

BRITISH VETERINARY HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION

The History of the Association

1972 - 1988

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INTRODUCTION

This brief history of veterinary hospitals in the United Kingdom is intended to place on record the improvement in construction and design of veterinary premises, and the equipment and services provided, following the Second World War. As part of this process details will be given of standards laid down and the inspection system put into place by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and the subsequent formation of the British Veterinary Hospitals Association (BVHA).

Mention is made of the people involved in the process, the interaction between hospital owners and the RCVS and other professional bodies, and the effect of the prevailing national political and economic situations on veterinary practice.

The basis of this account is taken mainly from the minutes of the RCVS Preliminary Investigation and Advisory Committee and Council and subsequently from those of the British Veterinary Hospitals Association.

The initial aims of the Association, indeed the reason for its establishment in 1972, were to ensure that well defined, acceptable standards were laid down for veterinary hospitals and an inspection system put into place to ensure a uniform approach for veterinary practices throughout the United Kingdom.

The standards were the subject of debate between the Association and the RCVS, and when applicable with other veterinary bodies, for several years. The discussions ultimately led to the production of a mutually agreed Manual of Standards in 1976. Subsequently, standards were drawn for Large Animal and Equine Hospitals.

The system of inspection was improved and became more uniform in its approach with the formation, by the RCVS, of a small, well informed panel of inspectors in 1972.

The Association provided the following services for its members.

- (i) A panel was set up soon after its formation to advise on construction and design of practice premises.
- (ii) Advice was given on planning permission and rating issues either directly or through professional advisors.
- (iii) Matters relating to staff training, Health and Safety, merchandising, advertising, pet insurance, practice signs, personnel and management were discussed with other veterinary bodies and individuals on an ad hoc basis.
- (iv) Liaison was established with the American Animal Hospital Association, European Universities and practices.
- (v) Several meetings a year were organised to provide information on medical, surgical, management, construction and design matters.
- (vi) A panel was set up in 1972 to advise on interpretation and technical aspects of radiography.
- (vii) A member's Bulletin was printed on a regular.
- (viii) Booklets on pet ownership were produced for clients.

Altogether the Association played an extremely useful role in organised veterinary medicine in the United Kingdom.

VETERINARY HOSPITALS ~ IN THE BEGINNING

In the 1920's and 30's veterinary premises in the USA were becoming more sophisticated. More premises were purpose built and provided facilities for in-patients. It was felt that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) was not providing the full range of services required by small animal practitioner. In 1933 the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) was formed to fulfil this demand. The newly formed AAHA established standards for both veterinary premises and veterinary practise. A hospital evaluation programme was instituted. By 1973 the organisation had grown to a membership of 4000 veterinary surgeons and 850 premises. Its annual congress had become the world's largest conference for small animal veterinary surgeons.

In the United Kingdom in the 1960's the economy was growing and there was more disposable income available for veterinary services. In March 1966 the Preliminary Investigation and Advisory Committee (PI & A Committee) of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) presented its report to College Council. The report stated that "According to Article 18 of the Guide to Professional Conduct the descriptions 'Veterinary Establishment', 'Veterinary Hospital', 'Veterinary Clinic', 'Animal Hospital' or any similar words should not be used as part of a professional address". In the report was a suggestion that owing to the number of requests received from veterinary surgeons to use the designation 'Hospital' in connection with their professional premises, a member of Council should be asked to inspect the premises on the receipt of each request. A report of the findings should be made to the PI & A Committee. The Committee should be left to decide, on the merits of each case, whether permission should be given for the use of the title 'Hospital'.

In his presidential address to the British Small Animal Veterinary Association annual congress on 2 April 1966 Mr M Young stated "The next few years will see the establishment of more and more veterinary hospitals similar to those seen in cities and towns in the United States."

At a meeting in June 1966 the PI & A Committee considered suggested standards to be laid down for veterinary premises in order to the use of the designation 'Veterinary Hospital'. It was agreed that the Registrar should condense a document prepared by Mr Pittaway MRCVS and submit it to two or three veterinary surgeons known to have some expertise on the subject, requesting comments on the condensed version. Following this process the further amended document, when approved by the Committee, could be used in future as the minimum requirement for a practice to be called 'Veterinary Hospital'

On 18 October 1966 the PI & A Committee agreed a final draft of document laying down general standards for 'Veterinary Hospitals' for submission to Council for approval. The Committee agreed that premises with minor variations from these standards could be looked at on their merits.

At a subsequent meeting of Council, the standards were considered and approved. (Appendix 1)

In March 1967 it was reported that the premises of the following members of the College had been inspected and permission had been given for the use of the title 'Veterinary Hospital'.

R.S. KAY OF ROTHERHAM
F.A. EDGSON OF READING
C. FENNELL OF FARNHAM
N.S. FOWLER OF CANTERBURY
J.A. TOOVEY OF CHICHESTER

In this respect it will be noted that the designated RCVS registration numbers and order of inspection dates do not appear to be in sequence (see Appendix VII).

As the number of requests for inspection grew consideration was given to the charge of an inspection fee.

Amendments to the standards at the request of British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) and individual members were considered in 1968 along with a draft questionnaire for inspectors. It was agreed that the new draft standards should be sent to British Veterinary Association (BVA), BSAVA and the Society of Practising Veterinary Surgeons (SPVS) for comment.

In October 1969 the Preliminary Investigation Committee agreed to inspect a surgical unit for horses using the same standards laid down for 'Veterinary Hospitals'. It was agreed that the title 'Equine Hospital' should not be used, but 'Hospital for Horses' was acceptable. It was later agreed that the title 'Equine Veterinary Hospital' would be accepted.

In 1970 criteria were laid down for inspection by a member of Council, inspection intervals and an inspection fee of £10 (with £5 for subsequent inspection). (Appendix II). Amended standards were also approved (Appendix III).

A report form (Appendix IV) and certificate of approval (Appendix V) were also agreed.

In November 1970 Preliminary Investigation Committee considered a draft paper by Messrs Ingram and Oliver setting out a suggested schedule and inspection report form for use in connection with veterinary hospitals for large animals. The reports were circulated to BVA and SPVS for comments (Appendix VI).

By the end of 1971, 58 premises had been inspected and approved by the RCVS for the designation "Veterinary Hospital". Two of the premises had subsequently been removed from the list leaving a total of 56 (Appendix VII).

THE FORMATION OF THE BVHA

In 1971 it was still the practise for veterinary surgeons applying for “Veterinary Hospital” status to have their premises inspected by a nominated member of RCVS council. The inspector was usually chosen because of his (or her) proximity to premises in question and not for any knowledge of construction, design or practice management

Problems were arising due to wide variations in interpretation of agreed standards by inspectors. With high capital investments involved owners of premises were concerned that their application might be unfairly rejected or additional expenditure required attaining standards, which had not been considered necessary for others.

With these problems in mind John Tandy, of Rutland House Veterinary Hospital, St. Helens wrote a letter to the Veterinary Record in November 1971. The letter stated that with more than 50 approved veterinary hospitals in the United Kingdom “it would appear to be an opportune time to arrange a meeting of Hospital owners to discuss matters of mutual concern” (Appendix VIII). The response was overwhelming.

A meeting was convened at the Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, London W1 on 10 February 1972. 38 veterinary surgeons attended, representing 35 of 56 approved hospitals (Appendix IX). The convenor John Tandy was chairman of the meeting and his partner in the Rutland House practice, Ian Hughes, was secretary.

In a discussion of the possible advantages of an association of the owners of veterinary hospitals the following points emerged.

- 1) The RCVS would have a representative group with which to consult on matters concerning veterinary hospitals. The views of an organised group would carry more weight than of individual hospital owners.
- 2) Veterinary hospitals had particular economic, rating and planning problems. An organised group could share expenses and would be in a position if necessary to pay for expert help.
- 3) It would be possible to help other members of the profession, who were contemplating building hospitals.
- 4) Information could be pooled to improve standards of treatment for hospitalised animals.
- 5) It would be useful for the universities to have an organised group to consult, for students “to see practice”, for information on hospital design etc.

J.S.J Lauder proposed and H. Andrew seconded the formation of the British Veterinary Hospital Association.

The motion was carried with no votes against and one abstention. A steering committee was set up to enable recommendations to be made on constitution, officers, number and format of meetings. The following were elected to the committee-

J. Tandy
V.A.Harrison
H. Andrew
G. Shattock
C.F. Haith
P.N.H. Grant
J.S.J. Lauder

It was agreed that the new association should not be affiliated with any other body.

The next meeting of hospital owners was held at the Royal Veterinary College, Camden Town on 4 May 1972. Professor Bell who had given encouragement from the onset for the establishment of a Hospital Association was one of several speakers on the subject of hospitalisation.

Later in the day under the chairmanship of John Tandy matters relevant to the establishment of an association were discussed. Mr Tandy reported that there had been a meeting of the steering committee at Mansfield Street on 9 March 1972, as a result of which a draft constitution had been drawn, based on the constitution of AAHA. Alistair Porter, Registrar of the RCVS had at the request of the steering group suggested amendments to the original draft. This amended draft was discussed by the meeting. The main point of contention was whether hospitals should be members of the Association, with one vote per member hospital, or whether individual veterinary surgeons staffing the hospital should be the members. The former was agreed.

The constitution, subject to minor modifications by the council, was agreed, **and the British Veterinary Hospital Association was formed.**

The following officers were elected

President	John Tandy*
Vice President	J. S. J. Lauder
Honorary Secretary	Hubert Andrew**
Honorary Treasurer	Michael J. R. Stockman***

* John Tandy later became President SPVS and President BVA

** Hubert Andrew became President SPVS

***Michael Stockman became President BVA and a leading official in the Kennel Club

Area representatives were also elected. It was agreed that an inaugural fee of £25 per hospital should be paid.

At a meeting of council on 22 June 1972 at Mansfield Street further minor amendments to the constitution were agreed (Appendix X).

Some points laid down in the document were as follows -

The objects of the Association were to be the promotion, establishment and maintenance of the highest standards

- (a) *in the design, equipment and management of veterinary hospitals and*
- (b) *in the medical and surgical treatment and care of animals provided by veterinary hospitals with view to serving and protecting the interests of hospitalised animals, their owners and the veterinary profession.*

There were to be several categories of membership (Hospital, Hospital Owner, Hospital Associate, Affiliate and Honorary) but Hospital members, alone, would have the power to vote.

The Council would consist of the officers and six regional representatives. Only the owners of hospitals or veterinary staff employed in the hospital would be eligible for election to the council and as officers of the Association.

At a meeting of the Association council on 14 July 1972 a letter of goodwill and offer of assistance in the formative years from the AAHA was read to members. It was agreed that the Association logo should be a blue cross, contained in a circle. Plans had been made to have a first meeting with representatives of the RCVS later that day. The main matters to be discussed were the large variation in interpretation of standards by RCVS inspectors with particular regard to 24-hour service and the short period allowed bringing standards to a required level, which was, in some cases, impractical.

A general meeting of the Association was arranged at the Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, London in November 1972 to discuss personnel and management systems to be followed by a 3-day symposium on hospital construction and design in Liverpool in February 1973.

At the meeting with representatives of the RCVS PI & A Committee at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Belgrave Square, London on 6 December 1972 there was a wide-ranging discussion on hospital standards. It was stated that the number of inspectors had been reduced to a small panel. After due consideration of the points raised, another meeting would be arranged with representatives of the BVHA, hospital inspectors and representatives of the PI & A Committee.

It was only 10 months since the letter suggesting a meeting of hospital owners had been published in the Veterinary Record. There was already a well organised Association, a most encouraging list of members (Appendix XII), several informative meetings had been arranged, discussions were taking place with the RCVS on hospital standards and inspections and information was being provided to members of the profession on hospital construction and design. 1972 had been a memorable year.

THE FIRST FEW YEARS

1973-74

In 1973 a small panel was formed to study and advise on plans for veterinary hospitals. This service would be available only to members and affiliate members.

The major event of the year was the symposium at Liverpool Polytechnic on hospital construction and design.

Papers were presented by architects and the Polytechnic staff covering the following subjects: -

Development procedure; initial investigation; appointment of architects; design procedure; planning and building regulations; permissions; role of building team; tendering; building operations; general planning; planning principles with application to circulation and segregation; zoning; conversion and extension of existing buildings; construction and costs; traditional or prefabricated construction; materials and finishes and how they are applicable to their functions; principles of interior design; psychological factors; environmental factors; heating, lighting and acoustics.

The proceedings of the meeting were published and proved to be popular for years to come with members of the profession planning green-field development, conversions or face lifts for existing facilities.

It is of interest to note that, in the light of the above considerations, in the human field a conference had been called at the Central Hall Westminster, during course of the year, to discuss "Hospital design in relation to cross infection"

The Association's first AGM was held at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London, on the 26 September 1972. It was decided to have no change of officers or council to give the Association a period of consolidation.

