



BCVA Board Nomination

1.1 Contact Information

Name	David Black
Practice/Company	Paragon Veterinary Group

1.2 Proposed by:

Proposer		Seconder	
Name	Kate Richards	Name	Bruce Richards
Practice/Company	BCVA	Practice/Company	Paragon Veterinary Group

1.3 Please give a brief manifesto (no more than 200 words) to include your reason(s) for standing for election and the skills and experience you could bring to the Board of BCVA

As a career long BCVA member, it felt the right time to offer to give something back. I am Senior Director of Paragon Veterinary Group, a three centre, 32 vet, independent, mixed rural vet practice in Cumbria. I believe in working together, being a founder of XLVets and as MD of VetSalus, a business developing livestock vet collaboration and consultancy globally. I am a founder Director and Treasurer of Vet Sustain, a “not for profit” company whose mission is to enable and inspire veterinary professionals to work to secure the wellbeing of animals, people and the natural world. I have experience in non-executive roles including 11 years on the VDS Board, the last 3 as Chair, so have a good grasp of governance and board culture.

I have experience as a clinician, with interests in dairy practice, particularly reproduction and advanced breeding technologies including ET and IVF. I have a Diploma in Bovine Reproduction, a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and am an Emeritus RCVS Recognised Specialist in Cattle Health and Production.

I am honoured to have been awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and am passionate about vet-led business, global veterinary collaboration, One Health and Veterinary Sustainability.

1.4 Please include a photo

