



**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 Thursday, March 4, 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:**

Brett Bower, DVM, Chair  
Timothy Gintz, DVM  
Markiva Contris, LVT  
Ethan Nelson, DVM  
Joseph Harari, DVM (By Phone)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General  
Lisa Hodgson, Executive Director  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager  
Erlaine Diaz, Program Support

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Charles Meredith, M.D., Director, WA Physicians Health Program  
Chris Humberson, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy  
Candace Joy, Executive Vice President, WSVMA  
Karen Norton, LVT

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

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

1. Approval of Agenda  
The agenda was approved with additions to Item 13, Correspondence.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - 2.1 December 3, 2012  
The minutes were approved with minor editorial changes.
  - 2.2 February 12, 2013  
The minutes were amended by deleting Brett Bower, DVM, as an attendee. The minutes were approved as amended.

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**REPORTS - Information**

3. Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair
  - Informed the Board of Naomi Carleton's resignation
  - Presented plaques to exiting board members: Timothy Gintz, DVM, Brett Bower, DVM, and Markiva Contris, LVT
4. Lisa Hodgson, Executive Director
  - Ms. Hodgson provided an update regarding recruitment for current expired board terms. Ms. Hodgson informed the board that the Governor makes the board appointments.
  - Ms. Hodgson presented the performance dashboard and the budget to the Board.
5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
  - Discussed an unlicensed equine case regarding teeth floating and explained to the Board about unlicensed practice sanctions.
6. Judy Haenke, Program Manager
  - Informed the Board about the availability of online renewals for licensees.
  - Provided revised disciplinary hearing dates and asked the board about availability to serve on the hearing panels.

7. **Chris Humberson, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Pharmacy**

Mr. Humberson informed the board about improper filling and counseling of veterinary prescriptions. Prescriptions that are not filled correctly or counseled incorrectly will be brought to the attention of the Board of Pharmacy. An article is plan for the April 2013. Pharmacy Newsletter regarding proper prescription filling and counseling.

**8. Update on Legislation. Information**

Judy Haenke presented the board with an update on the following Bills:

House Bill 1586: Request advertisements that name a health care professional regardless of whether the title "doctor" appears, to identify the type of license, registration, or certification held by the health care professional.

- Senate Bill 5202: Creating the companion animal safety, population control, and spay/neuter program.
- House Bill 1381: Regarding administrative adjudicatory proceedings coming before the department of health.
- House Bill 1518: Providing certain disciplining authorities with additional authority over budget development, spending and staffing.

**9. Update on Proposed Rules for the Prescription Monitoring Program.**

Ms. Hodgson provided an update to the Board. The March hearing is delayed to April 8, 2013. Ms. Hodgson asked that a member of the Board be available to participate in the hearing.

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**10. Proposed Amendments to WAC 246-933-460 Organizations, institutions or individuals approved by the veterinary board to provide continuing education courses.**

The Board discussed the proposed amendments and determined that the rule should go forward as written for final rule adoption.

**11. Requirements for Reissuance of an Expired License.**

Update on proposal to adopt requirements for reissuance of an expired license. The Board reviewed the current language and requested that the rule move forward with the amendments.

**12: WAC 246-935-050 and WAC 16.52.026: Review of the required level of supervision for biologic vaccinations.**

The Board discussed the conflict between WAC 246-935-050 and WAC 16.52.026 regarding the level of veterinary supervision required for biologic (rabies) vaccinations. Following discussion, the Board determined that the veterinary technician rule should be changed to reflect the Department of Agriculture rule which requires direct supervision by a veterinarian for rabies vaccinations.

**13. Correspondence.**

**13.1 Veterinary Technician Courses offered by Approved Colleges of Veterinary Medicine**

- In response to an inquiry, the Board discussed whether WAC 246-935-290 qualified organizations approved by the veterinary board of governors, included any board approved college or school of veterinary medicine. Following discussion, the Board moved to submit a CR-101 to amend WAC 246-933-290 to board approved college or school of veterinary medicine.

**13.2 Continued approval of Washington State Veterinary Medical Association to Receive Lists and Labels.**

- The Board discussed and determined to approve renewal for WSVMA to receive lists and labels for a five year period.

**13.3 Questions Regarding Shelters/Humane Societies**

- The Board discussed and answered the following questions:
- A registered shelter/humane society cannot treat publicly-owned animals beyond their authorized scope.
- A shelter may not set up as a non-profit 501c3 and then operate as a full-service veterinary clinic to the public.
- A shelters/humane society may not provide full veterinary care to public-owned animals.

**13.4 Scope of Practice Clarification**

- In response to an inquiry regarding whether a humane society staff person could dispense a measured amount of ketamine and zylazine. The Board advised that humane societies and animal control agencies are not authorized to purchase, possess, or administer ketamine under the board of pharmacy registration. They are limited to legend drugs approved by the board for sedation and sodium pentobarbital (controlled substance). Ketamine was removed from the approved

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drug list in 1999 when the DEA reclassified it as a schedule III controlled substance.

13.5 On-line Order form for clients to order refills of prescription items

- Following discussion, the Board determined that current clients of licensed veterinarians could complete an online form for prescription renewal.

13.6 Emergency Veterinary Clinics referral of patients

- The Board concluded that referral of a client was an ethical decision that would need to be made by the veterinarian based on the circumstances.

13.7 CEU Extension

- The Board did not approve an extension as requested.

13.8 A non-Veterinarian and a Washington State licensed veterinarian co-own a veterinarian clinic in the state of WA.

- Following discussion, the Board responded that it is its belief that a non-veterinarian is not allowed to co-own a veterinarian clinic in this state.

**14. CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

14.1 The Board approved the following courses:

- Pfizer Animal Health: Compassion Fatigue and Caring for Yourself – Approved for 2 hours of practice management for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Practice Share LLC: Financial Management Workshop – Approved for 4 hours of practice management for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Peninsula Vet Medical Association: Update on Seizure Management – Approved for 2 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Equine Dentistry: Equine Dentistry – April 12, 2013 / Approved for 2 hours and April 13, 2013 / 6 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- VCA Veterinary Specialty: Surgical and Oncologic Management of Sarcomas in Small Animals: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly – Approved for 1 hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Department of Health: 2013 Zoonotic & Vector Borne Disease Workshop – Approved for 6 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- USDA/APHIS: Live Bird Market Working Group Meeting – Approved for 14 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Chi Institute courses were approved for veterinarians as follows:
  - Advance Acupuncture Equine: Online 8 hours and onsite 20 hours.
  - Advanced Acupuncture Small Animal: Online 8 hours and onsite 20 hours.
  - Dermatology/Oncology/Immune mediated Diseases: Onsite and Online – 32 hours.
  - Respiratory/Cardiovascular: Onsite and Online – 32 hours.
  - Kidney/Geriatric/Urinary/Reproductive: 32 hours.
  - Liver Endocrinology: Online only - 32 hours.
  - Gastrointestinal: Online only – 32 hours
  - Veterinary Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine Introduction to small animals: online only – seven hours.

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- Veterinary Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine Introduction to equine: online only – seven hours.

14.2 Selection of reviewers for the next quarter

- Joseph Harari, DVM, Ethan Nelson, DVM, Daniel Haskins, DVM

**15. The Board will accept comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession**

Karen Norton, LVT shared her concerns to the Board regarding dental work done at groomers. Ms. Norton also stated that dental work is done without anesthesia. It is recommended that a complaint should be filed as it is practicing without license.

**LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**16. Policy on Veterinarian-Client Patient Relationship.**

The Board discussed and moved to approve the policy and file with code reviser.

**17. Proposed Policies for Review of Continuing Education Courses**

The Board discussed and agreed to add veterinary technician to the policies. This will require revision of the policies and additional at the June 3, 2013, meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT - 1:45PM**