There was a report on the ongoing discussions with the RCVS on hospital standards. There were areas of contention, namely grooming facilities, boarding facilities, overnight accommodation for staff and an RCVS proposal that each Hospital should employ a Registered Animal Nursing Auxiliary. One major area of concern was the RCVS changes in interpretation of standards without due consideration of the financial implications to existing hospital owners.

Some BVHA council members made a case for breaking with the RCVS scheme and producing the Association's own standards and organising its own inspection programme

The main speaker at the general meeting held along-with the AGM was Dr Robert Ticehurst, President Elect of the American Animal Hospital Association. Dr Ticehurst spoke about the organisation of his Association, hospital inspection system, services, literature, and meetings. He then went on to speak about construction and design of hospitals in the U.S. illustrated with excellent slides.

In 1973 the first draft of a manual of standards was prepared by a subcommittee of JSJ Lauder, JTM Hart and PNH Grant, based on standards laid down by the AAHA for veterinary hospitals in the United States. Each section of the manual, representing a defined area or function of the hospital, was divided into three parts “Mandatory Requirements”, “Notes of Explanation”, and “Suggestions of Features which could with advantage be considered”.

The manual would be divided into the following sections.

- 1 General Requirements
- 2 Waiting, Reception and Office Areas
- 3 Examination Rooms
- 4 Radiological Diagnosis.
- 5 Operating Suite
- 6 Pharmacy
- 7 Laboratory Facilities
- 8 Hospitalisation
- 9 Fire Precautions.

The draft manual was to be discussed with the RCVS, the BVA, SPVS and BSAVA as well as individual members to gain a consensus view of the profession. This process would take about three years before final agreement was reached.

In 1973 the Association received a communication from the Monopolies Commission relating to advertising by the veterinary profession. The Commission were required to report whether restrictions placed on advertising by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons were against the public interest. In response, the Association put the view that in some respects the RCVS guidelines were too restrictive and against the public interest. The Association suggested ways in which restrictions should be eased including information given in newspaper notices, entries in telephone directories and signs on veterinary premises.

At the 1974 Annual General Meeting held at the Churchill Hotel, Portland Square, London, W1, in March 1974 the President John Tandy summarised the Associations first two years as follows: -

“The Association had been established in response to the sense of injustice felt by many hospital owners at the varying interpretations that were being put on the RCVS requirements and also by a wish by hospital owners for a progressive improvement in hospital standards. The requirements of the Association constitution had in the main already been put into effect. In the Association’s meeting with the RCVS many points, where there had been differences in interpretation, had been clarified. The symposium at Liverpool Polytechnic had been a great success and a meeting planned for Helsinki was over subscribed. The veterinary profession had given evidence to the Monopolies Commission on advertising. A “Manual of Standards” based on the AAHA Manual was being prepared.”

“Looking to the future we must continue to give support to members in improving their premises. We hope to have closer liaison with the RCVS and to be consulted by them on all matters concerning hospitals. It is my personal wish that the Association would

become a Division of the BVA. Two thirds of all registered hospitals were members of the BVHA. We should press for changes in the Guide to Professional Conduct e.g. practices should be permitted to become limited companies and there should be more freedom in the types of signs to be permitted on hospital premises”.

It is of interest to note that it would be a further 20 years before the Association became a Division of the BVA and 28 years before practices could be owned by Limited Companies. However, it was only 2 or 3 years later that the Guide to Professional Conduct was changed to allow the display of reasonable signs to replace the hitherto required professional plate of 10 x 8 inches

The officers elected at the 1974 AGM for the year 1974-1975 were -

President	J.S.J. Lauder
Senior Vice President	John Tandy
Junior Vice President	Gordon Shattock*
Secretary	Hubert Andrew
Treasurer	M.J.R. Stockman

* Gordon Shattock became a regional chairman of the Conservative Party. While attending the Party Annual Conference at Brighton in 1984 he was injured by an IRA bomb. His wife Jean was killed in the same explosion. Gordon was knighted in 1985 for his services to the Party.

1974-75

In the spring of 1974 the Association had a very successful trip to Helsinki, at a cost of £63 per person. A visit was made to the Veterinary Faculty and to the Field Station some miles out of the city. There was a cocktail party at the British Consulate and dinner at the casino. A highlight of the trip was an opportunity for members of the party to partake in a traditional sauna. The ladies in their communal sauna slapped each other with birch twigs before plunging into the cold lake. The men did not use the birch twigs but one of the party, in the charge down the pier to the lake, was seen to hide his embarrassment under his trilby hat. The trip was organised by the President Stanley Lauder, whose daughter was working in the Consulate.

On disembarking from the return flight at Gatwick just after dawn, members of the group returned home, with the exception of the President. Unbeknown to any of his fellow officers in the Association he had an appointment at the RCVS that morning with the Disciplinary Committee.

J.S.J. Lauder was accused of the fraudulent use of Rabies Vaccine. The Disciplinary Committee found the case against him proven. Members of the Association first became aware of the situation with announcements in the national press the following day, that his name had been removed from the Veterinary Register. Under the heading “Vet Issued Fake Rabies Certificates” in the Daily Telegraph of 21 May 1974 it was stated that “A veterinary surgeon who sent false vaccination certificates to the Ministry of Agriculture was guilty of ‘disgraceful conduct’, the disciplinary committee of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons decided in London yesterday.”

The Association found itself without a President. At a council meeting held at Mansfield Street, in June 1974 it was agreed that John Tandy should again become President until the AGM in 1975. At the same meeting it was agreed to form a panel to make comment on the quality of radiographs submitted by members.

At a general meeting at the Inn on the Park, Park Lane in October 1974 Mr Blake-Thomas a representative of Deloitte & Co. presented a paper on "Tax Minimisation". Mr Thomas suggested alternate titles to the paper "Taxation and how to avoid it" or "Rabies and how to avoid it – do not get bitten by the dog". Before going on to discuss tax avoidance he did make the point that evasion was a criminal act. Evasion normally resulted from non-declaration of incomes, claiming false allowances and overstating expenses. Members at this stage had their heads down and were vigorously making notes. A paper at the same meeting on insurance highlighted the problems that high inflation, being experienced at that time, was making to financial planning.

At a meeting at the Inn on the Park, Park Lane, in December 1974 Dr Leslie Hall of Cambridge Veterinary School and Mr Nelson Bowden of Guys Hospital presented papers on "Intensive Care".

One of the debating points during the year had been the location of the Association's general meetings. There were advocates of regional meetings in conjunction with other groups but there was a body of support for continuing to have the meetings in prestigious London Hotels.

The Annual General Meeting of 1975 was held in March at the Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, London. Hubert Andrew in his final report as Secretary stated, "We have made the Royal College realise that they cannot walk over the hospital owners as they appeared to wish to do and have achieved, if not respectability, at least recognition".

John Tandy, the President reported that this was the third time that he had presented the Presidents Report and it would definitely be the last!! "We had played a part in changing some sections of the Guide to Professional Conduct and veterinary surgeons signs could now be more in keeping with the establishments themselves. During the next few years recession may affect small animal practices but the public would continue to seek the standards of service to which they were accustomed. There would have to be tight control on expenditure. There would probably be less hospitals built in the next few years. Existing hospital owners must be pleased that they had made their investment when money was more plentiful".

The following officers were elected for 1975-76

President	Gordon Shattock
Senior Vice President	John Tandy
Junior Vice President	Hubert Andrew
Secretary	James T. M. Hart
Treasurer	Valerie Stockman.

At the same meeting there was little support for the Association becoming a division of the BVA.

The main speaker at the meeting was John Gorst MP on the “Middle Class Association”. The Association had been set up to fight the high tax and high inflation policies currently prevailing. This reflected the highly emotive political climate of the times.

1975-76

During the course of the year there were ongoing discussions with the RCVS relating to the Manual of Standards. Matters of main concern related to boarding kennels at hospital premises, sanitary areas and sterilising feeding equipment. There were also discussions on a proposal to raise inspection fees to £60, the levels of expertise of RCVS inspectors and appeals procedures for premises adjudged not to have attained the required standards.

Early in 1976 agreement was reached by all parties on the final draft of the Manual of Standards. The Manual was printed and copies circulated to members.

Help was provided to members relating to planning applications and compulsory purchase orders. New Local Authority rating proposals were the cause of some concern. A questionnaire was to be sent to members to provide information on a national basis, and ways of re-categorising veterinary hospitals into lower rating bands were investigated.

There was more correspondence with the Monopolies Commission with regard their investigation into restrictions on the profession to provide “information on services to the public”. The Association clarified their previously stated views. A further letter from the Commission requested information on the different types of membership of the Association.

The Association’s first Bulletin was produced. This was edited by the Associations PRO Peter Fry of Worthing and sponsored by Upjohn (through Michael Nelson).

It was decided to allow Affiliate Members to be co-opted on to council. In the current year there would be one only. This was to be John King of Blackburn. In subsequent years it was agreed that there would be two.

During the year meetings were held at, Cambridge Veterinary School (intensive care, soft tissue radiology and anaesthesia), Glasgow Veterinary School (joint abnormalities) and the Churchill Hotel, London (practice finance). On the evening of the London meeting there was also a very successful dinner at the House of Commons, with guests from the profession, Kennel Club and parliament.

The AGM was held at the Inn on the Park Hotel, London in March 1976. The following were elected to office for 1976-77.

President	Hubert Andrew
Senior Vice President	Gordon Shattock
Junior Vice President	Colin Haith
Secretary	Jim Hart
Treasurer	Valerie Stockman

Changes were made to the constitution to clarify the situation relating to the composition of council. This in future would be 5 officers, 1 representative from each of the 4 regions,

2 other non-regional representatives and 2 affiliate members. The counties included in each region were also defined.

Full Council membership for each Association year is listed in Appendix XII

In his address the President, Gordon Shattock spoke of various matters affecting members of the Association including the current high rates of inflation, efforts being made along with the RCVS and BVA to reduce rating valuations on veterinary premises, the completion of the Manual of Standards after lengthy discussions with the RCVS, ambitions for the formation of a European Veterinary Hospitals Association, his thanks to John Tandy for his contribution to laying firm foundations to the affairs of Association and to Peter Fry for the successful launch of the Bulletin.

The speaker at the meeting was D J Morton of Reading, a specialist on rates.

1976-77

There were three general meetings during the year. In May about 40 delegates attended a meeting in Lyon. The highlight of the meeting was a visit to the rabies vaccine production plant at the Merieux Institute. There was an in depth discussion on vaccine production in general. Due to the fall in value of the £ trips abroad were becoming very expensive. The Government had introduced a 2% levy charge on such trips to contribute to a fund to provide compensation in the event of travel agents becoming bankrupt. Due to the increase in cost the Association was to consider postponing trips abroad until further notice.

In October there was a weekend meeting incorporating visits to hospital premises in the South East. There were tours of the Mandeville Hospital at Northolt and two hospitals of the Wingrove Veterinary Group.

In November at a meeting at the Inn on the Park, London Trevor Turner, John Baxter and Alan Phillips discussed hospital design with emphasis on surface finishes.

London remained the most convenient venue for meetings but rapidly rising costs of hotels in the city was becoming a concern.

There were several meetings with the RCVS during the year the main issues were

- (i) numbers, construction and design of sanitary areas
- (ii) clarification of the definition of shadowless lighting
- (iii) acceptance by the RCVS that premises could be called “Animal Hospital”, “Veterinary Clinic” or “Veterinary Centre”. There was a strong feeling in the Association that this could lower the status of “Veterinary Hospitals” in the eyes of the public. The RCVS felt that these fears were unfounded.
- (iv) Concern was expressed at a rise in the inspection fee to £70.

Talks had been taking place during the year between officers of the Association and the BVA (represented by President John Parry, Honorary Secretary Mike Stockman and Secretary Pat Turner) regarding the Association becoming a Division of the BVA. There was a range of views on the pros and cons of such a move. A major problem related to the

Associations constitution, which allowed one vote only to each hospital. This led to a shortfall in the BVA requirement of a minimum of 100 members for each Division.

Other matters occupying the attention of the Association were

- (i) The apparent lack of preparation by the government in the case of a rabies outbreak in the UK. Contact with government through Janet Fookes MP led to a letter of re-assurance on the matter.
- (ii) Due to the poor economic situation in the country it was becoming more difficult to obtain sponsorship for meetings from commercial companies.
- (iii) It was necessary to co-ordinate complaints from members relating to hospital inspections, to discuss standards with outside bodies and to be prepared for a revision of the Manual of Standards at some time in the future. Philip Grime was appointed Standards Liaison Officer to oversee these matters.
- (iv) Messrs. Dunster and Morton of Reading were appointed as the Associations advisors for members involved in disputes with rating authorities.
- (v) The Association were asked to nominate a person to sit on a working party to be set up by the Health and Safety at Work Executive to look at the safety of X-rays in veterinary practice.
- (vi) Architectural students were being set the design of veterinary premises as part of their course and seeking help from the Association, which was leading to logistical problems.
- (vii) The BVA intended to produce a document on the professions responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974). It was thought that this could have a profound effect on the administration of veterinary practice.
- (viii) John Tandy was elected first Honorary Member of the Association.

