



Join BCVA Board

Help shape the future of our profession

All notifications to stand for a position on the Board must be received by 19.08.26

Six Good Reasons to Join - benefits for you and your employer

BCVA is run by farm vets, for farm vets.

The BCVA Board, which meets up to five times a year, provides leadership, oversight, governance and agrees the strategic direction of BCVA. Members of the Board, with support from the BCVA Office Team, provide representation to our members at a national level, informing policy and decision making that influences government. Board Members also participate actively in key working groups (including herd health and welfare, sustainability, medicines, TB and education), chair webinars and manage CPD including contributing to the annual Congress. This year the Board are particularly seeking candidates with experience of government services, leadership, networking and non-clinical roles. We will have 1 vacancy this year.

Every aspect of the BCVA happens because a farm vet made it happen. So, what's in it for you and your employer?

1: BRING YOUR SKILLS AND LEARN NEW ONES: Based on your experience and skills you will be allocated to Working Groups which will help you expand on your skillset and even exercise talents you might not even have known you had. You could learn about project management, public speaking, event planning, marketing and communications or fundraising. These are all skills that any employer would value.

2: BRING THE BENEFITS OF YOUR NETWORK AND GROW IT: When you join the Board you extend your professional family. The Board aspires to bring together colleagues representing many aspects of the profession, for example vets in practice, academia, industry and the public sector. You'll almost certainly make new friends. Your world will get bigger and you'll take all that extra experience back to your own workplace, plus you'll have Board colleagues as a source of expertise and advice.

3. BE CHALLENGED AND DEVELOP: All members are inducted and there is an ongoing Board development programme. Being a Board member is a serious and important role that will require focus, dedication and discipline. It is key that you and your employer are prepared to allow the time and flexibility to perform the role of being a director of a business. There are up to five Board full day in-person meetings and up to five online meetings of around 2/3 hours of each Working group a year. Board members are expected to read the paperwork and arrive informed and prepared to contribute.

4: BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER: BCVA makes a difference in our industry. We support colleagues on the frontline of farm animal veterinary work with world class CPD, timely information, and invaluable resources. Being on the Board makes you part of something bigger than yourself, you can make an important contribution to our profession. We need people to stay in our profession, to feel fulfilled and valued, to see how progress is made and be a part of that process.

5: LEADERSHIP AND PATHWAYS: Board members are elected with diverse leadership, management, governance and clinical experience. Upon election, a term of office is three years, with the option to stand for re-election for a second three year term. There is also the opportunity to seek nomination to the Officer Team, for example Secretary, Treasurer and Junior Vice-President. BCVA is a great place to demonstrate and exercise your leadership skills. Confident leadership is always a skill employers can benefit from.

6: HAVE A VOICE: BCVA Board is collegiate and collaborative and must be as diverse as possible to truly represent our profession and create a future in which everyone can thrive. Being on the BCVA Board makes you part of the solution, someone who shapes the future, a future that looks like one you want to be a part of. That kind of influence is invaluable.

AND FINALLY: BCVA Board members are expected to give five days attending the Board meetings. After gifting the first five days a daily rate is paid (pro rata) with expenses payable for travel and accommodation costs within the terms of BCVA Expenses policy. You will also get your Congress registration and accommodation covered. Good news for you – and your employer.

BCVA has a number of policies that you may find useful to inform your understanding of how the organisation operates. If you would like to see a copy of any of these please contact the BCVA Office.

All BCVA members are welcome to stand for election - this year the Board is particularly keen to encourage candidates with experience of government services, leadership, networking and non-clinical roles.

THE ELECTION PROCESS

- Board Directors will be elected at the Annual General Meeting which will be held at BCVA Congress in October. Members that are unable to attend the AGM may appoint a proxy who may then vote on their behalf (having first delivered a valid proxy notice). Members will exercise this via postal or electronic vote to the BCVA office (Secretariat).

- Those interested in standing for election to the Board should complete a nomination form (<https://bcva.typeform.com/to/UgOUlIGV>) with names of a proposer and a seconder who, like the applicant, must be members of BCVA. They should also complete the section describing their professional history, reasons for standing for election and any other matters that they feel would engage support from the BCVA members. The enclosed form should be completed and forwarded to the BCVA Office no later than 19th August 2026.