



Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians  

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Association Canadienne des Vétérinaires Porcins

**2019 CASV-ACVP Annual General Meeting  
AASV Conference, Orlando, Florida**

**Sunday, March 10, 2019  
8:00 a.m. to 10:37 a.m. Eastern time**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants in person:** Jim Fairles (Chair), Blaine Tully, Ryan Tenbergen, Karine Talbot, Josée Daigneault, George Charbonneau, Davor Ojkic, Murray Hazlett (non-member), Tom Riek, Mike DeGroot, Melissa Desrochers, Andréanne Caron, Martine Denicourt, Marie-Éve Lambert, Glen Cassar, Sylvain Drapeau, Jewel White, Jessica Law

**Participants via webinar:** Susan Fitzgerald, Tim Pasma, Christian Klopfenstein (at 9:35).

1. Call to Order

Chair, Jim Fairles called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. He confirmed there were sufficient members in attendance to meet the required quorum of 12.

2. Agreement on Agenda

Jim asked for agreement on the agenda or additions.

**Motion was moved by Blaine Tully seconded by Mike DeGroot to accept the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes

Jim asked for approval of the minutes from the 2018 AGM or any errors noted.

**Motion to approve the 2018 AGM minutes as circulated was moved by George Charbonneau and seconded by Josée Daigneault. MOTION CARRIED**

4. President's Report - Jim Fairles

Jim reviewed the background, mission and goals of the organization. The 2018 membership by region was:

- WCASV - 51
- OASV - 44
- AVIA - 62
- Eastern Canada – 3
- Students – 12 – 8 Quebec, 4 Saskatchewan
- Lifetime Honorary - 2
- Total - 174

Highlighted accomplishments in 2018 included:

- Awarded first two Lifetime Honorary Memberships – Dr. Ernest Sanford and Dr. Michael Sheridan
- Implemented a quarterly Board report back to members
- Hosted a CgFARAD™ database demonstration for members
- Began offering classified and banner advertising in the newsletter
- With CPC, engaged Dr. Christa Arsenault to replace Dr. Chris Byra as CSHIN coordinator
- CPC and CASV-ACVP initiated monthly update calls
- Conducted membership survey on Code of Practice for Pigs and provided input to CPC
- Provided feedback to CPC on new Vaccine and Drug Use Policy
- Issued a Raised Without Antibiotics Production Position Statement
- Formed a new CASV-ACVP Swine Health Committee
- Conducted a CASV-ACVP membership survey

#### Membership Survey Results

- 53 completed surveys – 30% response rate
- Newsletter viewed very positively and adds value to membership
- 70% read the newsletter regularly, additional 26% read it sometimes = 96%!
- Website is not utilized but also not informative or useful so does not entice members
- 58% of respondents are somewhat or very satisfied with their CASV-ACVP membership
- 53% felt that the cost of membership versus value derived was fair, 19% felt there was a lot of value or more value than expected for cost

The three top perceived benefits of CASV-ACVP were:

- A national voice with respect to pork production issues – 80%
- Informs the membership of important issues and news items – 78%
- Represents the interests and opinions of swine veterinarians with other industry groups – 72%

Jim noted that CASV-ACVP will be advocating that national organizations and committees use a veterinarian from CASV-ACVP and that veterinarian must report back to CASV-ACVP.

Additional activities members would like:

- Organize and host educational webinars – 49%
- A stronger national voice – 47%
- Promote communications among the regional swine veterinary associations – 47%
- Foster interaction among veterinarians employed in the swine industry – 45%

#### Where to hold CASV-ACVP AGM

- 55% would like to see the Annual Meeting held in Canada in conjunction with regional meetings and moved around
- Travel costs and time away are the major reason people don't attend the AASV meeting
- Some who do attend the AASV meeting, prefer to attend other sessions that occur at the same time as the CASV-ACVP AGM
- A committee has been struck to look at AGM options and the committee has recommended that we proceed to hold the AGM in 2020 in conjunction with a regional meeting.

It was noted that AASV provides a \$1,000 grant to districts to hold annual meetings. If CASV-ACVP were to hold our meeting in another location, we would still be entitled to the \$1,000 district grant.

#### 5. Confirmation of 2019 Board of Directors and President

According to the by-laws, the Board shall consist of a minimum of four and a maximum of 15 Directors. Below is the proposed slate of directors for 2019.

	Director	Representing		Year Elected	Current Term Ends in March
1	Dr. Blaine Tully	Director (WCASV)		2017	2020
2	Dr. Jessica Law	Director (WCASV)	Vice President	2019	2022
3	Dr. Jim Fairles	Director (OASV)	Past President	2018	2021
4	Dr. Ryan Tenbergen	Director (OASV)		2017	2020
5	Dr. Josée Daigneault	Director (AVIA)		2017	2020
6	Dr. Christian Klopfenstein	Director (AVIA)	President	2017	2020
7	Dr. Kurt Preugschas	Director at large		2017	2020
8	Dr. Karine Talbot	Director at large		2017	2020
9	Dr. Trevor Lank	Director at large		2017	2020
10	Dr. Mike DeGroot	Director at large		2017	2020

Jim asked whether there were further nominations for directors from the floor. None were forthcoming.

**Motion was moved by George Charbonneau and seconded by Glen Cassar that the Board candidates be elected as presented. Motion carried.**

The Board will approve the Executive at their next monthly meeting.

#### 6. Honorary Members Recommendation and Vote

The CASV-ACVP Board recommended to the CASV-ACVP membership, the approval of two Class C lifetime honorary members – Dr. George Charbonneau and Dr. Al Theede.

**Motion was moved by Tim Pasma and seconded by Josée Daigneault to approve the Board's recommendation of Dr. George Charbonneau and Dr. Al Theede for an honorary membership in CASV-ACVP. MOTION CARRIED.**

Jim presented George with his plaque and thanked him for his contributions to CASV-ACVP.

**Action Item:** Blaine will contact Al Theede to inform him of his honorary membership.

#### 7. Financial Report

Josée Daigneault presented the financial report.

#### **Membership fees:**

The 2018 membership revenues were slightly lower than planned due to a decrease in membership. Additional revenues were generated from the newsletter which now accepts job postings and advertisements.

**Invested funds:** As of December 31, 2018, the balance of the CASV-ACVP endowment fund is \$276,669. The endowment fund allocation is 50-50 (income-equity). The rate of return since inception is 4.8%. The 2018 rate of return is -4.46%. The investment strategy is fulfilling the objective of the portfolio. This performance is judged superior to benchmark.

The balance of the CASV-ACVP operating fund is \$275,256. The operating fund allocation is 75-25 (income-equity). The rate of return since inception is 4.3%. The 2018 rate of return is -1.86%. The performance since inception is below the long term goal. The finance sub-committee recommended no change to the investment strategy.

CASV-ACVP also manages the IPVS bank account and looks after paying their General Manager's fee and expenses.

**Reimbursement of travel:** A per diem and expense policy has been established to reimburse directors who travel on behalf of CASV-ACVP. The budget item is lower than planned because some members represent us at no cost.

**Executive Director and Administrative Support:** The external cost to manage our association was \$10,000 higher than budgeted; \$3,000 comes from CSHIN transition and the transfer of the bank account and expenses; production of the quarterly board report, the membership survey, the code of practice survey.

**CSHIN continuation:** Dr Christa Arsenault took over CSHIN in 2018. The total annual cost is expected to remain constant. The committee has suggested looking for outside funds to help offset the cost.

**Award to Universities:** In 2018, the endowment fund gave three \$5,000 donations to Universities of Montréal, Guelph and Saskatoon, respectively and offered \$5,000 to PEI. CASV-ACVP will not donate to Universities in 2019.

**Association operation:** In 2019, there will be insufficient fund to entirely support CASV-ACVP operations. As planned, \$15,000 will be added to the current bank balance. This amount (~35k) will not cover 2019 budgeted expense (\$46k). The Finance Committee has made some recommendations to the Board regarding managing expenses.

**Motion to approve the 2018 Financial Report and 2019 Budget as presented was moved by Jessica Law and seconded by Andréanne Caron. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8. Communications Report

George Charbonneau presented a summary of last year's communications activities.

- Weekly e-newsletter – sent out via a listing utilizing Mailchimp
- Initiated classified advertising (e.g. job postings) and banner ads in e-newsletter this year.
- The CASV-ACVP office also has a membership email distribution list for association business communications
- There was a listserv via the University of Guelph system but no longer utilized so it could be discontinued. It was useful in supporting discussions amongst members.
- There is a quarterly Board report to members highlighting association business
- The website is on an older platform and is not well organized especially the French side - we will be updating the content but not the design this year

**Action item:** The Board will discuss the future of the University of Guelph listserv.

**Action Item:** Susan will send an email to members advising them to check their junk folders if they have stopped receiving the e-newsletter. They may have to add the listserv to their safe senders list.

