



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WASHINGTON STATE  
VETERINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 2013, by Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair. The meeting was held at the Department of Health, Creekside Two at Center Point, 20425 72nd Avenue South, Conference Room 307, Kent, WA 98032.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair  
Ethan Nelson, DVM  
Joseph Harari, DVM  
Suzan Seelye, DVM  
Sean Sanders, DVM  
Kelli Robson, LVT

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General  
Kirby Putscher, Executive Director  
Andres Fernando, Supervisor, Rules and Legislation  
Chris Baumgartner, Director, Prescription Monitoring Program  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager  
Susan Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Candace Joy, Executive Vice President, WSVMA  
Karen Norton, LVT  
Charles Meredith, MD, Medical Director, WPHP

**9:00 a.m. OPEN SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER – Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved with the addition of Correspondence Item 13.3

2. **Approval of Minutes**

2.1 October 3, 2013

The minutes were approved with a correction to the September 2014 meeting date.

2.2 November 12, 2013

The minutes approved as presented.

**REPORTS:**

3. **Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair**

Dr. Haskins gave an overview of the Board, Commission and Committee Leadership meeting held at the Department of Health Office in Tumwater on October 21, 2013

4. Kirby Putscher, Interim Executive Director

Ms. Putscher reported on the revenue and expenditures for the month of October 2013. Ms. Putscher also reported on timelines for processing of applications and the review, investigation and adjudication of complaints.

5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

6. Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Ms. Haenke informed the Board of the upcoming legislative meet me calls. These calls occur weekly on Tuesday morning during the legislative session. Dr. Nelson will represent the Board in these calls.

**Rules Hearing**

**9:30 a.m.**

7. **Rules Hearing – WSR 13-21-132**

The Board considered an amendment to WAC 246-933-460 Courses approved by the veterinary board. The proposed rule would amend WAC 246-933-460 so that licensed veterinarians can receive approved CVME credits for attending courses offered by: (1) a board-certified veterinarian whose certification is issued by a veterinary specialty board recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association; (2) a veterinarian who is a member of the faculty of an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine; (3) the United States Animal Health Association; (4) the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians; or (5) the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

One person testified on the electronic site expressing the hope that the amendment would include both veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians as both professions mandate continuing education as part of license renewal; and that many courses offered by organizations and individuals listed in this amendment are attended by both veterinary and licensed veterinary technicians". The Board responded that a similar rule for veterinary technicians would be needed to consider approval of a speaker who is a member of a veterinary technician specialty board or an instructor in an accredited veterinary technician program.

Following discussion, the Board voted to adopt the rule as filed. Staff will prepare the CR 103 for final adoption.

**8. Status of Board Policies.**

Andres Fernando, Rules and Legislative Supervisor, discussed the status of the following Board policies.

**8.1 Review of continuing education courses.**

This policy was filed with the Office of the Code Reviser on September 9, 2013 as WSR 13-19-020.

**8.2 Two year approval for subsequent presentations of the same or substantially equivalent continuing education courses.**

The Board approved addition of clarifying language to address that when the same course is taken more than once during a reporting cycle, it will only be counted once.

**8.3 Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Patient-Relationship**

The Board agreed to editorial changes to the policy. Following discussion, the Board also agreed to pursue rulemaking to adopt the policy into rule.

**9. Prescription Monitoring Program**

Chris Baumgartner, Program Director provided an update on veterinarian reporting to the Prescription Monitoring Program.

**Rules Hearing 11 a.m.**

**10. Rules Hearing – WSR 13-21-131**

The Board considered adoption of WAC 246-933-275 Reactivation of an expired license. The new rule sets requirements to reinstate a veterinary license that has been expired for more than three years. The proposed rule will require a veterinarian with a license that has expired for more than three years, which has been actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine in another state, to submit verification of active practice. A veterinarian whose Washington State license has been expired for more than three years and who has not been actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine must successfully complete the current NAVLE to reactivate the license. No testimony was received from the public. Following discussion, the Board voted to adopt the rule as filed. Staff will prepare the CR 103 for final adoption.

**Rules Hearing Adjourned 11:02 a.m.**

**OPEN FORUM: 11:45 a.m.**

**11. The Board accepted comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession.**

Several members of the public addressed the board regarding a business model with a potential mortgage scheme. Because a formal complaint concerning this issue is anticipated, they provided general comments only.

**PRESENTATION: 12:15 p.m.**

**12. Washington Physicians Health Program. Information**

Charles Meredith, M.D., Medical Director provided a program update.

**Discussion: 1:00 p.m.**

**13. Correspondence. Action.**

13.1 Request for lists and labels – Verisys Corporation

The Board denied the request.

13.2 Information only on list and labels request from Pierce County Bar Association.

13.3 The Board considered a request from Pierce College for recognition of its' veterinary technology clinical externship. Following review, the Board voted to recognize this program.

**14. CONTINUING EDUCATION. Action.**

14.1 The Board approved the following courses:

- Seattle Veterinary Specialists (SVS): Seattle Veterinary Specialists CE Symposium (Doctor) 2012 – approved for 6 hours for veterinarians.
- (SVS): Seattle Veterinary Specialists CE Symposium 2012 – approved for 6 hours for veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Chlyothorax: Medial VS. Surgical Management – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Distinguishing Musculoskeletal and Neurologic Disease: Focusing on the Pelvic Limbs and Lumbosacral Spine – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Seattle Veterinary Specialists CE Symposium 2013 – approved for 6 hours for veterinarians.
- SVS: Seattle Veterinary Specialists CE Symposium 2013 – approved for 6 hours for veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Seattle Veterinary Specialists CE Symposium Brunch – approved for 4 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Open Wound Management – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Canine Laryngeal Paralysis – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Distinguishing Neurologic from Orthopedic Disease; Focusing on the Clinical Differentiation of Shoulder Disease and Cervical Disease – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Assessing the Trauma Patient: When is Surgery Indicated? – approved for 1 hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: PSVMA Regional CE – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- SVS: Radiology Techniques: Elbows and Shoulders – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

- SVS: Canine Myocardial Disorders: An Update – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Canine Mast Cell Tumors – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Boundary Bay Veterinary Specialty Hospital: Oncology Seminar – approved for two hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Irene Murakami, LVT: Conquering Fleas Article Review: approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Irene Murakami, LVT; Making the Best of the Worst of Times Article Review: approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Irene Murakami, LVT: Local Antimicrobials for Periodontal Disease – approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

14.2 Kelli Robson, LVT, Sean Sanders, DVM, and Joseph Harari, DVM were designated as reviewers for the next quarter.

**15. Review of Draft Standard Bylaws.**

The Board reviewed the draft by-laws with changes recommended by Gail Yu, AAG. Following discussion, the Board adopted the by-laws incorporating the changes recommended by Ms. Yu.

**16. Election of Officers for 2014:**

Ethan Nelson was elected President.  
Joseph Harari was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

**ADJOURNMENT – 2:40 PM**