



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, October 5th, 2015 by Ethan Nelson, DVM. The meeting was held at the Department of Health, Creekside Two at Center Point, Conference Room 309, Kent, WA 98032.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Ethan Nelson, DVM, Chair
Lina Wachsmuth, DVM
Suzan Seelye, DVM
Laurie O'Rourke, DVM
Tawney Carrier, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director
Kathy Hoffman, Policy Analyst
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Katy Shockman, Secretary Senior
Brett Lorentson, Rules Coordinator
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Candace Joy, Executive Director of WSVMA
Dr. Charles Meredith, WPHP
Dr. Lisa Brienen, DVM
Chris Wayman, LVT

9:00 AM – Open Session

Call to Order – Ethan Nelson, DVM

1. Approval of Agenda
The amended agenda was approved.
2. Approval of meeting minutes
2.1 – June 8th, 2015 meeting minutes were approved

Reports: Information

3. Ethan Nelson, DVM, Chair
Dr. Nelson discussed board meeting packets & agenda updates and the need for a more format friendly way to conduct board business electronically. Loralei Walker explained that the department is moving to paperless meeting packets and initial training for Citrix will take place at the December meeting. To avoid multiple agenda updates, Dr. Seelye (DVM) moved to institute a one week cut off policy for board meeting agendas; Dr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

4. Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director, Health Professions and Facilities
Kathy presented the biennial budget summary. She explained that department staff conduct six-year projection analyses to review license fees. Kathy and Loralei Walker attended the association meeting. At that meeting, WSU discussed an ongoing concern with the department's licensing process for new graduates. Students are not sure how and when to apply to take the exam and how and when to apply for licensure. Kathy said that the department will work with the association to resolve the concerns and to provide clear instructions on the current process. Kathy ended her report saying that DOH's legislative agenda will be light this next session.
5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Gail reported on a recent case against unlicensed persons practicing non-anesthesia veterinary dentistry.
6. Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor, Office of Customer Service
Tanya reported on the licensing statistics for Veterinarians, Vet Techs, and Vet Medication Clerks. Dr. Nelson commented that the number for the Veterinary Medication Clerks seems very low. There was discussion about whether medication clerks are working without a credential. The board asked Tanya to bring information about where Veterinarians are practicing around the state.
7. **Pharmacy Compounding Rules (Information/Discussion – presented after lunch)**
Chris Humberson, Executive Director of the Pharmacy Commission, discussed the current draft of the pharmacy compounding rule and next steps.
8. **WAC 246-935-290 Qualified continuing education (CE) providers for licensed veterinary technicians (Discussion/Action)**
The board reviewed and discussed the 2012 rule-making petition asking that Colleges of Veterinary Medicine be added as qualified providers for Veterinary Technician CE. Dr. Seelye moved to open the rule; Dr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried. The board drafted an amendment to add qualified colleges and organizations to the approved list of continued education providers.
9. **WAC 246-933-460 Approved veterinary continuing education providers (Discussion/Action)**
The board held a rule writing work session about whether to add the Registry of Alternative and Integrative Veterinary Medical Education (RAIVE) to the list of approved providers. Dr. Seelye moved to approve the change, and Dr. Laurie O'Rourke (DVM) seconded. The motion carried.
10. **WAC 246-933-200 Proposed rule to define a veterinary-client-patient relationship (Discussion/Action)**
The board continued its discussion to define a veterinarian-client patient relationship. They reviewed the federal and AAVSB definitions for reference. The board made some updates to the current rule. Dr. Seelye moved to accept the current draft with the updates; Tawney Carrier (Public Member) seconded. The motion carried.

11:00 AM - Rules Hearing:

11. **Five-year rule review (Discussion/Action)**

The board had a discussion about continuing education (CE) review. Lorelei Walker explained that most boards/commissions have adopted rules that pre-identify approved sources and types of continuing education. She asked if the board has an interest in opening the CE rules to eliminate case-by-case CE approval. Lorelei provided the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Dental Hygienists rules as examples. The board decided to revisit this issue at the December meeting.

12. **WAC 246-935-050 veterinary technician animal healthcare tasks (Action)**

The board held an open rule hearing to present revisions to the level of supervision required for the administration of rabies vaccinations by veterinary technicians and unregistered assistants. Dr. Ethan Nelson, Board Chair, opened the hearing at 11:03 AM to the public for public comment. There was no public testimony. Lorelei Walker (Program Manager) read public comment the Department of Health received via the rules webpage. The comment requested the word “gender” be changed to “sex”. Dr. Nelson moved to accept the proposed change; Dr. Lina Wachsmuth (DVM) seconded. The board voted to approve the proposed rule as amended.