The AGM was held on 24 March 1977 at the Inn on the Park, London.

The following were elected to office for 1977-78

President	Colin Haith
Senior Vice President	Hubert Andrew
Junior Vice President	Jim Hart
Secretary	Paul Bottomly
Treasurer	Valerie Stockman

There were some minor alterations to the constitution including a new category of membership - STUDENT MEMBERS

It was agreed to purchase a presidential chain of office.

There were now 44 Hospital Members and 65 Affiliate Members including one from the USA.

In his Presidential Address Hubert Andrew drew attention to the fact that John Tandy had been made an Honorary Member of the Association. He said "his foresight, initiative and drive had helped establish a firm base for the Association". He expressed concern about the RCVS decision to allow practices to use the titles "animal hospital", "veterinary

clinic” and “veterinary centre”. He wondered whether the Association should initiate its own veterinary hospital scheme independent of the RCVS.

The main speaker after lunch was Mr.S.J.West, Regional Director of Barclays Bank with a talk entitled “Invest in your future or cash in your past”.

1977-1978

There were three general meetings during the year. In June 1977 Mr.J.Harries, assistant legal advisor to Esso spoke on “Recent legislative changes affecting veterinary practice” and John Tandy spoke on the BVA review of the effect of the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) on veterinary practice.

In November at a weekend meeting at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay the future of the BVHA and the RCVS hospital scheme were the subject of discussion. Literature submitted by members relating to administration, admittance routine and pre- and post-operative procedures were discussed. The material was so diverse that a unified format would not be practical.

In January 1978 at the Hyde Park Hotel, London A.D.Walker of Spillers, Peter Darke, Leslie Hall and Chris Gaskell presented papers on “Nutritional Therapeutics”.

During the year there had been discussions with the RCVS on the following matters.

- (i) Some members were experiencing difficulty obtaining written certificates following fire inspections as required by the RCVS for hospital registration purposes. A watching brief would be kept on the situation.
- (ii) A decision was taken to allow veterinary hospitals to appear under a separate heading than other practices in the Yellow Pages directory.
- (iii) The use of titles for veterinary premises such as “Veterinary Centre” or “Veterinary Clinic” without conforming to defined standards, or the title “Animal Hospital” used by veterinary schools and welfare societies was still a cause of concern to the Association.
- (iv) Controversial decisions, by some RCVS hospital inspectors, were also causing concern.

Other matters debated and reported by the Association were

- (i) Conditions of work and pay for veterinary nurses was discussed with SPVS and BSAVA
- (ii) Improving the Registered Animal Nursing Auxiliary (RANA) scheme, which had many inconsistencies.
- (iii) The uncollected pet
- (iv) The anti-pet lobby.
- (v) A paper to be presented at the Dutch Veterinary Congress by Jim Hart and Geoff Arnold entitled “The inception and working of the BVHA past, present and future”
- (vi) It was decided not to pursue divisional status with the BVA at the present time.

- (vii) Southern Veterinary Services had presented a presidential chain of office to the Association.
- (viii) A copy of the Bulletin had been sent to all hospitals, whether members of the Association or not, along with a bound copy of the Liverpool symposium.

The AGM was held on 16 March 1988 at the Hyde Park Hotel, London

The following were elected to office 1978-79

President	J.T.M. Hart
Senior Vice President	C. Haith
Junior Vice President	P.A. Grime
Treasurer	T. Fraser
Secretary	P. Bottomly

There were now 46 Hospital Members and 74 Affiliate Members.

In his presidential address Colin Haith thanked Valerie Stockman who was retiring as Treasurer. She and her husband Mike Stockman, before her had held the office since the Association was formed. Mr Hart said that he and his wife had been invited to attend the dinner at BSAVA Congress as official guests “which helped bridge the chasm which occasionally appears to yawn between this and other associations” He went on to say that “BVA Council did not appear to be aware that we paid £70 for the privilege of participating in the lottery of inspection and re-registration. Lottery it undoubtedly is due to the intransigence and inconsistency of the RCVS inspectorate, which remains a thorn in the flesh of this Association and is not acceptable to us. In recent times one inspector has passed in one hospital (a third inspection) what he has turned down in another”. He believed that the Association should break away from the RCVS and form its own autonomous scheme.

Following the AGM, T. Barr, T. Dean and C. Haith, presented papers on construction, design and finance of purpose built premises and conversions.

1978-79

Three meetings were scheduled for the year. The first in March 1978 dealt with Practice Premises Improvement. This was to be the first of a series of three. Architect Mr G. Clarke and Hubert Andrew spoke about outside the building, the car park etc, entrance lobby and waiting room. Peter Hughes discussed flooring, Geof Parkin the consulting room, Philip Grime the pharmacy, and P. Sale, a practice manager, the office and filing systems.

The second meeting in the series was held in October 1978. Tom Fraser and Mike Hawken discussed materials and equipment, Robin Lee and Peter Fry the X-ray area, and a team from Shearbridge Veterinary Hospital the laboratory. On the following day there were visits to Jim Hart’s premises in Buckhurst Hill, Goddard and Allen at Wanstead and Mercer and Hughes Saffron Walden. In addition there was a fascinating tour of the “Whispering Glades” dog cemetery owned by Messrs Goddard and Allen.

The third meeting in the Practice Premises Improvement series scheduled for January 1979 was postponed due to a rail strike.

During the year various matters were discussed with the RCVS.

- (i) RANAS. It was the view of the Association that veterinary nurses should be permitted to carry out minor surgical procedures. It was also the Association's view that there should be no formal register for nurses, if this required opening the Veterinary Surgeons Act. In so doing there could be moves to widen the terms of the Act to include other unqualified practice.
- (ii) Due to difficulties in practices acquiring formal fire certificates it was agreed that a letter from a fire prevention officer would suffice.
- (iii) There were still concerns about inconsistencies in the reports of the RCVS hospital inspectors.
- (iv) It was agreed that the RCVS, BVA and the Association should explore the possibilities of RCVS approval for premises, which did not quite reach the standards set for hospitals.

Other matters discussed

- (i) It was decided not to apply for BVA Divisional status. It was thought that this might impair freedom of action by the Association.
- (ii) Dunster and Morton had a good record in member's appeals against levels of local rates.
- (iii) There were concerns that the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) would be too onerous for veterinary hospitals.

The AGM was held on 15 March 1979 at the Hyde Park Hotel, London

The following were elected to office for 1979-80

President	P.A. Grime
Senior Vice President	J.T.M. Hart
Junior Vice President	P. Fry Editor of Bulletin
Secretary	P.J. Bottomley
Treasurer	T.W. Fraser

The President Jim Hart opened his address with some observations reflecting the prevailing political situation. He referred to the effects of the winds of socio-economic change, which had blown over the UK particularly during the last two years and the legislation, which it had brought. "Yesteryear" veterinary principals (and apparently those who worked for them) were content with moderately low incomes achieved by high volume of work stretched over a relatively large number of working hours and in conditions nowadays considered intolerable. Higher standards in the work environment were demanded. There were two factors the President believed would have a profound effect on veterinary practices; firstly the insistence that everyone in veterinary premises is kept safe and healthy; and secondly what might happen if an outside body takes an interest in comparability studies of conditions of employment of veterinary employees, or insists that these people are paid a minimum wage, which might be greatly in excess of current rates.

The President reminded members of the enormous powers of the Health and Safety Executive and that failure to comply with the provisions of the Act was a criminal offence. Soon the H & S Executive intended to introduce the new Code of Practice for Radiological Protection in veterinary practice. In addition the RCVS had warned practitioners to be vigilant with the storage, monitoring and recording certain drugs used in practice and dispensed to the public. Those who ignored these warnings, and found a member of the Drugs Squad or a Home Office Inspector at the doorstep would be in for an unpleasant shock.

Following the agm Mr D. Longrove, a world famous heart surgeon, who presented a fascinating paper on open-heart surgery.

1979-80

In May 1979 a meeting arranged to look at hospitals in the North East was cancelled due to lack of support. However a meeting in October at Cambridge was judged to be a great success. 22 members and 6 non-members attended the meeting with a team of distinguished speakers organised by Leslie Hall. Dr. L Owen dealt with the treatment of neoplasia with radio-therapy, immuno-therapy and chemo-therapy. R. Walker and Dr. L Hall discussed thoracic surgery and Dr. Palmer described some aspects of neuro-surgery. The Royal Garden Hotel provided a wide range of facilities and the Conference Secretary described occasion as fulfilling the objectives of the Association “progressive thinking in a congenial social atmosphere”.

In November, a meeting re-arranged from January entitled Practice Premises Improvement was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, London. Under the chairmanship of John Tandy, Trevor Turner, Gary Clayton-Jones and Colin Haith dealt with the theatre, scrub-up area, wards, in-patient facilities and storage.

In December over 50 people attended a meeting at the Hyde Park Hotel, chaired by Colin Haith. The speakers were Derek Carter “Accounting Systems”, Gordon Shattock “Keeping Pace with Inflation” and John Sheridan “Management Accountancy”. Mr. T. Duffy of Carter Parrat discussed “The Use of Visual Records”

During the year a working group representing the RCVS, BVA and the Association looked at ways of raising standards of all practice premises. The BVA decided to withdraw their support for the idea and the matter was left in abeyance.

It was requested that Association should be included in any RCVS discussions concerning RANAs, but the College were not in agreement.

Other matters discussed by the Association during the year were

- (i) The Manual of Standards. Under the guidance of Trevor Turner, a new draft had now been completed. This would be in two separate parts. The first part covered Mandatory Requirements and Explanations and the second part, which had undergone most change, was the Suggestions section. This made special reference to Health and Safety issues. It was suggested that today’s “suggestions” would become tomorrow’s “requirements”.

- (ii) Publicity. Due to the economic situation new hospital building had virtually ceased. Thus the Associations membership would be unlikely to grow. Thought was given to employing a publicity and advertising company to stimulate new membership but this was rejected on grounds of cost. A BVHA presentation at BVA Congress at Aberdeen by Colin Haith, Tom Barr and Tom Dean stimulated interest in the Association.
- (iii) The President, Philip Grime, the Queen's veterinary surgeon, received a CVO in the New Years Honours list.
- (iv) AAHA. Contacts were being maintained and the President and several council members had attended their conference in New Orleans.
- (v) European Veterinary Hospitals Association (EVHA). There had been no progress towards the formation of a European Association.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Birmingham on 20 March 1980.

There were now 51 Hospital Members and 79 Affiliates.

The following were elected to office for 1980-81

President	P. Fry
Senior Vice President	P.A. Grime CVO
Junior Vice President	P.J. Bottomly
Secretary	G. Melville
Treasurer	T. Fraser

President Philip Grime in his report said that he regretted that the BVA had withdrawn from the group to look at a general improvement in practice premises, which had led to the RCVS decision not to go ahead with the project.

He said that during the year high inflation had led to high interest rates and a slow down in the construction of new hospitals.

The President had been invited to a reception given by the RCVS for Conservative MPs.

Matters discussed were financial cuts in veterinary education, involvement of the profession in meat inspection, EEC legislation that might affect the right to prescribe, laboratory animals, deer and changes in the planning laws.

Following the AGM Val Harrison and Jim Hart gave papers on "How to make money and keep it".

THE SECOND DECADE

1980-81

A one-day meeting at the Hyde Park Hotel, London, in May, considered the subject of “Trauma” presented by a distinguished group of speakers led by Gary Clayton-Jones. The attendance of only 18 members was described as “a disaster”. Despite sponsorship by Veterinary Drug Co. Ltd the Association sustained a heavy financial loss on the meeting.

A meeting in Brighton, hosted by Upjohn Ltd, followed by a visit to the Melville’s Veterinary Hospital in Medhurst, was only attended by 14 members. Those attending were provided with excellent hospitality by their hosts.

In complete contrast to the poor attendance at the previous two meetings, there was a turn out of 160 members and their practice teams, at London Zoo in November. Trevor and Jean Turner, Noreen Lewis and Cathy Clarke spoke on “ In-patient Care” This most successful meeting was sponsored by Arnolds Ltd, Bowring Engineering, Miles Laboratories Ltd, Garraulds Ltd and Geeling.

Matters discussed during the year included

- (i) Manual of Standards. Following further discussions with the RCVS the Manual was now ready for the printers. Some members had expressed concern, about a mandatory requirement to employ at least one qualified RANA in each hospital by 1984. A communication had been received from the BVA, who were also opposed to this requirement. They were concerned that the mandatory requirement could become a statutory requirement, which would give RANAs an elevated status. Due to the strength of feeling on this matter it would be put to the AGM to give the members an opportunity to express their views.
- (ii) A plaque had been designed with RCVS approval for display at hospital premises.
- (iii) It was proposed that the title “Veterinary Hospital” should be protected in a new Veterinary Surgeons Act.
- (iv) A booklet had been produced on the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act for veterinary premises for circulation to members.
- (v) Computers. Accounting and record keeping programmes were being introduced into practice but the Association had a particular interest in any developments, which might occur in the field of diagnostics.
- (vi) European Veterinary Hospitals Association. There had been no action taken during the year.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham on 12 March 1981.

There were now 51 Members and 81 Affiliates.

Amongst other issues discussed was the proposed RCVS mandatory requirement that each veterinary hospital should employ at least one RANA. A proposal was put to the meeting that “The recommendation of mandatory employment of RANAs in veterinary hospitals should not appear in the new Manual of Standards” The motion was carried. The RCVS would be informed.

The following officers were elected for the year 1981-82

President	P. Bottomly
Senior Vice President	P. Fry
Junior Vice President	T. Fraser
Secretary	G. Melville
Treasurer	M. Winwood

The President Peter Fry spoke of the Associations direct links with the RCVS “This is a valued asset not to be abused and not to be dismissed. The RCVS have stated that discussions are conducted in a friendly atmosphere. A representative of BVHA had been invited to sit in on meetings of hospital inspectors. The President stated that “We are not mainstream political activity-----but we represent an influential group with high ideals, standards and integrity whose credible opinions will be listened to by our governing body the RCVS.”

The speaker in the afternoon session was Roger Mugford with a paper entitled “Animal behaviour and client psychology as features of veterinary practice”

1981-1982

In June 1981 a meeting was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, London to discuss “Informed Advertising”. Although the meeting was well attended, there had been traffic problems due to a one-day cricket match at Lords and a wedding reception at the hotel attended by Royalty. It was agreed that Birmingham would make a much better venue for meetings.

In September there was a most successful study tour of in Switzerland, Germany and France.

In December a meeting at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham sponsored by the Royal Veterinary College, was addressed Gary Clayton-Jones, Peter Webbon, and Gerrard Brouwer on “Thoracic Surgery”.

There was a great deal of activity by the Association during the year. Matters covered included

- (i) A membership drive, including visits to veterinary hospitals, which were not members of the Association to discuss advantages of membership.
- (ii) The Manual of Standards. This had been proof read by the RCVS and was ready for the printers, but there was one outstanding matter of contention. The RCVS wished the employment of at least one RANA in each veterinary hospital to be a mandatory requirement, but the BVHA had voted against this

- proposal at the 1981 AGM. It was decided to invite the Registrar of the RCVS to the 1982 AGM to put the RCVS view–point directly to the members.
- (iii) The Association’s Health and Safety advisory booklet edited by D. Adamson had been well received by the members and was now available for purchase by non-members.
 - (iv) Most members had purchased a membership plaque for display at their premises.
 - (v) Discussions were taking place with the AAHA regarding block membership by of that Association for BVHA members.
 - (vi) The panel to scrutinise building plans for members (free of charge) and non-members (for a fee of £15) had been extremely busy. A questionnaire had been produced for those submitting plans, to simplify the process. Advice was also given on suitable hospitals to visit for further help.
 - (vii) A client information pamphlet was being prepared in a format that could be adapted for use in individual practices. It would cover useful information on pet ownership.
 - (viii) A group had been formed to organise a one-day seminar for the BVA Centenary Congress at Reading in 1982.
 - (ix) Relationships with the RCVS were cordial and meaningful. BVHA representatives attended meetings of RCVS hospital inspectors to mutual advantage.
 - (x) The Bulletin, still printed by Upjohn Ltd free of charge to the Association, continued to be circulated to members.
 - (xi) The RCVS had increased hospital inspection charges from £70 to £100 and re-inspection fees were increased from £35 to £50.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham on 11 March 1982.

There were now 55 Hospital Members and 85 Affiliate Members.

The Registrar of the RCVS Alistair Porter had been invited to address members on the matter of a proposed mandatory requirement to employ at least one RANA in each Veterinary Hospital. He started by making a case for RCVS enforced standards for Veterinary Hospitals. He said that BSAVA had originally approached the RCVS with a request to establish criteria for veterinary hospitals and assume responsibility for inspections. (NB such an approach by BSAVA is not included in the minutes of the RCVS PI and A Committee. As outlined above the minutes state that such pressure came from individual members of the profession). He went on to make the point that hospital standards should not be based solely on premises and equipment but also on service. RANAs were not only required to provide the practice with high standards of care but also acted as an assurance to clients. RANAs should be seen to complement the veterinary profession and should not be viewed as a threat. There would be flexibility shown by the College, if a practice did not employ a RANA but was actively seeking to do so. It was intended to postpone the implementation of such a requirement for two or three years to allow a reasonable period for practices to comply.

After a discussion the following motion was put to the meeting “BVHA rescinds the decision made at the 1981 agm and that it will be a mandatory requirement of the

hospital scheme to employ at least one RANA” The motion was carried by 18 votes for to 1 against.

The following officers were appointed for the year 1982-83

President	T. Fraser
Senior Vice President	P. Bottomly
Junior Vice President	D. Carter
Secretary	G. Melville
Treasurer	M. Winwood

In his address the President Paul Bottomly said that he was proud of the work that the Association were doing for the profession. He said “Last year I told you that we were elite, we still are, and I am still proud of it because it is earned by bright ideas, by hard work, and backing our judgement with hard cash. There is a band that calls us ‘elitist’ in a derogatory manner – this has now become sorely depleted”. He went on to say “This year I have travelled close on 4,000 miles. Last year according to the Register 26 out of 79 hospitals were not members of the Association i.e. 67%. 19 of the non-member practices have been visited and our ideals and beliefs have been discussed. As a result our membership has risen to 88% of hospitals. Nobody can say that we do not speak with one voice”.

During the afternoon session S.D Gunn spoke on “The Valuation of Specialist Practice”.

1982-83

A weekend meeting in June at the Lord Daresbury Hotel, Warrington, to discuss computers was judged to have been successful despite a small turnout.

A full day seminar and exhibition was organised in conjunction with the BVA Centenary Congress at Reading in September. The meeting was extremely well attended. A wide range of subjects was covered from the initial design phase of a veterinary hospital through to practice laboratories, in-patients, client relations and finance.

A group of 40 delegates attended a most enjoyable meeting in Denmark hosted by Leo Laboratories Ltd.

In December a meeting to discuss spinal and pelvic radiography and surgery by a team headed by Gary Clayton-Jones was very well attended.

Matters covered by the Association during the year included

- (i) The new edition of the Manual of Standards was printed and circulated to members in May. In view of the resolution passed at the 1982 agm paragraph 9.5 of the Manual (“There must be sufficient lay staff to ensure adequate care of the animals in the hospital at all times. The further training and supervision of lay staff to a reasonable standard shall be a continuing duty of the hospital

- owner”) an additional sentence was appended (“At least one member of lay staff must be a Registered Animal Nursing Auxiliary”).
- (ii) 12,000 copies of the client information pamphlet had had been sold to members.
 - (iii) At the request of the RCVS a sub-committee of BVHA and BEVA representatives had been formed to draft standards for Equine Veterinary Hospitals.
 - (iv) The Health and Safety at Work booklet had proved very popular and had been requested by several “learned foreign institutions”.
 - (v) A pamphlet was being produced for members of the profession wishing to improve their premises. It would include such information as design principles, a list of suitable architects, sources of finance etc.
 - (vi) Communication with the BVA and RCVS underlined the Associations belief that in the event of a new Veterinary Surgeons Act the title “Veterinary Hospital” should receive statutory protection.
 - (vii) The Bulletin still printed free of charge by Upjohn Ltd had undergone a change of design.
 - (viii) A meeting had been called at the AAHA conference in Las Vegas of delegates from ten countries. The delegate from the BVHA represented the United Kingdom. Proposals for a world standard for veterinary hospitals and ways to provide help for veterinary surgeons visiting from abroad were discussed.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham.

Membership was now 59 Hospital Members and 94 Affiliates.

The Treasurer reported a surplus of £671 income over expenditure for the year and reserves of £3,672. He recommended that fees remained at £25 for Hospital Members and £15 for Affiliates.

In his address the President Tom Fraser said, “The Association is now 10 years old. I read the original constitution last weekend and it must be very satisfying to our founder members to know that their original eight aims are still exactly the same aims that we have this year”.

The following were elected to office for the year 1983-84

President	D. Carter
Senior Vice President	T. Fraser
Junior Vice President	G. Melville
Secretary	R. Rowe
Treasurer	M. Winwood

During the afternoon session of the meeting David Bradbury of Barclays Bank discussed pensions and Hugh Wynn-Griffiths, accountant, discussed Friendly Societies.

1983-84

A meeting in Alveston in June to discuss computers clashed with the general election and as a consequence was poorly attended.

A BVHA programme at the BVA Congress in Lancaster in contrast proved to be very popular. There was a high demand for practice manuals and membership forms.

A 4-day trip to Vienna was extremely successful. Delegates were most impressed with a demonstration of advanced dentistry techniques at the Vienna Veterinary School.

In December at a meeting sponsored by Ciba Geigy Pete Webbon and colleagues discussed "Ultrasopic and Radiographic Techniques".

Matters occupying the attention of the Association included the following

- (i) Good progress was being made with BEVA on standards for Equine Hospitals.
- (ii) The Association would support the introduction of a register for veterinary nurses but would make no commitment regarding a list of procedures they could undertake.
- (iii) It was agreed that in the event of a new Veterinary Surgeons Act the title "Veterinary Hospital" should be protected.
- (iv) The scrutiny of plans submitted for the Associations comments continued at a high level.
- (v) It appeared that "Hospital" status enhanced the chances of planning permission particularly in the Green Belt. This was one factor in practices wishing to achieve the required standards.
- (vi) It was confirmed that Irish veterinary surgeons were eligible for BVHA membership.
- (vii) Cordial meetings with the RCVS continued. It was agreed that waiting-room displays of available products should maintain professional standards.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham on 1 March 1984.

There were now 60 Hospital Members and 96 Affiliates.

Surplus of income over expenditure during the year was £1,388 leaving reserves of £5,060. Membership fees remained at £25 for Hospital Members and £15 for Affiliates.

The following were elected to office for 1984-85

President	G. Melville
Senior Vice President	D. Carter
Junior Vice President	M. Winwood
Secretary	R. Rowe
Treasurer	P. Hunt

Derek Carter in his Presidential address said "Three years ago Paul Bottomly spoke of the need to foster good relations with the BVA, BSAVA and RCVS. I am sure that Paul would agree that we have achieved good relationships with these Associations. We have

our own one-day programme at BVA, we have been consulted by BSAVA on making a tape-slide programme on practice premises and are currently holding regular liaison meetings with the RCVS and hospital inspectors on problems of mutual interest, and particularly, mandatory standards for equine hospitals. We have, as Paul wished, veered away from something of an obsession with bricks and mortar to a more balanced programme of meetings on surgery, hospital care and patient management.”

Following the AGM there were discussions on isolation facilities and veterinary insurance. In the afternoon delegates were entertained by Terence Dudley, TV director, who gave “an insight into film production of veterinary programmes using the acting profession and our dumb friends”.

1984-85

The Association again organised a one-day session at BVA Congress in Stirling with a very successful exhibition and a scientific programme including a paper by Professor Jarrett, which attracted a large audience. The Manual of Standards for Equine Hospitals was available for purchase during Congress

A study tour of Amsterdam sponsored by Duphar and Mycofarm in the autumn was well attended.

In November there was “a day with the medical profession” in Norwich. Prosthetic joints, plastic surgery and intra abdominal surgery were topics for discussion.

Matters dealt with during the year included

- (i) The Manual of Standards for Equine Hospitals was completed and printed in time for BVA and BEVA conferences in the autumn. The sections on padding and building materials were thought to be particularly useful.
- (ii) The technical difficulties associated with providing full effective isolation facilities were discussed
- (iii) Sympathy was expressed to Gordon Shattock regarding the loss of his wife in the IRA bomb at the Conservative party conference in the Grand Hotel in Brighton in September
- (iv) Alistair Porter, Registrar of the RCVS was congratulated on his name appearing in the New Years Honours List.
- (v) The fee for Hospital inspection was raised to £120.
- (vi) The RCVS stated that only the words “Veterinary Hospital” were protected and other titles for premises such as “Animal Hospital” and “Bird Hospital” were not.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham on 14 March 1985.

There were 59 Hospital Members and 105 Affiliate Members.

There was a surplus of £1,993 on the year and reserves of £7,053. There was to be no change in membership fees.

The following officers and members of council were elected for 1985-86

President	M. Winwood
Senior Vice President	G. Melville
Junior Vice President	D. Adamson
Secretary	R. Rowe
Treasurer	P. Hunt

In his address the President G. Melville said that the highlight of his year had been the Associations educational and social trip to Amsterdam. He thanked not only those companies sponsoring this trip but also those who sponsored the publications, and scientific and social meetings. "Without them much of our activities would be heavily pruned".

