



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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The monthly newsletter is your go-to source for all things CPVMA. Stay connected with event updates, read articles of inspiring experiences shared by pre-vet and current vet students, new opportunities for animal experience. Keep up with our news and highlights to empower your journey into veterinary medicine. All our newsletters will be available to read in our Newsletter Archives on our website. Thank you for being a part of our community!

## Highlights of this issue:

- Annual General Meeting
- Executive Position Openings
- Co-President Sign-Off
- Article of the Month



## Executive Team Updates

As we transition into a new term, the CPVMA is preparing to welcome new members to our Executive Team. We're looking forward to bringing in fresh ideas and energy to continue building a strong and supportive pre-veterinary community. At the same time, we extend a sincere thank you to our outgoing executive members for their dedication and the time they've invested in making the CPVMA what it is today. We'll be sharing more details at our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), where all members are invited to attend. The AGM will provide an overview of the year's events, executive reports, and proposed amendments to the CPVMA constitution. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about our not-for-profit structure and how you can get involved.

Stay tuned for more information on the AGM and our new executive team!

By your Jr. VP of Public Relations



# Executive Position Openings

We have several exciting leadership opportunities currently open and would love for you to join the team! Available positions include:

**Senior and \*Junior VP of Outreach**

**Junior VP of Public Relations**

**Junior VP of Media**

**Senior and \*Junior VP of Sponsorship**

**Senior and \*Junior VP of Fundraising**

**\*Junior Member Director**

**Regional GMCs for all five Canadian Vet School**

**Regions: WCVMA, OVC, UCVMA, U, and PEI**



\*Please note that all Junior executive positions are a 2 year commitment with the CPVMA\*

The following pages include details about each available executive position and the expectations of each role. This information can also be found on our social media platforms. If you have any questions about the available positions please don't hesitate to reach out!

## Vice President of Outreach (2)

**SENIOR**

**\*2 year commitment\***

**JUNIOR**

- Responsible for communicating with the organizations and individuals who are presenting at the symposium
- Working closely with the VP of Events and the VP of Public Relations to help with event-related communications



## Vice President of Media (1)

**\*2 year commitment\***

**JUNIOR**

- Aids the Senior VP of Media in managing CPVMA's social media accounts and website
- Creates informative campaigns, promotes events on different platforms, and raises overall awareness of CPVMA

# Vice President of Public Relations (1)

*\*2 year commitment\**

## JUNIOR

- Aids the Senior VP of Public Relations in advertising efforts for CPVMA and all of its respective events and initiatives
- Collaborates with the VP of Outreach in communicating with the public, as well as the VP of Sponsorship to help with sponsor-related communications



# Vice President of Sponsorship (2)

## SENIOR

*\*2 year commitment\**

## JUNIOR

- Identify potential sponsor partnerships
- Build and maintain relationships with sponsors
- Collaborate with the VP of Finance to accurately record funds acquired and distributed



# Vice President of Fundraising (2)

**SENIOR**

**\*2 year commitment\***

**JUNIOR**

- Leads fundraising efforts
- Brainstorms and manages fundraising events
- Researches and applies for grants
- Keeps records of funds acquired



## Member Director (1)

**\*2 year commitment\***

**JUNIOR**

- Aids the Senior Member Director in managing the delegate and volunteer programs
- Helps organize delegate meetings by proposing topics of conversation

# Regional General Committee Members (5)

5 Regional GCM positions are available for the regions of Canada allocated to each of the 5 veterinary school:

- OVC - Ontario Region (ON)
- AVC - Atlantic Region (PEI, NS, NB, NL)
- UdeM - Quebec Region (QC)
- WCVMA - Western Region (BC, SASK, MB, Northern Territories)
- UCVMA - Alberta Region (AB)

**\*Each Regional GCM MUST be a resident of a province to which that region serves.\*** Regional GCM represent the interest of pre-veterinary students from their region and communicate these interests to the rest of the CPVMA team. They are also responsible for hosting local CPVMA events in their regions!

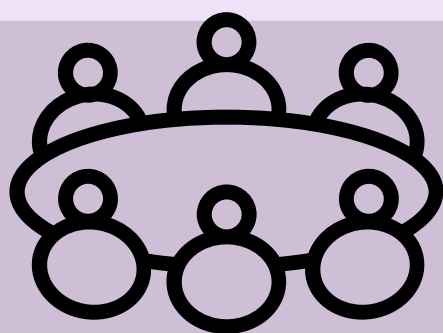


Interested in joining the CPVMA team and getting more involved in the pre-vet community? Scan the QR code, follow the link below, or visit our social media to fill out the form and learn more!

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# Annual General Meeting



CPVMA's Annual General Meeting will be held on September 6th at 2pm EST via Teams!

Join us to learn more about CPVMA's not for profit status, including event overviews, executive reports, and constitution amendments.

Stay tuned on our social media for details on how to be a part of this year's AGM!

# 2024-2025 Co-President Sign-Off

As we come to the end of another incredible year, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for everything CPVMA has accomplished and for our incredible pre-vet community that made it all possible.