11:50 AM – Open Forum

13. The board held an open forum for public comment. Candace Joy, Executive Director of WSVMA, discussed the issue of a licensed Dentist in a different state bringing controlled substances and practicing as an unlicensed Vet on horses in Washington State.

14. **Schedule 2016 board meetings (Discussion/Action)**

Dr. Nelson moved; Dr. Wachsmuth seconded, to approve the following 2016 dates/locations:

March 7th, 2016 in Tumwater
June 20th, 2016 in the Tri-Cities
September 19th, 2016 in Kent
December 12th, 2016 in Kent.

The motion carried.

15. **Final draft interpretive statement on practice by licensed veterinary technicians (Action)**

The board reviewed and discussed an interpretive statement clarifying that licensed veterinary technicians cannot practice independently. Dr. Seelye moved to approve the interpretive statement; Dr. Nelson seconded it. The motion carried.

16. **Draft interpretive statement on interactive continuing education (Action)**

The board reviewed and discussed the 2013 interpretive statement. Dr. Seelye moved to approve the interpretive statement; Dr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

17. **Continuing education courses (Action)**

17.1 – Course Review. The board approved the following CE courses:

- WSDA, *ICS 300 - Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents* – recommendation: 14 hours of practice management for vets and techs.
- WSDA, *ICS 400 - Advanced ICS: Command and General Staff, Complex Incidents* – recommendation: 4 hours of practice management for vets and techs.

- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists, *Curse of the Leftovers: Letting Go of Poor Performing Employees*, approved 1 hour of practice management for vets and Tech vets.
- SYNERGY, *Everyday Behavior: Practical Tools for Improving the Behavioral Wellness of Patients In Your Practice*, approved 1 hour for vets and techs.
- Panhandle Animal Shelter, *Infectious Disease Prevention, Management and Outbreak Response*, approved 6 hours for vets and techs (3 of the 6 hours is practice management).
- WSU: Veterinary Medicine Extension & Continuing Veterinary Medical Education, *Veterinary Medical Records*, approved 2 hours for vets and techs.
- WSU: Veterinary Medicine Extension & Continuing Veterinary Medical Education, *Control of Zoonotic Disease in Veterinary Hospitals*, approved 2 hours for techs.
- Trupanion, *De-mystifying Masses I*, approved 1 hour for techs.
- Trupanion, *De-mystifying Masses II*, approved 1 hour for techs.
- Pet Emergency Clinic & Referral Center, *Simple Steps to Maximize the Diagnostic Power of Cytology*, denied credit for vets, approved 1 hour for techs.
- UW Dept. Comparative Science, *Canine Behavior Training in a Research Setting*, denied CE credit because content of request is more job training related.
- UW Dept. Comparative Science, *Analysis of Frailty Index as It Applies to Mice from Human Medicine*, denied due to lack of information.
- The Center for Bird and Exotic Animal Medicine, *Ferret Adrenal Disease* (1 hour) *SCUD: Septicemic Cutaneous Ulcerative Dermatitis* (1 hour), approved for 2 hours for vets and techs.
- A Time to Heal, *Introduction to Chinese Veterinary Herbal Medicine*, approved for 60 hours for vets.
- Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy, *AVH 2015 Annual Case Conference*, approved for 17 hours for vets.

17.2 Designate reviewers for October - December 2015

The board determined the reviewers will be Kelli Robson (LVT), Dr. Haskins (DVM), and Dr. Seelye (DVM).

17.3 Schedule date for interim course review.

The board discussed interim dates for continuing education review. A date will be confirmed after speaking with Kelli Robson and Dr. Haskins.

17.4 The board reviewed the List & Labels request from Cambia Health Solutions. Dr. Seelye moved to deny the request because the requesting group is not a professional association or an educational organization; Dr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

17.5 The board discussed an email from Dr. Garret Pachtinger (DVM) asking the board to clarify continuing education requirements for veterinarians in residency or intern programs. The board determined that licensees working in a residency or intern program need to complete continuing education as outlined in the rule. These interns and residents can submit program course work to the board and they will consider whether individual programs meet the CE requirement.

3:00 PM – Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM