



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the ABVTA Board of Directors?

The ABVTA Board of Directors is a dynamic group of volunteers from the ABVTA and other stakeholder groups who play a vital role in shaping the future of our Association and profession. They are responsible for governance, policy management, strategic planning, leadership, and advocacy. Our Board consists of 7-10 elected ABVTA members who serve as voting Directors, along with ex-officio (non-voting) members representing other stakeholder groups. Together, they make important decisions, discuss pressing matters, and vote on the direction of the Association.

### If I apply for the Board, what position will I take?

When you submit a nomination for the Board, our nomination committee carefully reviews your application. If you meet the eligibility criteria, you will be considered for election. Once approved, you'll have the opportunity to let your name stand for election. If elected, you will be given the title "Director at Large." As a director, you have the power to shape the future of the Association and contribute to important initiatives within our profession. Additionally, the President may appoint you to various positions, such as on a committee, special task forces, or as a liaison, based on your shared interests, skills, and experiences.

### If I'm elected for the Board of Directors, when do I start?

Congratulations on being elected! Your official term begins at our Board Retreat in November. During this two-day retreat, you'll participate in governance training and help shape strategic goals for the next year alongside returning board members.

### How often does the Board meet?

Our Board meets regularly to ensure effective governance and decision-making. Typically, we hold meetings every one to two months. These meetings provide a platform for collaboration, discussion, and strategic planning. To accommodate diverse schedules and locations, our meetings can be attended either through Zoom or in-person, generally in Edmonton, Calgary, or Banff.

### Will I need to travel?

Some travel may be involved in your work as a director, depending on where you live and what the requirements and responsibilities are of your position. We appreciate your commitment and willingness to understand that travel may sometimes be essential in your role such as going to meetings or representing the association at various events. Expenses for all travel will be reimbursed as per the ABVTA Expense Claim Policy and the ABVTA office is there to help you with making travel arrangements.

## Testimonials from Previous Board Members

- *Student Representative: "Being part of the ABVTA Board has provided me with a safe space to have open discussions about current topics in our field. It's an incredible educational experience that has made me feel more connected with the vet tech community!"*
- *Ex-Officio Member: "One of the most rewarding aspects of being on the Board is knowing that we are making a tangible difference. We have the opportunity to shape the future of our profession and have a lasting impact."*
- *ABVTA Director: "The ABVTA Board offers a fantastic chance to stay engaged and build a network of like-minded colleagues. It's a platform where you can contribute your expertise and make a meaningful impact."*
- *Ex-Officio Member: "Being part of the ABVTA Board allows you to peek behind the curtain and actively promote the role of an RVT. It's an opportunity to help unify the profession and be at the forefront."*

Questions?

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