Following the meeting a discussion took place on the pros and cons of advertising by the profession based on a recent statement by the RCVS that they were in the process of preparing a final draft of a new Code for Advertising. It was suggested that the Association might advertise the merits of using the services of Veterinary Hospitals to pet owners. It was decided that the RCVS should be asked for their view on the use of the BVHA logo in advertisements.

Mr C. Day then spoke on "What is homeopathy?".

1985-86

There were four general meetings during the year. The first in June was held at the Post House, Alveston, Avon. Dr. Davis, Dr. Michelle, Dr Bush and Mr. Holt spoke on Medical Physiology, Imaging, Transpubic Urethral Surgery and Renal Biopsy.

The Association again organised a full day programme at the BVA Congress at Exeter in September.

In October was a 4 day trip to Tuscany, which included visits to the University of Pisa and practices in Florence.

Although, since its formation, the Association had held council meetings at the BVA, 7 Mansfield, London it had not held any general meetings there. The first such meeting to be held there in December was very well attended, for papers on advertising, with Alistair Porter giving the RCVS perspective and an advertising agent speaking on techniques.

Matters covered by the Association during the year included

- (i) A growing interest and mood of optimism in the profession regarding the building of new premises. This entailed a great deal of work for the Association reviewing plans and advising on design and construction.
- (ii) The cost of advertising in national publications dampened enthusiasm for advertising the merits of Veterinary Hospitals to the general public. The

Association did agree with the RCVS view that professional fees should not be included in advertisements.

- (iii) It was now considered acceptable to display commercial merchandise in waiting rooms providing that this was done in a professional manner.
- (iv) Sir Gordon Shattock was congratulated on his knighthood
- (v) New regulations had been introduced regarding more stringent use of x rays in veterinary practice. Each practice was required to appoint a Radiological Protection Advisor (RPA).
- (vi) The Association was invited to send a representative to a meeting of the Pet Insurance Companies. The Companies were concerned that practices were not promoting pet insurance with sufficient vigour.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham on 6 March 1986.

There were now 60 Hospital Members and 105 Affiliates. Reserves were £8,476 and there was no increase in subscriptions.

The following were elected to office for 1986-87

President	D. Adamson
Senior Vice President	M. Winwood
Junior Vice President	R. Clarke
Secretary	R. Rowe
Treasurer	P. Hunt

The President Mark Winwood in his address said “Council has been involved this year in several controversial issues, the implications of advertising to our profession and Hospitals in particular. The subject of merchandising, to use the current jargon, in Hospitals has occupied a lot of time both at council meetings and at liaison meetings with the RCVS inspectors”. “The jewel in the crown of my presidential year was the study tour of Florence in October. Nobody, who went on the tour, could fail to be impressed by the splendour of Florence and Tuscany and the warmth of our welcome by both Pisa Veterinary School and private practitioners in Florence”

Following the AGM Andrew Davidson of Vetdrug Co spoke on “Waiting Room Sales” and John Sheridan on “Franchising” and “Inter Practice Comparisons”

1986-87

A meeting was held in June at the Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere, Lake District. Delegates heard papers on “Cats and their diseases” and visited the Rowcliffe Veterinary Hospital in Penrith.

At BVA Congress Brighton the Association again organised a full day programme including papers on “Practice Development” by D Adamson and A. Young, “The New Ionising Radiation Regulations by Regulations” by John Foster and “Recent Advances in Soft Tissue Surgery” by Peter Webbon.

In October a meeting was held at the Welcome Hotel, Stratford. Papers were presented on “Soft Tissue Surgery” and a visit was made to the Veterinary Hospital, Alvechurch, Birmingham.

The December meeting (“Christmas Meeting”) was held at the BVA with talks by Paul Wotton on cardiology and Gareth Williams and Paul Griffiths, accountant, on practice finance.

Some of the matters considered by the Association during the year were

- (i) The Association was invited to send a representative to meetings of the Pet Insurance Companies on an on-going basis. It seemed that the Companies had a fixed viewpoint and were not prepared to accommodate those held by the Association.
- (ii) There were discussions with the RCVS regarding the location of the accommodation for night staff in Equine Hospitals.
- (iii) There were ongoing discussions with the RCVS with regard waiting room displays of merchandise. The RCVS eased restrictions so far placed on Veterinary Hospitals in this respect.
- (iv) Gas scavenging systems were discussed with the RCVS
- (v) It was proving difficult to obtain definitive information on the Ionising Regulations
- (vi) It was decided to purchase an easy chair and present it to the BVA for use in the member’s room.
- (vii) It was reported that there were political difficulties at the BVA which affected the organisation of their last Congress
- (viii) The Associations council had had preliminary discussions on the display of the practice fees in the waiting area.
- (ix) Concerns were expressed to the RCVS relating to the selection of Hospital inspectors.

The AGM was held at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham.

There were 65 Hospital Members and 108 Affiliates. Reserves were £8,966. Subscriptions remained unchanged.

Officers and council for 1987-88 were as follows

President	Roger Clarke*
Senior Vice President	David Adamson
Junior Vice President	Richard Rowe
Secretary	Tony Young
Treasurer	David Batchelor

* Roger Clarke later became President of SPVS.

The President David Adamson thanked his colleagues for their help and support during the year, with particular thanks to Mark Winwood, John Foster and George Carter, who were leaving Council, to the companies, who had sponsored the Lake District and Stratford weekends and to the Rowcliffe and Alvechurch, who had “opened their doors for us”.

Following the meeting Brian Pound of Duphar was the speaker.

1987-88

A meeting arranged for Lisbon in June was cancelled due to lack of support. This was replaced by a weekend in York, which ran at a loss. A conference planned for Paris from 29 September to 4 October was said to be poorly subscribed. The Association again organised a session at BVA Congress. In early December a meeting was held in Chester followed by the Christmas meeting at the BVA on 17 December.

The following matters received attention during the year

- (i) It was agreed that the Council minutes should be exchanged with BSAVA to ensure a closer working relationship.
- (ii) Revision of the Association's information pamphlet for clients was underway.
- (iii) Some revision of the Manual of Standards was required regarding diagnostic and treatment techniques and veterinary nurses.
- (iv) The Editor of the Veterinary Record agreed to monitor advertisements more closely for the use of the term "hospital" by practices not qualified to do so.
- (v) The constitution would be revised to allow Past Presidents of the Association to become Honorary Members and to allow reduced subscriptions for retired members.
- (vi) A Practice Development Questionnaire was produced for practices seeking the Association's advice on improvement of premises.

The following were elected to office for the year 1988-89

President	R. Rowe
Senior Vice President	R. Clarke
Junior Vice President	P. Hunt
Secretary	A. Young
Treasurer	D. Batchelor

Appendix I

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Extract from Council Minutes October 1966

VETERINARY HOSPITALS

The following Paper has been produced by the Preliminary Investigation and Advisory Committee for the approval of Council. It seeks to lay down general standards for Veterinary Hospitals in order that decisions may be taken on applications received from members of the profession to be permitted to use the term 'Veterinary Hospital' in relation to their own particular establishments.

It is proposed that if this Paper is approved by Council it should be used as a guide by a member of Council appointed by the Committee to examine the establishment and decide whether the title 'Veterinary Hospital' may properly be granted.

The use of the description 'Veterinary Hospital' should signify an establishment capable of providing every comfort and facility for the diagnosis, treatment and post medical and surgical care of the class of animals for which it is designed. Before an establishment can be granted the right to be termed a Veterinary Hospital the College must be satisfied that the premises accord in general terms with the following standards:

- (a) The hospital must be clean and in good decorative order, creating an atmosphere of clinical cleanliness and efficiency. The building should be of brick stonework or such impervious material as will permit of thorough washing and cleansing of the walls.
- (b) The staff must also subscribe to this atmosphere by maintaining similarly high standards of dress, cleanliness and personal appearance.
- (c) The services of the hospital should be available at all times.
- (d) The waiting room should be of adequate size with good fittings and a floor of non permeable type which can be readily disinfected and washed.
- (e) The operating theatre should be properly equipped with a good supply of instruments, proper theatre furniture and facilities for anaesthesia and resuscitation.
- (f) The hospital should have laboratory facilities capable of handling the usual straight forward tests.
- (g) The pharmacy must contain an adequate supply of drugs used in treatment. They must be properly stored with accurate well-kept stock lists, thus ensuring that there is no shortage of essentials.
- (h) X-Ray equipment should be safely sited⁴ Protection for personnel must be scrupulously observed and monitoring badges should be worn.

- (i) Kennels and cages should be of adequate size made of non-permeable material with easily disinfected fittings and heating should be available for use as required. There should be no overcrowding, and there should be suitable means of ventilation. Satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of excreta and soiled bedding should be made.
- (j) The kitchen should be kept scrupulously clean with good refrigeration, adequate working taps and facilities for sterilising all feeding equipment not of the disposable type. Care should be taken to avoid introducing infection with raw food. When cooking is undertaken there should be good ventilation.
- (k) The office should be easily accessible both to staff and clients, and an accurate recording system relating to each patient must be maintained.
- (l) There should be no boarding kennels at the hospital.

Appendix II

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Extract from Minutes of Council June 1970

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Council unanimously agreed to adopt the new standards and requirements for the establishment and inspection of veterinary hospitals and the introductory memorandum thereto as set out in the paper prepared by the Advisory Committee –

Establishment and Inspection of Veterinary Hospitals

1. It is believed that it is in the interests of both the public and the profession that it should become clearly recognised that when the Royal College grants to one of its members the right to describe his practice premises as a Veterinary Hospital this constitutes a guarantee that -
 - (a) the establishment provides a very high standard of accommodation and facilities for the diagnosis, treatment, and both post-medical and surgical care for the class of animals for which it is designed; or
 - (b) failure to maintain this high standard will lead to the withdrawal of the right to use the description 'Veterinary Hospital'.
2. In order to ensure that no member of the profession becomes entitled to describe his premises as a Veterinary Hospital without meeting the required standard, authority to use this title will be granted only after inspection of the premises by a member of the Council of the Royal College, and the receipt by the College's Advisory Committee of a favourable report from the inspector,
3. The following procedure will therefore be adopted by the Royal College, whenever an application for the grant of Veterinary Hospital status is received from a member -
 - (a) A member of Council will be invited to inspect the proposed Veterinary Hospital;
 - (b) The inspector will visit the establishment at a pre-arranged time and complete the appropriate report form;
 - (c) The inspector will forward his completed report to the Advisory Committee of the Royal College together with his recommendation as to whether authority should be granted for the use of the title Veterinary Hospital;
 - (d) If the Advisory Committee are satisfied that the required high standard has been met in every regard by the proposed Veterinary Hospital, authority will be granted for the use of the title. If, on the other hand, the Committee are of the opinion that in one or more particulars this standard has not been met, the applicant shall be provided with the details thereof.

4. In order to ensure that all Veterinary Hospitals continue to maintain the necessary high standard, periodic re-inspections will be carried out. The first: re-inspection will be carried out two years after the original inspection and subsequent re-inspections four years thereafter. In addition a re-inspection will be carried out six months after change of ownership of the hospital. Re-inspections will again be carried out by members of the Royal College Council, and will follow the same procedure as for an initial inspection. In addition to the periodic inspections mentioned above, the College may carry out additional inspections without prior warning if complaints have been received regarding the services provided by a Veterinary Hospital which *prize facie* would appear to justify such action being taken.
5. Whenever an inspector makes an unfavourable report to the Advisory Committee whether on an inspection or re-inspection, and the Committee as a result refuses to grant permission or withdraws permission for the premises to be entitled a Veterinary Hospital, an application may be made by way of appeal to the Committee against the recommendation of the inspector and two other members of Council shall be asked to visit the premises in question and submit independent reports to the Committee.
6. In order that the system of inspection and recognition of Veterinary Hospitals may be a financially self-supporting as possible, the following charges will be made to cover expenses –

For an inspection upon an initial application for recognition or a Veterinary Hospital or for re-recognition after recognition has been withdrawn: £10.0.0

For each subsequent inspections: £5.0.0

For inspection by two members of Council on an appeal being lodged against the recommendation of an inspector (provided that this sum, which must be deposited before the two members of Council undertake the inspection, shall be returned if the recommendation of the original inspector is overturned): £15.0.0

No charge shall be made for an inspection undertaken by the College by way of investigation of a complaint against a Veterinary Hospital.

7. A signed certificate, which must be displayed inside the building only, will be issued to premises which are approved as a Veterinary Hospital, stating that the premises comply with the standards laid down by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for approval as a Veterinary Hospital. See certificate attached.
8. The standards which must be met before an establishment may be described or may continue to be described as a Veterinary Hospital are set out in the Schedule attached hereto.

