



**TORONTO ACADEMY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
5:00 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. William Holley, President of TAVM for the year 2004 called the meeting to order at 6:50pm with approximately 115 members in attendance.

Dr. Holley announced that a quorum was present.

**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**PROPOSED:** Dr. Clayton MacKay    **SECONDED:** Dr. Jennifer Day

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes of February 10th, 2004 AGM**

**MOTION:** That the 2004 AGM minutes be approved as circulated.

**PROPOSED:** Dr. Heather Hannah    **SECONDED:** Dr. Bianca Bauer

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Smith reported on Financial Status of TAVM

This year the TAVM achieved a tremendous comeback from last year's deficit of \$17,000 to a profit of \$900 in 2004. The elimination of the clinic membership helped put the TAVM's financial health back on track by increasing revenue brought in from the Subscription Series. Membership levels remained stable despite the change back to individual memberships. The introduction of the new seminar schedule and format may have been largely responsible for the stability. Revenue also increased from newsletter advertising and from sponsorship dollars.

In 2004, the TAVM added the Toronto Zoo day which was not only enjoyable for everyone who attended; it also raised \$1,200 for the Toronto Zoo Foundation. The 2004 statement reflects revenues and expenses for the Zoo Day as well as a new line item for Donations.

Expense amounts remained relatively stable in 2004. Increases in office expenses can be attributed to general cost of living increases and more regular updating of the website. The cost of publishing the newsletter has gone up slightly as well.

Overall, the financial health is looking good as we move into 2005. Our cash flow is better due to early payment by this year's sponsors and a steady flow of membership renewals and applications. We already have over 100 members for 2005! By the end of this year, the board hopes to begin rebuilding the amount that was withdrawn from savings to cover the losses in 2003.

**MOTION:** To approve the audited financial statements, year ending November 30, 2004

PROPOSED: Dr. Edith Yearwood   SECONDED: Dr. Clayton MacKay  
MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION:**   To appoint auditor Jack Criger C.A. for financial year December 1, 2004 to November 30, 2005.

PROPOSED: Dr. Brian Yearwood   SECONDED: Dr. Gary Landsberg  
MOTION CARRIED

#### **4.    Secretary's Report**

Dr. Heather Hannah presented the Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that The Scalpel is a well-read and valued publication, as evidenced by the number of advertisers that are interested in printing in the newsletter. The Scalpel always welcomes new article ideas and contributors. Specifically, the Secretary called for member/colleague profiles or nominations for profiles, travel stories, and letters to the editor.

**MOTION:**   That the secretary's report be accepted as given.

PROPOSED: Dr. Carol Cameron   SECONDED: Dr. Danielle Richardson  
MOTION CARRIED

#### **5.    President's Report**

Dr. William Holley reported on the status of the TAVM.

The Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine had a very successful year in 2004. We had excellent speakers and had a successful Zoo Day, which we hope will be the first of many enjoyable social activities. The board would also like to report that Dr. Doreen Houston generously asked that her honorarium be donated to charity.

Membership for the Subscription Series was relatively stable in 2004, however, the Hospital Series dropped from 135 members in 2003 to 116 in 2004. Veterinarians are reminded of this valuable seminar series that provides valuable information and CE credits to hospital personnel. The board has agreed that more effort must be made to promote this series.

Members may have noted that the fees have increased this year. This is to reflect the value that TAVM Members are receiving and also to improve our financial position. The fees asked by a few potential speakers this year exceeded what the Academy could afford to pay. The Board also considered the small amount that revenue exceeded expenses in 2004 (\$900). Finally, the board hopes that with the new pricing scheme, larger rooms and better amenities can become a financial reality.

On a sad note, Tom Kalm and Dave Steves have passed away this year. Our condolences go out to their families.

Thank you to Bianca Bauer, assisted by Danielle Richardson and Laura Whiting for taking the lead in finding an excellent group of speakers for 2005. Thank you also to Edith and Brian Yearwood for their work in finding seminar sponsors, to Jennifer Day for serving as a liaison

with the OVMA, to Katrina Smith for keeping finances in the black this year, and to Heather Hannah for preparing and editing our monthly newsletter. The board regrets that Katrina Smith and Laura Whiting will not be serving on the Board in 2005. Their contributions in 2004 were considerable. The board welcomes new Board members Danielle Richardson and Stephanie Partridge. Members are also reminded that they may assist the Board by serving on committees. This would not require a great deal of time and would ensure better communication between members and the Board. Several new volunteers are in attendance tonight.

**MOTION:** That the president's report be accepted as given.

**PROPOSED:** Dr. Bianca Bauer      **SECONDED:** Dr. Petra Burgmann

**6. Election of Officers & Directors for 2005**

**MOTION:** That the slate of Officers and Directors be accepted as per the following list.

**OFFICERS:**

Dr. William Holley, President

Dr. Clayton MacKay, Vice-president

Dr. Jennifer Day, Past President & Treasurer

Dr. Heather Hannah, Secretary

**DIRECTORS:**

Dr. Bianca Bauer

Dr. Carol Cameron

Stephanie Partridge

Dr. Danielle Richardson

Dr. Bryan Yearwood

Dr. Edith Yearwood

**PROPOSED:** Dr. Jane Berg    **SECONDED:** Dr. Andrea Chapin

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Other Business**

Dr. William Holley asked the membership if there were any other issues from the floor but none were raised.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** That the meeting be adjourned

**PROPOSED:** Dr. Edith Yearwood    **SECONDED:** Dr. Carol Cameron

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.