

Background to Intent of Proposed Resolutions for 2011 Annual General Meeting

Resolutions will be presented at the 2011 AGM to seek approval from the membership of the ABVMA for the purpose of providing direction to the Government of Alberta to accomplish the stated objectives. The Resolutions will not describe in detail the wording changes to be made to the General Regulations and the VPA, but will confirm the specific objectives.

A: Amendments to General Regulation regarding registration of technologists

Resolution Proposal

Objective: To Create 2 classes of technologists

A resolution is proposed that would direct the Government of Alberta to amend the general regulation to use the term "Animal Health Technologist" in place of "technologist" throughout the regulation wherever the intent is directed specifically to Animal Health Technologists.

An amendment is required that will clearly define two classes of technologist;

- 1) Animal Health Technologist
- and*
- 2) Veterinary Para-Professional.

Background Information:

The use of registered Animal Health Technologists (AHTs), under the Veterinary Profession Act of Alberta has a very successful history of over thirty years. The role of AHTs as adjunct practitioners within regulated veterinary practice is beneficial to the public and advances and supports the objectives and responsibilities of the veterinary profession in Alberta. There are additional identified (and possibly other yet unidentified) groups of specifically trained individuals who may bring value to facilitating the provision of veterinary medical services to the public through participation in a regulated veterinary practice. Although this amendment does not identify any specific group, currently visible groups could include:

- animal rehabilitation therapists,
- diagnostic imaging technicians,
- animal chiropractic therapists,
- meat inspection/food safety technicians

The proposed amendments to the Regulations would create a mechanism whereby each such group might be considered for registration. If they are to be registered their education, use of title, required registration and membership, scope of practice allowed, level of supervision, accountability to the public through a regulated complaints process, and other issues will be