Appendix III

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Extract from Minutes of Council June 1970

SCHEDULE

Veterinary Hospitals – minimum standards and requirements

1. The hospital must be clean and in good decorative order, creating an atmosphere of clinical cleanliness and efficiency. All parts of the premises must be kept odour-free and in an orderly condition. The buildings should be constructed of brick, stonework or other permanent materials and the internal walls and floors of such impervious materials as will permit of thorough cleansing and disinfecting. Adequate storage facilities should be provided and the area immediately surrounding the hospital must be maintained in a clean and tidy state.
2. The staff must also subscribe to this atmosphere by maintaining high standards of dress, cleanliness and personal appearance.
3. The services of the hospital must be available at all times, and a veterinary surgeon must attend daily.
4. The lay staff must be adequately trained for the efficient performance of their duties, and sufficient numbers of lay staff must be available to ensure adequate care of the animals in the hospital.
5. A waiting room or motion area of adequate aim and with good fittings must be provided.
6. There must be a minimum of one examination room.
7. X-ray facilities suitable and adequate for the needs of the hospital must be provided and be readily available. Equipment should be so placed as to constitute no risk to patients, clients or staff. Adequate safety precautions must be in operation and standards, laid down by the Code of Practice observed.
8. An operating theatre must be provided, apart from the examination rooms and used only for the purpose of conducting surgical operations. The theatre must be properly equipped with a good supply of instruments and proper theatre furniture. There must be adequate facilities for sterilisation, anaesthesia, and resuscitation, although not all these facilities need necessarily be provided in the theatre itself. The pre-operative preparation of surgical cases shall not be undertaken in the theatre.
9. An adequate supply of drugs used in the treatment of patients must be available. They must be properly and safely stored with accurate well-kept stock-lists, or other efficient system which will assure that there is no shortage of essentials.

10. Laboratory facilities for all routine diagnostic tests (such as those contained in the A.R.A. syllabus) must be available.
11. There must be a kitchen area with suitable provision for storage and preparation of food. Feeding equipment should be sterilised or be of the disposal type.
12. Kennels and cages must be of adequate size for the type of animal housed, and made of non-permeable materials with easily disinfected fittings. Heating must be available for use as required. There should be no overcrowding and there should be suitable means of ventilation. Satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of excreta, soiled bedding and caresses must be made. All kennels must be escape-proof, safe and comfortable. A minimum of six kennels or cages must be provided, suitable for long-term hospitalisation.
13. Exercise areas must be available, adequate both in number and size for the capacity of the hospital.
14. Facilities should be provided, outside the examination or surgical areas, for the bathing and grooming of patients admitted for treatment.
15. Office facilities must be provided which will be easily accessible to the staff and to clients as required. Complete medical cards must be maintained for all patients.
16. There must be no boarding kennels at the hospital.
17. Adequate fire protection equipment must be available.
18. The display of commercially retained merchandise or the maintenance of a trimming and clipping business within the hospital premises shall not be permissible.

(Revised April 1970)

Appendix IV
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Extract from Minutes of Council June 1970

VETERINARY HOSPITALS

Report Form for use by Inspectors

Name of Practice
Address of Practice
Date of visit Tel. No.

1. HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

- (a) Cleanliness and decorative order
- (b) Freedom from odours
- (c) Clinical efficiency and orderliness
- (d) Materials of which buildings constructed
- (e) Material used for internal walls
- (f) Materials used for floors
- (g) Storage facilities
- (h) Surrounding area
- (i) Buildings purpose built or adapted

2. STAFF (Appearance)

- (a) Standards of dress
- (b) Cleanliness
- (c) General appearance

3. HOSPITAL SERVICES

- (a) Is 24-hour service provided
- (b) Attendance by veterinary surgeon

4. STAFF

- (a) Number of veterinary surgeons:
 - (i) Partners
 - (ii) Assistants
- (b) How many RANAs employed
- (c) How many ANA trainees
- (d) Other trained staff
- (e) Receptionist
- (f) Adequacy of numbers

5. WAITING ROOM/RECEPTION AREA

- (a) Adequacy of size
- (b) Standard of fittings

6. EXAMINATION ROOM

- (a) One or more such rooms
- (b) Size

7. X-RAY FACILITIES

- (a) Type
- (b) Siting
- (c) Protection
- (d) Monitoring badges
- (e) Compliance with the Code of Practice

8. OPERATING THEATRE

- (a) Used only for operations
- (b) Separate from examination rooms
- (c) Equipment
- (d) Furniture
- (e) Facilities and methods of sterilisation
 - (i) in operating theatre
 - (ii) in instrument preparation room
- (f) Facilities for anaesthesia
- (g) Facilities for resuscitation
- (h) Separate pre-operative preparation room

9. DRUGS

- (a) Adequate supplies
- (b) Storage arrangements
- (c) Stock checking
- (d) Refrigerator for vaccines

10. LABRATORY FACILITIES

- (a) Fittings
- (b) Microscope
- (c) Centrifuge
- (d) Incubator

11. KITCHEN AREA

- (a) Storage facilities
- (b) Facilities for preparation of food
- (c) Type of feeding equipment
- (d) Facilities for sterilisation or disposal

12. KENNELS AND CAGES

- (a) Number
- (b) Size
- (c) Material
- (d) Heating
- (e) Ventilation
- (f) Bedding used
- (g) Drainage
- (h) Disposal of carcasses

13. EXERCISE AREAS

- (a) Outdoor or indoor
- (b) Number available
- (c) Adequacy in size

14. BATHING AND GROOMING

- (a) Facilities provided
- (b) Where sited

15. OFFICE

- (a) Where sited
- (b) Accessibility
- (c) Maintenance of record cards

16. BOARDING KENNELS

Confirm none present

17. FIRE PRECAUTION EQUIPMENT

- (a) Specify equipment
- (b) Where sited
- (c) Has fire-fighting equipment been approved by the local Fire Officer

18. MERCHANDISE

Confirm no merchandise on display or sold and no trimming and clipping business within the hospital

19. ANY ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

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Report Form for use by Inspectors

RECOMMENDATION

I hereby certify that I have inspected the premises named above and recommend to the Advisory Committee that –

- (a) the standards and requirements of a Veterinary Hospital are adequately met by the premises inspected, and the staff providing services thereat, and that the premises should, therefore, be recognised as a Veterinary Hospital;
- (b) the premises should not be recognised as a Veterinary Hospital at the present time, due to the following short-comings in relation to the standards and requirements of a Veterinary Hospital -
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)

Signed:

Date:

Appendix V
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Extract from Minutes of Council, June 1970

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

(CREST)

THIS is to CERTIFY
that these premises were inspected on the
day of 20 , were found to meet all the requirements of the Royal College
of Veterinary Surgeons in relation to the construction, equipment and facilities of
veterinary hospitals and have therefore been granted the right to be styled:

The XY Veterinary Hospital

(Signed)
Registrar, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Certificate No.....

Date of issue

Appendix VI
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Extract from Minutes of Council October 1971

Large Animal Veterinary Hospitals

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

- (1) The hospital must be well lit, clean and in good decorative order, creating an atmosphere of clinical cleanliness and efficiency. All parts of the premises must be well ventilated, kept free from unpleasant odours and in an orderly condition. The buildings should be constructed of brick, stonework or other permanent materials and the internal walls and floors of such impervious materials as will permit of thorough cleansing and disinfection. Adequate storage facilities should be provided and the area immediately surrounding the hospital must be maintained in a clean and tidy state.
- (2) The staff must also subscribe to this atmosphere by maintaining high standards of dress, cleanliness and personal appearance.
- (3) The services of the hospital must be available at all times and a veterinary surgeon on duty or on call at all times.
- (4) The lay staff must be suitable for the efficient performance of their duties and sufficient numbers available to ensure adequate care of the animals in the hospital.
- (5) A reception area of adequate size for easy loading and unloading of patients must be provided.
- (6) There must be at least one examination room which may also serve as an x-ray room or bay.
- (7) X-ray facilities suitable and adequate for the needs of the hospital must be provided and be readily available. Equipment should be so placed as to avoid risk to patients, clients or staff. Adequate safety precautions must be in operation and standards laid down by the Code of Practice observed.
- (8) An operating theatre must be provided, apart from the examination rooms and used only for the purpose of conducting surgical operations. The theatre must be properly equipped with a good supply of instruments and proper theatre furniture. There must be adequate facilities for sterilization, anaesthesia and resuscitation, although not all these facilities need necessarily be provided in the theatre itself. It is desirable that the pre-operative preparation of surgical cases shall not be undertaken in the theatre.
- (9) A recovery box must be provided. The floors and walls should be deeply padded, the window high up and capable of being blacked out. The recovery box may be used for pre-operative calming or initiating anaesthesia.

- (10) The pharmacy must contain an adequate supply of drugs used in treatment. They must be properly stored with accurate well kept stock lists, thus ensuring that there is no shortage of essentials.
- (11) A laboratory must be available with facilities provided for routine examinations and tests.
- (12) There must be suitable provision for storage of feeding stuffs and bedding.
- (13) There must be satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of soiled bedding and faeces.
- (14) Loose boxes must be of adequate size, made of non-permeable materials which, along with the fittings, should be capable of easy disinfection. Suitable facilities for drinking water must be provided.
- (15) An exercising yard or paddock adjoining the loose boxes must be provided.
- (16) Adequate office facilities are essential and should be easily accessible to staff and clients. Complete medical records of all patients must be maintained.
- (17) Adequate fire protection equipment must be installed and should be approved by the local Fire Officer,
- (18) There must be no livery stables attached to the hospital or any display of commercial merchandise within or on the hospital premises.

SUGGESTED REPORT FORM FOR USE BY INSPECTORS

Name of Practice:

Address:

Date of Visit:

Tel. No:

- 1. HOSPITAL BUILDINGS**
 - (a) Cleanliness and decorative orders;
 - (b) Freedom from odours;
 - (c) Clinical efficiency and orderliness;
 - (d) Materials of which buildings constructed;
 - (e) Materials used for internal walls;
 - (f) Materials used for floors;
 - (g) Storage facilities;
 - (h) Surrounding area;
 - (i) Buildings purpose-built or adapted;
- 2. HOSPITAL SERVICES**
 - (a) Is 24-hour service provided;
 - (b) Attendance by veterinary surgeons;

3. **STAFF**
 - (a) Standard of dress;
 - (b) Cleanliness;
 - (c) General appearance;

4. **STAFF**
 - (a) Number of Veterinary Surgeons; (1) Partners (2) Assistants.
 - (b) Row many RANA's employed; -
 - (c) How many ANA trainees,
 - (d) Other trained staff;
 - (e) Receptionist;
 - (f) Adequacy of numbers.

5. **RECEPTION AREA**
 - (a) Adequacy of size;
 - (b) Loading and unloading facilities, and for ease of manoeuvre for horse boxes and trailers;

6. **EXAMINATION ROOM**
 - (a) Number of rooms;
 - (b) Size;

7. **X-RAY FACILITIES**
 - (a) Type;
 - (b) Siting;
 - (c) Protection;
 - (d) Monitoring badges;
 - (e) Compliance with the Code of Practice;

8. **OPERATING THEATRE**
 - (a) Used only for operations;
 - (b) Separate from examination room;
 - (c) Equipment;
 - (d) Furniture;
 - (e) Facilities and methods of sterilisation;
 - (1) In operating theatre;
and/or
 - (2) In instrument preparation room;
 - (f) Facilities for anaesthesia;
 - (g) Facilities for resuscitation;
 - (h) Separate pre-operative preparation room;

9. **RECOVERY BOX**
 - (a) Type of protective flooring;
 - (b) Type of protective covering of wells and doors;
 - (c) Siting of windows;
 - (d) Type of hoist, or other method of moving patients to and from operating theatre;

- 10. DRUGS**
 - (a) Adequate supplies;
 - (b) Storage arrangements;
 - (c) Stock checking;
 - (d) Refrigerator for vaccines;
- 11. LABORATORY FACILITIES**
 - (a) Fittings;
 - (b) Microscope;
 - (c) Centrifuge;
 - (d) Incubator;
- 12. STORE**
 - (a) Facilities for storing bedding;
 - (b) Facilities for storing forage, etc;
- 13. METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF FAECES, SOILED BEDDING, etc**
 - (a) Distance from operating theatre;
 - (b) Construction;
- 14. LOOSE BOXES**
 - (a) Number;
 - (b) Adequate size;
 - (c) Material;
 - (d) Drainage;
 - (e) Ventilation;
- 15. EXERCISING**
 - (a) Yard only;
 - (b) Paddock;
- 16. OFFICE**
 - (a) Where sited;
 - (b) Accessibility;
 - (c) Maintenance of records;
- 17. FIRE PRECAUTION EQUIPMENT**
 - (a) Specify equipment;
 - (b) Where sited;
 - (c) Has the equipment been approved by local Fire Officer,
- 18. LIVERY STABLES**
 - (a) Confirm none present;
- 19. MERCHANDISE**
 - (a) Confirm none on display or sold within hospital;

