



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WASHINGTON STATE
VETERINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2015

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on Monday, December 7th, 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
Daniel Haskins, DVM
Suzan Seelye, DVM
Laurie O'Rourke, DVM
Tawney Carrier, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director
Danielle Welliever, Policy Analyst
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Katy Shockman, Secretary Senior
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Candace Joy, Executive Director of WSVMA
Dr. Charles Meredith, WPHP
Robert Nix
Amber Nix

9:03 AM – Open Session

Call to Order – Ethan Nelson, DVM

1. Approval of Agenda
The amended agenda was approved.
2. Approval of meeting minutes
October 5th, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports: Information

3. Ethan Nelson, DVM, Chair
Dr. Nelson acknowledged that this meeting is to be Dr. Haskins last meeting as a board member and presented Dr. Haskins with a service award.

4. Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director, Health Professions and Facilities
Kathy presented a budget summary to the board. She discussed that licensing fees for Veterinarians may be reduced to off-set the fee increase of the WPHP fee. Department staff will prepare a six year analysis to determine the feasibility of reducing the fee. The Citrix project has been postponed until 2016.
5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Yu wished to clarify an issue from the previous meeting regarding vet tech schools that wish to place their students in clinical experiences. Under RCW 18.92.060(4)(b), a vet tech student enrolled in an internship program recognized by the board can perform assigned duties under the supervision of a veterinarian within the established framework of that internship program. Programs should first apply to the board for recognition so that their students may take advantage of such opportunities before graduation and licensure. Interested schools should contact the program manager, Ms. Walker, for information on how to apply.
6. **WAC 246-933-340 Labeling requirements for legend drugs (Discussion/Action)**
The board held a rule writing workshop to include language in the rule that would require an expiration date on labels for legend drugs dispensed by veterinarians. Dr. Seelye moved to approve the change, and Dr. Wachsmuth seconded. The motion carried.
7. **Five-year rule review (Discussion/Action)**
The Board continued its rule review in response to SSB 5679 which requires the Department of Health to establish and perform a formal review process of its existing rules every five years. The Board decided to flag WAC 246-933-220 and WAC 146-933-265 to review closer at a later date when more discussion can occur. WAC 246-933-255 was fine as written.
8. **Online licensing and information collection (OLIC) project**
Dan Renfroe with the Department of Health gave a presentation to the board about the objectives, benefits and timelines of the OLIC project.
9. **Prescription Monitoring Program (Information and Discussion)**
Chris Baumgartner, DOH Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), gave a presentation on current PMP activities and feedback to the board.

11:00 AM – Rules Hearing

10. The board held a rules hearing to adopt the proposed amendment to WAC 246-934-100. Dr. Nelson, Board Chair, opened the hearing at 11:00 AM to the public for public comment. There was no public testimony in person. Lorelei Walker read public comment the Department of Health received via email. The comment note that the word “sexual” seems to have been inadvertently omitted and should be added to rule WAC 246-943-100(2) so that it reads, “Sexual misconduct also includes sexual contact with any person involving force, intimidation, or lack of consent; or a conviction of a sexual offense as a defined in RCW 9.94A.030.” The term “sexual contact” was included in the original proposed rule and in the rule amendment adopted by other professions. Dr. Nelson moved to accept the proposed change; Dr. O’Rourke seconded. The motion carried.

11:12 AM – Open Forum

11. The board held an open forum for public comment. A member of the public discussed the issue of licensing requirements for license reinstatement in Washington. Candace Joy of the WSVMA discussed the issue regarding the Pharmacy Board and needing more clarification about pharmaceutical rules relating to Veterinary hospitals and clinics.
12. **Update on rules in progress (Information/Discussion)**
Loralei Walker presented an update on board rules that are currently in progress. The update included input from a stakeholder on proposed rulemaking that would require veterinarians to release a prescription to a client upon request.
13. **Guidance on animal healthcare tasks and required supervision for veterinary technicians and unregistered assistants**
The board reviewed two documents relating to compliance with WAC 246-935-050. One document was the DOH draft version and the other was the WSVMA version. The board preferred the WSVMA document and wanted to post a link to it on the DOH Vet Tech webpage.
14. **Veterinary Continuing Education Tracking (VCET) (Discussion)**
The board reviewed VCET materials from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and discuss how the tool could be used to enhance continuing education oversight.
15. **Continuing education courses (Action)**
 - 15.1 Course reviews.

The board approved the following CE courses:

Teresa Batemon / VCA Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle	Critical Thinking For the Veterinary Tech: The Blocked Cat <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Adam Ginman / Inland NW Vet Specialty Care	Emerging Topics in Veterinary Dermatology <i>Approved 2 hours of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Sarah Kerner / UW Dept. Comparative Science	Analysis of Frailty Index As It Applies To Mice From Human Medicine <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Asya Khesin / Summit Vet Referral Center	Triaging the Critical Patient <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Teresa Batemon / VCA Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle	Managing Anesthetic Complications in the Small Animal Patient <i>Approved 2 hours of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Dr. Alicia Gehiling (DVM) Military Residency	<i>Approved 30 hours of CE credit for Vets</i>
Teresa Casson / Animal Surgical Clinic	ASC of Seattle CE Event "Like No Otter" <i>Approved 6 hours of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Oral Tumors <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Team Approach to Triage <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>

Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Congestive Heart Failure <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Body Wall Hernias <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Respiratory Care <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Laryngeal Paralysis <i>Approved for 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Gait Analysis and Neurologicalization <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Opioids <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Infectious Disease <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Toxicity Patient <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Sedation Protocols <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Anesthetic Plans <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Electrocardiography and the use of Interventional Therapy <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Teresa Batemon / VCA Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle	Feline Infectious Peritonitis: The Jekyll & Hyde of the Feline World <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Mark Swaney DVM / Peninsula Veterinary Medical Association	Pharmacy Issues in Veterinary Practice <i>Approved 1.5 hours of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>

15.2 Designate reviewers for January - March 2016.
The board determined the reviewers will be Dr. Wachsmuth, Dr. O'Rourke, and Dr. Nelson.

15.3 Schedule date for interim course review.
The board determined the next CE review meeting will be January 19th, 2016.

2:15 PM – Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM