

CPVMA NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE 4TH ISSUE OF THE CPVMA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!!

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.

[This is the final issue from the 2023-2024 team since the project was launched.](#)

EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATES

The executive team has successfully completed the internal election process and is now focused on preparing for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and upcoming events. Symposium attendees who ordered free tote bags can expect to receive them soon. For those interested in joining the executive team next term, please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

More details in following pages...

by your VP of Public Relations

EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT - MAGGIE

Hi there! My name is [Maggie Zhang](#) and I am CPVMA's [Member Director](#). I am originally from Vancouver, BC but graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto where I completed a double major in Animal Physiology and Psychology and a minor in Biology.

I am super excited to be starting veterinary school at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in the University of Saskatchewan this fall. My particular interests include small animal surgery and neurology. An especially memorable experience I had was helping deliver five healthy Bengal kittens via emergency C-section.

I have been involved with the CPVMA for three years and my role holds several unique responsibilities. Firstly, I run the Delegate Program by recruiting university pre-vet club representatives across Canada and hosting semesterly networking meetings. I also oversee the Volunteer Program by interviewing and onboarding new volunteers to the team. Lastly, I am in charge of reaching out to Canadian university advisors to spread awareness of our organization and promote our initiatives. The Member Director position will be open this fall. If you are interested, make sure to keep up to date with our AGM information. I wish you all the best of luck on your veterinary journey! Remember to have faith in yourself and to lean on others for guidance and support. Don't hesitate to connect with me. Cocoa (the bestest floofer) says YOU GOT THIS!



COCOA

INSTAGRAM TAKEOVER

Thank you to St. Matthew's University School of Veterinary Medicine for sharing more about your program through our Instagram story takeover. For anyone who missed it, the full takeover is now saved in our Story Highlights under 'SMU Takeover 24.'

Here's a recap of some key Q&A interactions. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to [@brendamulrooney](https://www.instagram.com/brendamulrooney) on Instagram or send an email to bmulrooney@stmatthews.edu.

Q: What sets SMU apart from other vet schools?

A: SMU has very small classes, allowing you to become a person to your professors and classmates, not just a number on a roster. SMU also offers an accelerated program so pending your success in individual classes, you can graduate in just over 3 years.

Q: Since SMU isn't accredited yet does that mean we only get restricted license after graduation?

A: Not if you pass your PAVE or ECVFG, as long as you do that, you can write NAVLE and become licensed in North America without issues. With that being said, SMU applied for accreditation earlier this year and are hopeful the process will be quick and smooth.



EXECUTIVE POSITIONS 2024 - 2025

This past week, the 2023-2024 CPVMA Executive Team successfully completed the Internal Elections for the upcoming term.

Internal Election Results:

- Co-presidents - **Shadi Zadeh & Chantel VanDorp**
- Senior VP of Public Relations - **Huaiyu (Selina) Yin**
- Senior VP of Media - **Hin Yee Kwong**
- Senior VP of Merchandise - **Mabel Angelus**
- Senior VP of Outreach - **Ashley Howald**
- Junior VP of Media - **Ziting (Mica) Li**
- Junior VP of Events - **Saba Eskandary**

Hence the positions that are open to public applications include:

Senior Vice President Events
Senior Vice President Finance
Junior Vice President Finance*
Senior Vice President Sponsorship
Junior Vice President Sponsorship*
Senior Vice President Fundraising
Junior Vice President Fundraising*
Junior Vice President Outreach*
Junior Vice President Merchandise*
Junior Vice President Public Relations*
Member Director
Junior Member Director*
Secretary
Regional General Committee Members (5)

*Junior positions have a 2-year commitment. You learn the role responsibilities in the first year and will take the senior role the following year.

Commitment requirements for the positions:

- Attend 70% of the Executive Board's biweekly meetings, with a maximum of two absences in a row, unless reasonable notice is provided in advance
- Complete tasks outlined in the Action Plan by the deadlines specified by the individual

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an opportunity to learn more about the Canadian Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (CPVMA), our not-for-profit status, meet the CPVMA team, review our achievements and financial report for the year, understand the CPVMA Constitution and any amendments, and participate and vote in the external elections!

This year's AGM will be held on **Saturday, September 14th, at 2 PM EST virtually** via Teams.