Appendix VII

List of RCVS Approved Hospitals November 1971

RCVS REGISTRATION NUMBER	PRACTICE AND LOCATION	DATE OF APPROVAL
1	Tuckett, Gray and Partners (Aylesbury)	22.5.67
2	Carter & Andre (Enfield)	15.10.69
3	Michael J Ranger (Swanage)	30.6.65
4	R S Pinner (Bournemouth)	29.11.67
5	Adams & Callum (Louth)	26.1.70
6	Scott-Dunn & Ward (Earley)	8.2.67
7	Edwards & Edgington (Rossett)	15.8.67
8	R A & H A Cathcart (Farnham)	8.2.67
9	Fowler & Evans (Canterbury)	8.2.67
10	Fraser & Smith (Egham)	17.9.69
11	Dawson, Ellis & Gittins (North Walsham)	13.10.67
12	Gover & Chandler (Horley)	16.1.69
13	P N H Grant & Partners (Woking)	31.3.69
14	B C R Griffiths (Birmingham)	4.4.66
15	V A Harrison (Birmingham)	22.2.68
16	J T M Hart & Partners (Buckhurst Hill)	23.4.69
17	Heeley, Pierson & Stewart (Cranbrook)	13.9.67
18	Kay & Moodie (Rotherham)	29.12.66
19	Keen & Reed (Stroud)	1.4.68
20	Coward, Graves & Kingsbury (Barnstaple)	14.3.69
21	Gruchy, McCullum, Martin & Feldmar (Jersey)	17.3.70
22	McMeekin, Neill & Scott (Chelmsford)	21.10.69
23	Pette & Wilson (Darlington)	11.11.68
24	D & R Pettett (Barnstaple)	20.4.67
25	Sambrook & Partners (Ashford) Equine Hospital	30.12.69
26	Sambrook & Partners (Ashford)	29.1.70
27	J M Ingram & Partners (Limpsfield)	18.8.66
28	Stevenson & Wilkinson (Alton)	9.2.70
29	E C Straiton (Penkridge)	7.6.67
30	Swan, Barrowman & Partners (King's Lynn)	14.5.68
31	J A Toovey (Chichester)	1.3.67
32	D A Trowbridge (Maidenhead)	29.7.65
33	J M Turnbull (Falmouth)	12.6.69
34	J M Hime (London Zoo)	6.3.70
35	A C Boardman (Alvechurch)	28.11.67
36	Walsby & Camden-Smith (Midsomer Norton)	31.7.70
37	E A Chandler & P D Fry (Worthing)	18.6.65
38	Carmichael, Coulthard & Poole (Horncastle)	26.3.68
39	McLintock & Partners (Norwich)	30.3.67
40	Shenton & Dean (St Albans)	11.8.67

41	Bowditch, Grime & Guthrie	4.12.67
42	D W Wood (Gloucester)	11.7.69
43	Gibson & Watson (Oakham)	20.8.70
44	Hudson, Arnold & Partners (Kettering)	22.5.69
45	J Tandy & I B Hughes (St Helens)	17.4.70
46	McGrath, Andrew, Allardice & Love (Paisley)	9.1.68
47	F T Williams (Buxton)	24.8.70
48	C F Haith (Yorkshire)	22.5.69
49	Wright & Carlile (Folkestone)	2.9.70
50	Sherlock & Woodward (Hampton)	21.9.70
51	H M Clark (Gateshead)	28.10.71
52		
53	G Shattock (Exeter)	18.3.71
54	Miss J A Bunting (Epsom)	15.6.71
55		
56	J S J Lauder (Brighton)	10.9.71
57	Stockman & Partners (Barnet)	1.10.70
58	Humphries & Davies (Twickenham)	18.11.71

Appendix VIII

J Tandy Letter to Veterinary Record November 1971

The Editor,
Veterinary Record,
7 Mansfield Street,
LONDON W1M 0AT.

15th November 1971

Dear Sir,

There are now more than 50 approved Veterinary Hospitals in this country (R.C.V.S. Annual Report – 1971). This would appear to be an opportune time to arrange a meeting of Hospital owners to discuss matters of mutual concern.

Would anyone interested please write to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

J. Tandy.
B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.

Appendix IX

Veterinary Surgeons Attending a Meeting of Hospital Owners at the Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, London on 10 February 1972

H Andrew	Paisley
G K Arnold	Kettering
M R Bennett	Swanage
A C Boardman	Alvechurch
H Carter	Enfield
R A Cathcart	Farnham
H M Clark	Gateshead
T S Dean	St Albans
D A Davis	Twickenham
Mrs G Davis	Twickenham
A B Edgington	Rossett
P G Fry	Worthing
P A Grime	Windsor
R W M Glover	Horley
C L Gruchy	St Helier
J Graham	Barnet
P N H Grant	Woking
J T M Hart	Buckhurst Hill
C F Haith	Teeside
V A Harrison	Birmingham
J Holland	Buxton
I B Hughes	St Helens
D P Keene	Stroud
B A G Langman	Ashford
J S J Lauder	Brighton
J Love	Paisley
E Pierson	Cranbrook
J Phillips	Norwich
G Shattock	Exeter
B C Sherlock	Hampton
J R Smith	Egham
R B Stevenson	Alton
H C Swann	Kings Lynn
J Tandy	St Helens
T A Toovey	Chichester
P C Tuckett	Aylesbury
M Wilson	Darlington
B G Woodward	Hampton

Appendix X

SECOND DRAFT

THE BRITISH VETERINARY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The Association shall be known as the British Veterinary Hospital Association.

2. OBJECTS

(1) The objects of the British Veterinary Hospital Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") shall be the promotion, establishment and maintenance of the highest standards -

(a) in the design, equipment and management of Veterinary Hospitals; and

(b) in the medical and surgical treatment and care of animals provided in Veterinary Hospitals - with a view to serving and protecting the interests of hospitalised animals, their owners, and the veterinary profession.

(2) The objects of the Association shall be promoted by -

(a) liaison with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and other bodies on all matters concerning Veterinary Hospitals;

(b) the collection and dissemination of information concerning the particular problems of Veterinary Hospitals in the fields of economics, planning and rating;

(c) the collection and dissemination of information concerning the design and construction of Veterinary Hospitals with a view to providing assistance to members of the veterinary profession who intend building new premises or making alterations to existing premises;

(d) the collection and dissemination of information relevant to the improvement of standards of treatment and care of the hospitalised patient;

(e) liaison with the University Veterinary Schools on all matters of mutual interest including the treatment and care of the hospitalised patient and the provision of facilities for veterinary students to gain extra-mural experience in Veterinary Hospitals;

(f) collaboration with the American Animal Hospital Association and any other association concerned principally with Veterinary Hospitals;

(g) the organisation of meetings for members of the Association; and

(h) such other means and enterprises as may from time to time appear to be advantageous to the realisation of the objects of the Association.

3. MEMBERSHIP

(1) There shall be five classes of membership -

(a) Hospital Membership.

(b) Hospital Owner Membership;

(c) Hospital Associate Membership;

(d) Affiliate Membership; and

(e) Honorary Membership

- (2) Hospital Membership shall be open to any Veterinary Hospital in the United Kingdom:
 - (a) which has been approved, and is currently recognised as a Veterinary Hospital by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons;
 - (b) of which the sole principal or each of the partners is a Hospital Owner Member of the Association and a member of the British Veterinary Association; and
 - (c) which meets the other requirements of this Constitution.
- (3) Hospital Owner Membership shall be open to any veterinary surgeon or practitioner who is the sole principal or a partner in a Veterinary Hospital.
- (4) Hospital Associate Membership shall be open to all veterinary surgeons or practitioners employed in a Veterinary Hospital which is a Hospital Member of the Association.
- (5) Affiliate Membership shall be open to -
 - (a) any member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons who is resident in the United Kingdom, is a member of the British Veterinary Association and is not eligible for election as a Hospital Owner Member or a Hospital Associate Member of the Association;
 - (b) any veterinary surgeon resident abroad who maintains active membership of the national veterinary association of his country; and
 - (c) such other persons as the Council may from time to time deem worthy of Affiliate Membership.
- (6) Honorary Membership of the Association may be bestowed by the unanimous vote of the Council on any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Association of Veterinary Science.
- (7) Any Member (other than an Honorary Member) ceasing to meet the requirements of this Constitution in relation to the appropriate class of membership, shall thereupon cease forthwith to be a Member.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (1) All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Honorary Treasurer on the appropriate form provided by the Association, and shall be accompanied by the subscription appropriate to the class of membership sought.
- (2) The following procedures shall apply in relation to applications for Hospital Membership, Hospital Owner Membership, Hospital Associate Membership and Affiliate Membership -
 - (a) **Hospital Membership** - The application shall set out the full name and address of the Veterinary Hospital in connection with which membership is sought, the names of the principal or of all the partners owning such Hospital and all veterinary surgeons or practitioners employed in the said Hospital. The application form must be signed by the principal or all the partners owning the Hospital;
 - (b) **Hospital Owner Membership** - The application shall set out the full name and address of the applicant, and be signed by him. It shall state whether he is the

principal or one of the partners in a Veterinary Hospital and shall set out the name and address of the Veterinary Hospital in question;

(c) **Hospital Associate Membership** - Every Hospital Member shall submit at the time of applying for Hospital Membership and thereafter annually on the date upon which membership subscriptions fall due, a full list of all veterinary surgeons and practitioners employed in the said Hospital. All such veterinary surgeons and practitioners shall on receipt of the said list by the Honorary Treasurer automatically become Hospital Associate Members of the Association;

(d) **Affiliate Membership** - The application shall set out the full name and address of the applicant and be signed by him. It shall also set out the grounds upon which Affiliate Membership is sought in terms of paragraph 3(5) of this Constitution.

- (3) All applications for Hospital, Hospital Owner and Affiliate Membership shall be considered by the Council, and may be approved by a majority vote of the Council. In the event of any such application being unsuccessful the subscription accompanying the application shall be returned.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (1) Honorary Members and Associate Members shall not be required to pay any subscription to the Association. All other Members shall pay to the Association such sum by way of annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Association in General Meeting in respect of the appropriate class of membership.
- (2) On election as a Hospital, Hospital Owner or Affiliate Member, the new Member shall be liable to pay the appropriate subscription in relation to the current financial year of the Association and thereafter to pay the appropriate subscription on the 1st day of January in each ensuing year so long as membership continues.
- (3) The Honorary Treasurer shall report to the Council the name of any Member whose subscription is in arrears for more than 90 days and, unless the Council shall otherwise decide, the membership of such Member shall thereupon lapse.
- (4) Any Member whose membership has lapsed in terms of the last preceding subparagraph may be reinstated to full membership upon application to the Honorary Treasurer, accompanied by payment in full of all monies due in respect of subscriptions unpaid since membership ceased, and provided that the other conditions for membership set out in this Constitution are still met.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting once in each calendar year on such date as shall be determined by the Council. Notice convening such Annual General Meeting shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to all members at least 28 days prior to the meeting, and the notice shall declare that the business to be conducted at the said Annual General Meeting shall consist of -
 - (a) the presentation and confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (which item shall not appear on the notice of business for the first Annual General Meeting of the Association);

- (b) the reception of the reports of the President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer;
 - (c) the adoption of the accounts;
 - (d) the election of the Officers;
 - (e) the election to the Council from among the Hospital Owner Members of the Association of six regional representatives in terms of paragraph 10 of this Constitution;
 - (f) the appointment of Auditors;
 - (g) any other business of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary and which is set out in the notice convening the meeting.
- (2) Nominations for the election of Officers (other than those put forward by the Council in terms of paragraph 10(3) of this Constitution) and for the election of regional representatives shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting. Every such nomination shall be signed by the Hospital Owner Members and the nominee who shall be deemed thereby to have indicated his willingness to stand for election.
- (3) The Association shall hold an Extraordinary General Meeting -
- (a) if called by the President, with the concurrence of two other Officers of the Association;
 - (b) if a request for the holding of such a meeting signed for and on behalf of at least ten Hospital Members shall be received by the Honorary Secretary, stating the nature of the business which it is desired to discuss at the said meeting.
- (4) Notice convening any Extraordinary General Meeting called in terms of the provisions of the last preceding sub-paragraph shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to all Members at least 28 days prior to the holding of such meeting, and shall state the nature of the business to be discussed at the meeting. No other business shall be discussed at the meeting.
- (5) An Extraordinary General Meeting convened in terms of sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph shall be held not more than three months after the calling of such meeting by the President or the receipt of the request for such a meeting by the Honorary Secretary.