#### 9. Swine Health Committee Report – Ryan Tenbergen

- The Swine Health Committee was newly formed this year.
- CSHIN focuses on connecting the regional networks and providing swine health information from across Canada. However, there is no support for further work or dissemination of material on various topics for which information gaps exist. This is the role the committee will fill.
- ASF was proposed as a potential topic for which information gaps exist and consideration was given to organizing and hosting a webinar. Subsequently, CFIA and CZED hosted a webinar in December on disease recognition and what to do if you suspect the disease. That session was recorded and is posted on the CZED website.

#### 10. Animal Welfare Committee Report – Karine Talbot

- The committee reviewed seven documents over the year including the swine transport document and updating the CASV-ACVP position statement on pain management.
- Two new position statements were developed; Raised Without Antibiotics Production (approved) and Breeding Animal Housing (pending Board approval).
- The Committee also reviewed and commented on the Pig Code. They are prepared to provide further input to CPC as required.
- The Transport Code of Practice is currently being updated and three CASV-ACVP Board members have volunteered to participate on working groups.

#### 11. Antimicrobial Committee Report – Karine Talbot

A lot of the antimicrobial use topics were addressed by the Board and/or the Animal Welfare Committee: CPC Vaccine and Drug Use Policy, CgFARAD, API and compounding, and ELDU withdrawal recommendations.

#### 12. ELDU Withdrawal Recommendations

Extra-label use exists when the use of a medication differs from the label directions for any of the following parameters:

- dosage
  - duration or frequency of treatment
  - purpose of treatment
  - route of administration
  - species of animal
  - age or stage of production
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- In the new CPC Vaccine and Drug Use Policy, a withdrawal time must be established prior to the use of any drug in an extra-label manner. It says a veterinarian *should* access the Canadian global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (CgFARAD™) service not *must*.
  - However, this could greatly increase the number of swine veterinarian requests to CgFARAD for withdrawal interval recommendation.
  - CASV-ACVP is proposing to create a members' only site for ELDU recommendations of minor deviations, e.g. treating an ailment not listed on label. CAPV-ACVA hosts a similar repository
  - Requests have to be submitted to CgFARAD™ by an individual veterinarian
  - Every two years recommendations are updated

It was noted that several of the provincial pork Boards feel their feedback on the Canadian Pork Excellence program is not being heard by CPC. The Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba Pork Boards, and perhaps Alberta, have expressed interest in sending a unified message to CPC. Ryan Tenbergen has provided them with a copy of CASV-ACVP's original letter to CPC on the Vaccine and Drug Use Policy.

### 13. Q & A and Open Discussion

- In the U.S., Rapid Response Teams were set up to go on-farm and trouble shoot when an emerging or unique disease situation appears. That morphed into regional teams that would conduct an investigation prior to moving on-site.
- Attendees discussed whether there is an adequate system in place in Canada to deal with emerging disease issues.
- In Ontario, there are funds available via the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for surveillance for emerging issues such as African swine fever.
- The Canadian Vet Reserve may be a resource if a disease outbreak occurred.
- It was reported that the CFIA has partially activated their response centre due to ASF and are having regular calls/meetings with their provincial counterparts.
- One aspect that does not appear to have been resolved is the capacity and methodology for euthanasia and depopulation.
- The U.S. is working on what they would deem to be their regions and want reciprocity by Canada and Mexico to recognize zoning.
- Recognition of zones happened quite quickly during Avian influenza but may not be as quick for ASF.
- It was noted there is a need for simulations to work through ASF response and also to address challenges associated with humane slaughter which may be a result of closed borders and trade impediments.

**Action Item:** The CASV-ACVP will discuss what more should be done regarding ASF preparedness and also discuss with CPC.

Blaine thanked Jim for his contributions to the Board over the past year. Jim, in turn, thanked Susan for her support and congratulated Christian on taking on the Chair's role and Jessica as incoming Vice Chair.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:20 a.m. by Blaine Tully and seconded by Martine Denicourt.**