increased since 2017 although operating expenses have gradually increased each year. The Board approved a motion to increase annual fees to $150 for 2025, and then a $5 increase per year thereafter. Therefore, your renewal fee in 2026 will be $155 plus GST/HST.

The 2024 Canadian Invasive Wild Pig Report is now available

The *2024 Canadian Invasive Wild Pig Report* summarizes data that represent areas of established wild pigs in participating provinces from 2022 to 2024, locations of verified reports of uncontained pigs in 2024, and on-site field activities conducted by provincial control programs and their collaborators in 2024. It encompasses all wild pig types, including escaped domestic pigs, Eurasian wild boar, and their hybrids.

Click here to access a larger version of the image and download PDF

The data for the 2023 and 2024 Canadian Invasive Wild Pig Report were collected, collated and mapped using the same criteria across the participating provinces. A comparison of the data does not indicate differences in the location of established populations of wild pigs. For more details on the provincial program data, look to the reports referenced by program area.
View past reports here.

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario's wild pig control programs contributed data to the report. Other provinces and territories are engaged and may contribute information in the future.

Members of the public are encouraged to report wild pig sightings to their provincial control programs. To report a wild pig, contact a local wild pig control program in your area.

Financial support for the report was provided through the AgriAssurance Program under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

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Susan Fitzgerald on behalf of the CASV-ACVP Board of Directors.