7. VOTING AND OTHER RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- (1) All Members shall be eligible to attend any ordinary or General Meetings of the Association but only Hospital Members shall have the power to vote on any matter raised at any such meeting.
- (2) The vote of a Hospital Member shall be exercised by -
- (a) the principal of the Veterinary Hospital concerned; or
 - (b) in relation to a Veterinary Hospital owned by two or more partners, by such one of the partners as may be designated in writing by all the other partners to exercise such vote in the current financial year, such designation to be lodged with the Honorary Treasurer at the time of the payment of the Hospital Member's subscription:
- Provided that such designation may be amended at any time during the financial year by notice in writing to the Honorary Treasurer signed by all the said partners.

- (3) Where the principal or partner designated to vote on behalf of a Hospital Member is unable to attend any meeting, he may appoint in writing any other veterinary surgeon or practitioner who is a Hospital Owner Member, or a Hospital Associate Member associated with the Veterinary Hospital in question to act as his proxy at a particular meeting and to exercise the appropriate Hospital Member's vote.
- (4) Hospital Owner Members only shall be eligible for election to the Council and as Officers of the Association.

8. QUORUM

- (1) The quorum at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting shall consist of ten Hospital Members duly represented at the said meeting.
- (2) The quorum at any meeting of the Council, or of any committee of the Association shall be 50% of the Members of the Council or the committee as the case may be.
- (3) The quorum for any ordinary meeting held under the authority of the Association shall be five Members.

9. THE OFFICERS

- (1) The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Senior Vice-President, a President-Elect, a Junior Vice-President, and Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.
- (2) The President shall -
 - (a) preside at all General Meetings he attends;
 - (b) serve as Chairman of Council Meetings;
 - (c) serve as an ex officio member of all committees with the right to vote;
 - (d) at the conclusion of his term of office serve for one year as Senior Vice-President; and
 - (e) in general, perform all the duties incidental to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council from time to time.
- (3) The Junior Vice-President shall -
 - (a) perform the duties of President in the absence of the President;
 - (b) act as co-ordinator of the committees of the Association and familiarise himself with the work and progress of each committee, serving as an ex officio member of each committee with the right to vote; and
 - (c) perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council from time to time.
- (4) The Honorary Secretary shall -
 - (a) attend all General Meetings and ordinary meetings of the Association and meetings of the Council or appoint a deputy to act on his behalf thereat;
 - (b) at each such meeting present the Minutes of the appropriate preceding meeting;
 - (c) arrange the order of the business for each such meeting and take Minutes thereof;
 - (d) conduct the correspondence of the Association; and
 - (e) have charge, under the direction of the Council, of all records of transactions and proceedings.

- (5) The Honorary Treasurer shall -
- (a) attend all General Meetings of the Association and meetings of Council, or appoint a deputy to act on his behalf thereat;
 - (b) present a quarterly financial statement to the Council and give notice of any changes in the membership;
 - (c) receive all money payable to the Association and from such money pay all sums payable by the Association;
 - (d) keep an account of all receipts and payments in such manner as may be directed by the Council;
 - (e) pay no money on account of the Association except current expenses, without the prior approval of the Council;
 - (f) invest all sums of money not required for the immediate use of the Association in such manner as the Council may direct;
 - (g) prepare an Income and Expenditure Account for each year together with a Balance Sheet made up to the end of the financial year;
 - (h) arrange for an annual audit of accounts by such person or persons as may be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting;
 - (i) ensure that all documents of title relating to the Association are placed in the safekeeping of the Association's Bankers; and
 - (j) pay reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to the Officers of the Association, and such other Members of the Association as Council may provide.

10. COUNCIL

- (1) The Council shall consist of the Officers and six regional representatives elected in terms of the provisions of sub-paragraph (4) of this paragraph.
- (2) The Council shall -
- (a) meet at least once every three months and on such other occasions as may be necessary to consider and conduct the affairs of the Association;
 - (b) elect the Chairman of all committees of the Association, such election being for a period terminating at the first meeting of the appropriate committee following the Annual General Meeting; and
 - (c) in the event of any vacancy occurring among the Officers of the Association; appoint a substitute to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting,
- (3) Members of the Council shall submit to the Honorary Secretary not less than one month before the last Council meeting scheduled to be held prior to the Annual General Meeting the names of persons whom they feel should be considered for election as Officers of the Association at the said Annual General Meeting. These names shall be considered by the Council which shall put forward nominations to the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) The regional representatives referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be elected from six geographical regions, the boundaries of which shall be reviewed from time to time by the Council, with one representative elected to represent each region.

11. COMMITTEE

The Council may from time to time appoint Committees with such terms of reference, functions and membership as the Council may in its absolute discretion decide.

12. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association shall run from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December.

13. INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the Association from whatever source derived, shall be solely used for the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth, and no portion of it shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend or bonus, or otherwise by way of profit, to persons who at any time are or have been Members of the Association or to persons claiming through any of them, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith or remuneration to any person in return for services actually rendered to the Association.

14. FINANCIAL LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

Every Hospital and Hospital Owner Member of the Association shall be liable to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of the same being wound up during the term of membership of the said Member or within one year afterwards, for payment of debts and liabilities of the Association contracted prior to the cessation of membership and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same, and for adjustment of the rights of contributories amongst themselves such amount as may be required not exceeding the appropriate current subscription.

15. THE CONSTITUTION

- (1) This Constitution may only be amended at an Annual General Meeting and then only in accordance with a formal proposal for amendment, setting out the proposed amendment in detail and in writing, submitted to the Honorary Secretary not less than 60 days before the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
- (2) On receipt of any such proposal as referred to in the last preceding sub-paragraph, the Honorary Secretary shall forthwith present the proposal to the Council for its consideration and recommendation, and list the proposal in the agenda of business to be conducted at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (3) In giving notice to Members of the Annual General Meeting in terms of paragraph 6(1) of this Constitution the Honorary Secretary shall also advise Members of the recommendations of Council in relation to the said proposal.
- (4) In order for a proposal to amend the Constitution to be carried at an Annual General Meeting, the proposal must be carried by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the Hospital Members present and voting at the Meeting.
- (5) Any matter relating to the Association and not provided for in this Constitution shall be left to the discretion of the Council.

Appendix XI

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Appendix XII

BVHA Council Members

1972-73

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Vice President	J.S.J Lauder
Honorary Secretary	Hubert Andrew
Honorary Treasurer	Michael J. R. Stockman

1973-74

President	John Tandy
Vice President	J. S. J. Lauder
Honorary Secretary	Hubert Andrew
Honorary Treasurer	Michael J. R. Stockman

1974-75

President	J.S J. Lauder *
Senior Vice President	John Tandy
Junior Vice President	Gordon Shattock
Honorary Secretary	Hubert Andrew
Honorary Treasurer	Michael J. R. Stockman

*Replaced by John Tandy in May 1974

1975-76

President	Gordon Shattock	
Senior Vice President	John Tandy	
Junior Vice President	Hubert Andrew	
Honorary Secretary	James T. M. Hart	
Honorary Treasurer	Valerie Stockman	
Regional Representatives	P. C. Tuckett	Region 1
	P. D. Fry	Region 2
	R. A. Cathcart	Region 3
	G. K. Arnold	Region 4
	D.B. Edwards	Region 5
	C. F. Haith	Region 6

1976-77

President	Hubert Andrew	
Senior Vice President	Gordon Shattock	
Junior Vice President	Colin Haith	
Honorary Secretary	Jim Hart	
Honorary Treasurer	Valerie Stockman	
Regional Representatives	P.A. Grime	Region 1
	P.C. Tuckett	Region 2
	G. K. Arnold	Region 3
	D. J. Thompson	Region 4
Non-regional Representatives	P. Fry PRO ex-officio	
	P. A. Bottomly	
Affiliate Members	R. M. Samuel	
	J. J. King	

1977-78

President	Colin Haith	
Senior Vice President	Hubert Andrew	
Junior Vice President	Jim Hart	
Honorary Secretary	Paul Bottomly	
Honorary Treasurer	Valerie Stockman	
Regional Representatives	P. A. Grime	Region 1
	P. C. Tuckett	Region 2
	G. K. Arnold	Region 3
	T. W. Fraser	Region 4
Non-regional Representatives	P. D. Fry PRO ex officio	
	W. T. Turner	
Affiliate Members	J. J. King	
	R. M. Samuel	

1978-79

President	J. T. M. Hart	
Senior Vice President	C. Haith	
Junior Vice President	P. A. Grime	
Honorary Secretary	P. Bottomly	
Honorary Treasurer	T. Fraser	
Regional Representatives	P. Fry-Editor & PRO	Region 1
	T. Dean-Conference Sec.	Region 2
	G. Arnold	Region 3
	T. Barr	Region 4
Non-Regional Representative	T. Turner	
Affiliate Members	J. King	
	M. Samuel	

1979-80

President	P. A. Grime	
Senior Vice President	J. T. M. Hart	
Junior Vice President	P. Fry-Editor	
Honorary Secretary	P. J. Bottomly	
Honorary Treasurer	T. W. Fraser	
Regional Representatives	D. S. Adamson	Region 1
	T. S. Dean	Region 2
	S. K. Arnold	Region 3
	T. J. Barr PRO ex officio	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	V. Stockman	
	G. V. Melville	
Affiliate Members	J. J. King Conference Secretary ex officio	
	R. M. Samuel	

1980-81

President	P. Fry	
Senior Vice President	P. A. Grime CVO	
Junior Vice President	P. J. Bottomly	
Honorary Secretary	G. Melville	
Honorary Treasurer	T. Fraser	
Regional Representatives	D. S. Adamson	Region 1
	T. S. Dean	Region 2
	G. K. Arnold	Region 3
	T. J. Barr PRO ex officio	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	M. Winwood D. Carter	
Affiliate Members	J. King Conference Secretary ex officio	
	P.T. Williamson	

1981-82

President	P. Bottomly	
Senior Vice President	P. Fry	
Junior Vice President	T. Fraser	
Honorary Secretary	G. Melville	
Honorary Treasurer	M. Winwood	
Regional Representatives	D. Adamson	Region 1
	T. Dean	Region 2
	G. Arnold	Region 3
	T. Barr PRO & Editor ex officio	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	D. Carter	
	R. Clarke	
Affiliate Members	R. Williamson	
	R. Rowe	

1982-83

President	T. Fraser	
Senior Vice President	P. Bottomly	
Junior Vice President	D. Carter	
Honorary Secretary	G. Melville	
Honorary Treasurer	M. Winwood	
Regional Representatives	D. Adamson	Region 1
	T. Dean Conference Sec ex officio	Region 2
	R. Clarke	Region 3
	T. Barr PRO & Editor ex officio	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	D. Carter	
	R. Rowe	
Affiliate Members	A. Young	
	G. A. Williamson	

1983-84

President	D. Carter	
Senior Vice President	T. Fraser	
Junior Vice President	G. Melville	
Honorary Secretary	R. Rowe	
Honorary Treasurer	M. Winwood	
Regional Representatives	D. Adamson Editor ex officio	Region 1
	T. Dean	Region 2
	R. Clarke	Region 3
	T. Barr	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	D. Carter	
	P. Hunt	
Affiliate Members	G. A. Williamson	
	A. Young	

1984-85

President	G. Melville	
Senior Vice President	D. Carter	
Junior Vice President	M. Winwood	
Honorary Secretary	R. Rowe	
Honorary Treasurer	P. Hunt	
Regional Representatives	D. Adamson Editor ex officio	Region 1
	M. Winwood	Region 2
	R. Clarke Conference Sec ex officio	Region 3
	R. Urquart	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	A. Young and J. Foster	
Affiliate Members	G. Carter and D. Batchelor	

1985-86

President	M. Winwood	
Senior Vice President	G. Melville	
Junior Vice President	D. Adamson	
Honorary Secretary	R. Rowe	
Honorary Treasurer	P. Hunt	
Regional Representatives	D. Adamson	Region 1
	M. Winwood	Region 2
	R. Clarke	Region 3
	R. Urquart Editor ex officio	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	A. Young PRO ex officio	
Affiliate Members	J. Foster	
	G. Carter	
	D. Batchelor	

1986-87

President	D. Adamson	
Senior Vice President	M. Winwood	
Junior Vice President	R. Clarke	
Honorary Secretary	R. Rowe	
Honorary Treasurer	P. Hunt	
Conference Secretary	A. Boardman	
Regional Representatives	D. Adamson	Region 1
	M. Winwood	Region 2
	R. Clarke	Region 3
	S. Urquart Editor ex officio	Region 4
Non-Regional Representatives	A Young PRO ex officio	
Affiliate Members	J. Foster	
	G. Carter	
	D. Batchelor	

1987-1988

President	Roger Clark
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Junior Vice President	Richard Rowe
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Honorary Treasurer	David Batchelor
Conference Secretary	Tony Boardman
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	Philip Hunt
	Stephen Dean
	David Buckley
Affiliate Members	John Walmsley
	David Batchelor

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1988-89

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Honorary Treasurer	D. Batchelor
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	I. Wills
	D. Bell
Affiliate Members	J. Walmsley
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