This year marked a major milestone for us: the successful hosting of our 2025 Annual Symposium, which included, for the very first time, an in-person option in Toronto, ON. After 3 years of virtual events, it was so meaningful to connect face-to-face with passionate pre-veterinary students, guest speakers, and sponsors. Seeing a part of our community come together in person, sharing experiences, insights, and aspirations, was a powerful reminder of why we do what we do.

We've also taken exciting steps to grow and strengthen our executive team. By adding junior executive positions, we've created more opportunities for mentorship, leadership development, and succession planning within our organization. These new roles have brought fresh ideas and energy to our initiatives, and we're so excited to see these emerging leaders continue to shape the future of the CPVMA and our community.

In addition, we proudly introduced Regional General Committee Members, representing each of the five veterinary school regions across Canada. This regional representation has allowed us to better understand and address the unique needs of students in different areas, while fostering more inclusive and localized engagement. It's been inspiring to witness the impact of this initiative, and we know it will only grow stronger in the years to come.

To our executive team, thank you. Every one of you brought dedication, creativity, and passion to the table. Whether you were organizing events, managing communications, mentoring new members, or developing regional outreach, your hard work has been the backbone of our success. It's no small feat to balance academic life and volunteer leadership, and yet, time and time again, you've shown up with enthusiasm and commitment.

As with any year, we also find ourselves saying farewell to a few of our incredible team members who are moving on to new adventures, whether it's starting veterinary school, pursuing other academic or personal goals, or simply taking the time to rest and recharge. Your contributions have left a lasting mark on our organization, and we are so grateful for the time, heart, and leadership you shared with us. While we're sad to see you go, we're even more excited to see what the future holds for each of you. Please know that you'll always have a place in this community, and we'll be cheering you on every step of the way.

As we look ahead, we're filled with hope and ambition for what's to come. We remain committed to our mission of supporting and empowering pre-veterinary students across Canada. With the solid foundation we've built together, and the continued energy of both our returning and incoming team members, we're confident that the best is yet to come.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for an inspiring and impactful year. We are so honored to have served as your Co-Presidents.

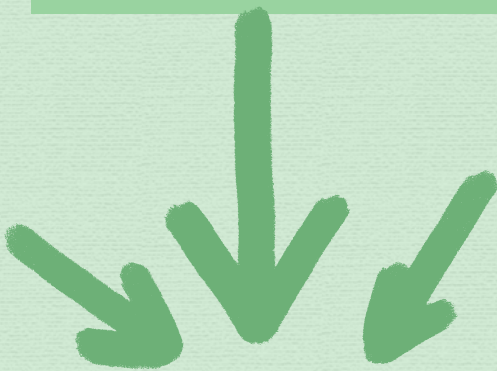
With gratitude,  
Shadi & Chantel

2024-2025 CPVMA Co-Presidents



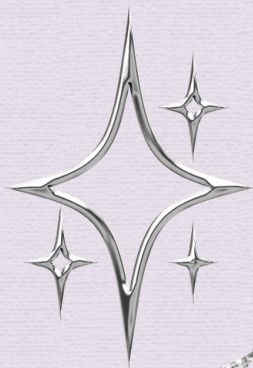
# Article of the Month

This month's feature highlights Dr. Shane Bateman, a University of Guelph veterinarian leading the way in forensic veterinary science. One of the few in Canada with formal training in the field, Dr. Bateman is using his expertise to investigate animal abuse cases and train the next generation of vets to recognize and respond to signs of cruelty. His work bridges clinical care and legal accountability—especially in cases where animal abuse overlaps with domestic violence—and reflects a growing shift toward the veterinarian's role in justice and advocacy.





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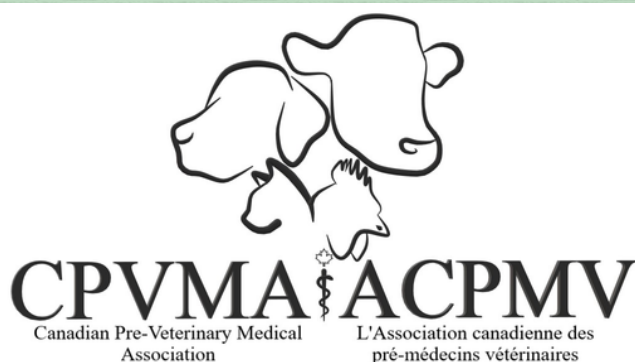


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On behalf of the CPVMA team, we sincerely thank you for supporting our organization as well as being a part of our 2025 symposium!





# The Canadian Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

## WHO ARE WE?

The CPVMA is a student-led, non-profit organization that aims to connect the pre-veterinary community across Canada. Our goal is to provide resources to pre-veterinary students and give them the opportunity to network with fellow peers and professionals in the field.

## OUR EVENTS

- Held online and accessible from anywhere in Canada
- Feature veterinary professionals and current veterinary students
- Prepare pre-veterinary students for success in their future!

## SPONSORS NEEDED!!

The CPVMA is made possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at [cpvma.acpmv@gmail.com](mailto:cpvma.acpmv@gmail.com).

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