For the next term, we are excited to announce more opportunities for members to get involved, including the introduction of:

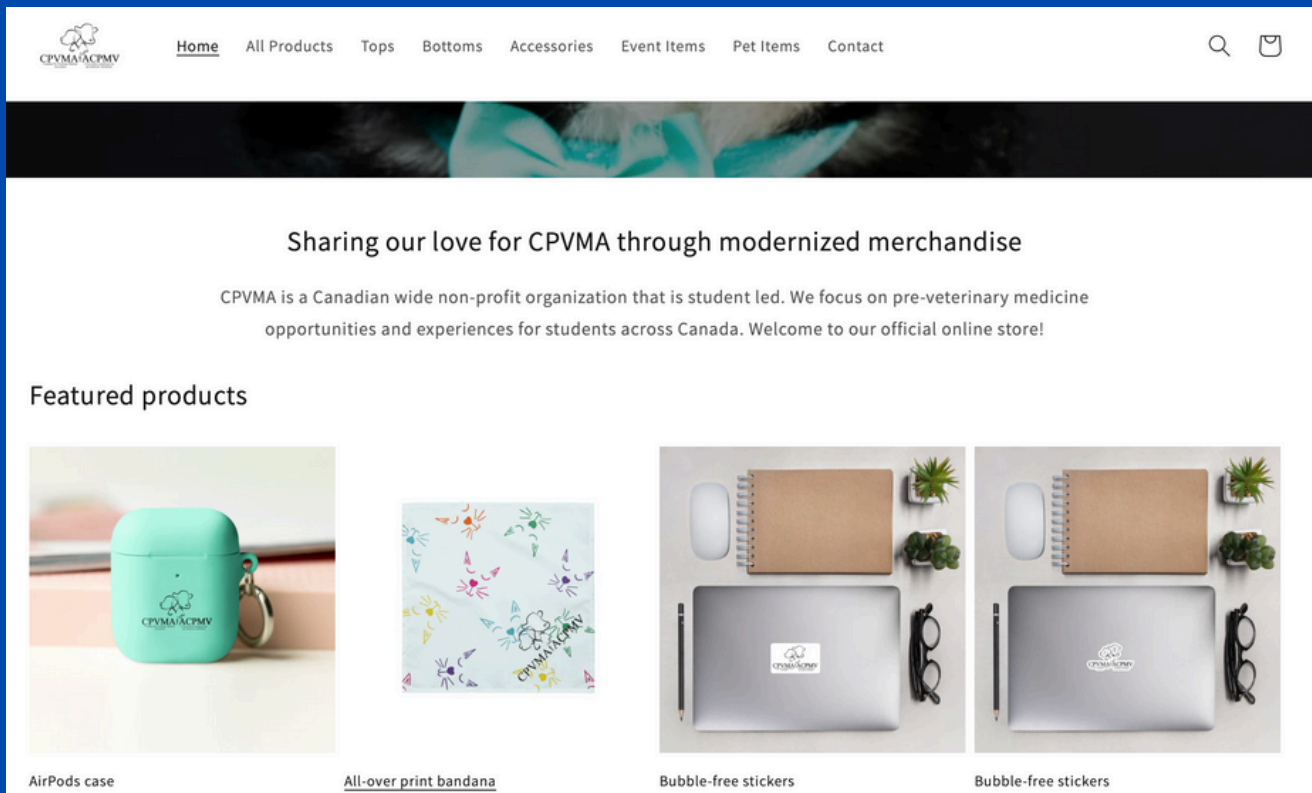
- **Junior Positions:** designed for new executives looking to take on leadership responsibilities in their respective fields. After a period of training under the returning (senior) executive member, they will gain a better understanding of the specific responsibilities included in the position.
- **Regional General Committee Members:** attend executive meetings and assist the executive team in accomplishing assigned tasks. They will represent their region by advocating for the interests of pre-veterinary students through personal experience and research and will host regional CPVMA events. There are five Regional General Committee Member positions, each open to an individual residing in the region of the corresponding vet school.

More detailed descriptions of these positions, including commitments and responsibilities, are available to review on <https://cpvma.ca/join-our-team-2024-25/>.

Apply today using the QR code below!



MERCHANDISE STORE OPENED



The official CPVMA merchandise Shopify store will be available until end of this month! Now you can proudly showcase your pre-vet student spirit and your membership in our incredible community with a fantastic range of exclusive merchandise. Here's what you can find in our store:

- **Stickers** - perfect for adding a touch of CPVMA pride to your notebooks, laptops, and more.
- **Pet Bandanas** - adorable and stylish accessory for your furry friends!
- **Water Bottle:** stay hydrated while showing off your dedication to the pre-vet journey.
- **Hat of all styles** - keep cool or warm in CPVMA-branded headwear selections of caps, hats, and beanies.
- **Clothes** - cozy t-shirts, hoodies, and sweatpants perfect for studying at home in comfort and style!

Shop Now:



ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

'BEACON' THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER IS THE FIRST THERAPY DOG FOR U.S. OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS TEAM

Beacon, a four-year-old golden retriever, has become the first therapy dog for the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Team. Beacon plays a crucial role in providing emotional support to the athletes, helping to ease the pressures of competition.



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The Canadian Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

WHO ARE WE?

The CPVMA is a student led, not for 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!

GET INVOLVED

- Volunteers are accepted on a rolling basis... visit our website to apply today!
- Check out our executive positions- elections take place at our Annual General Meeting

STAY INFORMED!



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