

Governance

The executive committee of CAVEPM / ACEPM consists of people actively employed in the field of veterinary epidemiology with at least one representative from each of the 5 veterinary colleges in Canada including: the University of Prince Edward Island, Université de Montréal, University of Guelph, University of Saskatchewan, University of Calgary and may include one or two additional members working in veterinary epidemiology for a Canadian provincial ministry of agriculture or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). From the above people the executive consists of the following positions with the length of their term in years shown in brackets: President (1 yr), President Elect (1 yr), Secretary Treasurer (5 yrs), university or government representative (3 yrs). The membership of the executive is voted on and confirmed by simple majority vote by attendees at the annual business meeting. Each member of the executive is expected to remain on the executive for a minimum of 3 years but can be extended if reconfirmed at the annual business meeting. The representative from the college hosting the next conference serves for that year as the President Elect. The President Elect is responsible for chairing the local organizing committee for the upcoming conference, and automatically becomes President for the year following the hosting of the conference. For continuity of documentation and longer term banking, the Secretary Treasurer is expected to accept the position for a period of 5 years. The non-presidential terms may be extended if reconfirmed at the annual business meetings. Any member of the executive may resign at any time provided they give reasonable notice to the remainder of the executive. They will be expected to help nominate a replacement for their executive position representing their veterinary college or position. Routine decisions required by the executive during the year shall be discussed by e-mail or conference call and decided upon by simple majority vote of the executive, with the President carrying the decision in the event of a tie vote. Decisions on the membership of the executive and larger decisions (e.g. the organization's direction, management or governance) require a simple majority vote of members at the annual business meeting. Potential members of the national executive may be nominated by any member other than themselves, confirm their willingness to serve, and receive a simple majority vote of approval at the annual business meeting. Membership on the executive is voluntary. Members of the executive are not paid for their time or energy committed to the association. Under certain circumstances the national President or Secretary Treasurer may receive some travel funding to attend the annual business meeting (see Financial Control and Banking section below)