



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 9:05 a.m. on Monday, March 7th, 2016 by Ethan Nelson, DVM. The meeting was held at the Department of Health, Town Center Three, Conference Room 265, Tumwater, WA 98501.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Candace Joy, Executive Director of WSVMA
Donna Kelleher, DVM
Melissa Walker, DVM
Lt. Col. Andrew McGraw, DVM

9:05 AM – Open Session

Call to Order – Ethan Nelson, DVM

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of meeting minutes**
December 7th, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
- 3. Ethan Nelson, DVM, Chair Report (Information)**
No report.
- 4. Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director, Health Professions and Facilities Report (Information)**
Kathy presented a budget summary to the board. Kathy reported that the legislature passed two bills that directly affect the Veterinary professions. One bill increases the surcharge

veterinarians pay to the Washington Physicians Health Program upon initial licensure and at renewal. The fee will increase from \$15 to \$25. The department has agreed to offset the surcharge increase by decreasing the license and renewal fees by \$10. The second bill to pass changed the Animal Massage Practitioner license title to Animal Massage Therapist. Kathy brought to the board's attention a proposal by the Senate to sweep \$500,000 from the O2G "Health Professions" account to reallocate for other purposes. Finally, the change-over to Citrix has been postponed until late 2016.

Danielle Welliever, Policy Analyst with the Department of Health, gave a brief presentation to the board on the rule writing processes.

5. **Election of Officers for 2016 (Action)**

The board discussed nominations for board Chair and Secretary-Treasurer for the 2016 board meetings. Dr. Nelson moved to nominate Dr. Seelye for board Chair and Ms. Carrier seconded. The motion carried. Dr. Seelye moved to nominate Dr. Wachsmuth for board Secretary-Treasurer and Dr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried. Dr. Seelye chaired the remainder of the meeting.

6. **2016 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference (Action)**

The board discussed attendance for the 2016 AAVSB conference. Dr. Wachsmuth was chosen to attend. If she is unable to attend, Tawney Carrier will attend in her place. Lorelei Walker will attend as a staff representative.

10:00 AM—Rules Hearing

7. **Rules Hearing (Action)**

The board held a rules hearing to consider public comment and the adoption of proposed changes to the following rules:

- WAC 246-933-420 Basic requirement – Amount (related to continuing education)
- WAC 246-933-460 Organizations, institutions or individuals approved by the veterinary board to provide continuing education courses
- WAC 246-933-200 Veterinarian-client-patient relationship required

Dr. Seelye opened the hearing at 10:00 AM for public comment. Donna Kelleher, DVM, and Melissa Walker, DVM, commented against the proposed changes to WAC 246-933-420. They oppose limiting how much complementary and alternative medicine (CAVM) continuing education Veterinarians can use toward their requirement. Lorelei Walker summarized three public in opposition of the proposed changes to WAC 246-933-420. These commenters also oppose limits to how much (CAVM) continuing education can count toward the requirement.

Lorelei Walker summarized five emails and a letter in opposition to WAC 246-933-460. These commenters oppose the addition of the Registry of Alternative and Integrative Veterinary Education to the list of approved continuing education providers for veterinarians.

There were no comments regarding WAC 246-933-200.

The board discussed at length the comments and proposed changes to WAC 246-933-420. Dr. Seelye moved to amend the proposed rule language to allow for more CAVM

continuing education. Dr. Wachsmuth seconded the proposed amended change. The motion carried. These changes will require the board to draft revised rule language at a future meeting.

The board discussed the rule changes to WAC 246-933-460. Dr. Seelye moved to accept the proposed change; Ms. Carrier seconded. The motion carried with four yeas and two nays.

The board discussed the rule changes to WAC 246-933-200. Dr. Seelye moved to accept the proposed change; Ms. Carrier seconded. The motion carried.

The rules hearing was closed at 10:32 AM.

Rule-Making

8. **WAC 246-933-340(5) Practice management – drug labeling (Discussion/Action)**

The board reviewed rule language, related pharmacy law, and discussed changes to the WAC. The board determined a reference to RCW 18.64.246 was necessary in the rule. Ms. Robson moved to accept the proposed change; Dr. Wachsmuth seconded. The motion carried.

11:50 AM – Open Forum

9. The board held an open forum for public comment. Lt. Col. Andy McGraw approached the board regarding military internship and training. He asked the board to consider allowing his military Veterinarians to go off base for an emergency medicine internship at a nearby Veterinary Hospital or Clinic. There is a need for emergency training that the Veterinarians do not always get on base. He is willing to write up a formal internship training program and submit it to the board for approval.

10. **Tanya Mills Report, Credentialing Supervisor (Information)**

Tanya reported on the licensing statistics for Veterinarians, Vet Techs, and Vet Medication Clerks.

11. **Assistant Attorney General, Gail Yu, Report**

No report.

12. **Roles of Legal Staff (Training)**

Gail Yu presented an overview talk regarding of the roles of DOH staff attorneys and Assistant Attorneys General when conducting board business.

13. **Disciplinary Process (Information)**

Bill Kellington, staff attorney with the Department of Health, reviewed board training options for the disciplinary process and provided a brief overview of the unlicensed practice disciplinary process.

Rule-Making (Continued)

14. **WAC 246-933-350 Release of a veterinary prescription (Discussion/Action)**

The board revisited petitioner comments regarding proposed rule language. The petitioner requested that the board make two changes originally requested in the petition:

- Require veterinarians notify clients of their right to receive a portable prescription

- Require electronic submission of the prescription from a veterinarian to a pharmacy as an alternative to a written prescription.

Dr. Seelye moved to adopt the new rule language as proposed. There was no second. Dr. Seelye asked whether there were any further motions from board members. Ms. Robson moved to adopt language to require electronic submission of a prescription, but not adopt the other proposed change. Dr. Wachsmuth seconded. The motion carried.

15. **WAC 246-935-290 Qualified continuing education providers for licensed veterinary technicians (Discussion/Action)**

The board held a rule-writing workshop to add Colleges of Veterinary Medicine to the list of qualified continuing education providers for veterinary technicians. Dr. Wachsmuth moved to approve the proposed changes; Dr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

16. **Continuing Education (Action)**

16.1 Course reviews.

Teresa Batemon / VCA Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle	Managing Cardiac Disease in Dogs & Cats with Concurrent Renal Disease <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Laura Tautz-Hair / Seattle Veterinary Specialists	Septic Peritonitis <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vets and Vet Techs</i>
Cara Linnenkohl / Standard Process NW	Nutrition – The Fifth Vital Assessment <i>Denied</i>
Teresa Batemon / VCA Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle	Therapeutic Cold Laser <i>Approved 1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>

16.2 Designate reviewers for April - June 2016.

The continuing education panel for next quarter will be Kelli Robson, Dr. O'Rourke, and Dr. Nelson.

16.3 Schedule date for interim course review.

The board determined the next CE review meeting will be April 28th, 2016.

2:05 PM – Closed Session

2:21 – Reconvene open session

17. **Request for recognition of externship program from Joint-Base Lewis McChord (Action)**

The board revisited and discussed Lt. Col. Andy McGraw request for military internship off base. Ms. Robson moved the board require an internship course outline that shows details of specific emergency medicine training, course curriculum or a document showing how an individual will be evaluated on their overall training in the internship. Dr. O'Rourke seconded. The motion carried.

18. **Demographic Information Collection Project**

Kathy Schmitt presented information on this project to the board and the board gave input on the demographic questions they felt were useful.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM