



**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, June 3, 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
Brett Bower, DVM
Ethan Nelson, DVM
Joseph Harari, DVM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy Gintz, DVM
Markiva Contris, LVT

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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**
Discipline moved to closed session. Agenda approved as amended.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

2.1 March 4, 2013

The minutes were approved with the following corrections/additions:

- Add Dr. Haskins as Chair and as present.
- Add a statement that the Board authorizes Judy Haenke, Program Manager, to review and approve continuing education audits that meet the continuing education requirement. Audits that are not complete will be brought to the Board for further review and disposition.

2.2 April 9, 2013

The minutes approved as presented.

REPORTS

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

Dr. Haskins reported that new Board appointments are pending. Dr. Haskins informed the Board that the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (WSVMA) is requesting a member of the Board to participate in a presentation in Yakima at its annual conference. Ethan Nelson, DVM volunteered to participate in a presentation on record keeping.

4. Lisa Hodgson, Executive Manager

Provided a biography on the new Secretary of the Department of Health, Dr. John Weissman.

Presented the budget board report and dashboard to the board. It was noted that the board is bringing in more revenue than spending.

5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

Discussed a current case of unlicensed practice of equine dentistry.

6. Judy Haenke, Program Manager reported on HB 1609 which renames the Board of Pharmacy to the Pharmacy Quality and Commission. . References to the Board of Pharmacy in the Veterinary Practice Act are being changed to reflect the renaming to the "Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission." There is also a reference to the board of pharmacy in the veterinary rule: 246-933-530, 246-933-550 and veterinary technician rule 246-935-410 which will need to be changed. The Board authorized staff to begin the process to file a CR 105 to correct the reference through the expedited rule making process.

Ms. Haenke reported on the current applications for the vacant board position for a public member. Interviews will be scheduled with those who have applied. Dr. Haskins volunteered to participate on the interview panel.

7. **Update on Legislation.**

Lisa Hodgson, Executive Director presented the following bills for the board's information:

HB 1565: Funding the Prescription Monitoring Program

HB 1518: Pilot Project: Providing certain disciplining authorities with additional authority over budget development, spending, and staffing

8. Update on Proposed Rules for the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Ms. Hodgson updated the board on the proposed rules for PMP. The rules' hearing was held on May 8, 2013. The first reporting date under the new rules is October 10, 2013, for the period July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

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

Ms. Haenke informed the Board that preparation of the CR 102 for hearing of the proposed amendments to WAC 246-933-460 is in process. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2013.

10. Requirements for Reissuance of an Expired License.

The Board reviewed the current language, and based on its review, revised the proposal to adopt requirements for reissuance of an expired license. The board reviewed the revisions and moved to file proposal for hearing.

11. Signature Delegation.

Dr. Haskins reviewed, signed and dated the authorize signature authority to those listed on the signature delegation.

12. Correspondence. Action.

12.1 Clarification of services provided by a humane society.

The Board considered an inquiry of whether a non-profit corporation that operates as a veterinary practice but is not a shelter or humane society would be required to limit the veterinary services they provide under RCW 18.92.260. Following discussion, the Board determined that this type of organization would not be required to be licensed under RCW 18.92.260.

12.2 VetMedTeam – Veterinary Medical Records Course for Veterinarians Receiving Disciplinary Action.

This RACE approved course was provided for the board's information. The board asked whether the board members will have access to review this course. Ms. Haenke will ask for clarification.

12.3 Embryo Transfer Question

The Board reviewed a letter asking who was authorized to place embryos. The Board directed staff to send a letter referencing the communication from the Society of Theriogenology that considers embryo transfer is the practice of veterinary medicine, and include the Veterinary Board of Governors policy statement that states "Embryo Transfers must be done by a licensed veterinarian in Washington because it is not specifically exempted in the statute."

13. CONTINUING EDUCATION

13.1 Approved Courses:

- Online Courses - Pulmonary Thromboembolism/ Central venous Pressure: Principles, Measurement, and Interpretation/ Hypertonic Saline Solutions in Shock Resuscitation/ Head Trauma; Approved for 10 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

- VCA Veterinary Specialty - Otitis: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians
- Washington State Department of Agriculture / Reserve Veterinary Corps Coordinator – Avian Emergency Response Exercise. Approved for three hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians
- ACCES - Transfusion Medicine: The Technician's Role: Approved for 2 hours for veterinary technicians
- ACCES - New Developments in the Management of Diabetes: Approved for two hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists - HR Tools for Supervisors and Leaders Series: Part 3 Workplace Motivation: Approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists - The Three Amigos: Surgery, Oncology, and Pathology: Approved for two hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Practice Share LLC - Practice Share Seattle Retreat: Approved for 10 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Tri-Country VMA: Veterinarians and the Law: Approved for two hours for Veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Zoetis - Serologic Responses in Horses to Commercial West Nile Vaccines / Immune Responses in Healthy Foals Following Vaccination / Endometrial Tissue and Blood Plasma Concentration of Ceftiofur after Administration of Excede to Mares: Approved for two hours for Veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association - Animal Law Seminar: Approved for four hours for Veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Tri-County VMA - DEA and OSHA Compliance Secret for Veterinary Practices (Seminar): Approved for three hours for Veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Option for Animals: Approved for 10 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

- Clackamas Dog Adoption and Education Center - Understanding Aggression in Dogs and its Relations to our Shelter Work: Approved for six hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- ECIR Group INC: NO Laminitis! Conference: Approved for 13 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Chronic Vomiting: Approved for one hour for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Tri-County VMA: Deep Nasopharyngeal Swab and Thoracic Ultrasound Classroom Presentations: Approved for 6.5 hours for veterinarians.
- Chi Institute: Fall Certified Veterinary Acupuncture Course: Approved for 90 onsite and 40 online hours for veterinarians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Low Stress Handling and Quick Training Solutions for Everyday Clinical Situations: Approved for 1.5 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Nutraceuticals: Compounded, Generic and Brand-Name Drugs / When to use (and not to use) compounded drugs: Approved for three hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Diagnosis and Treatment of Hyperdrenocorticism in Dogs/ Feline Hyperthyroidism: Diagnosis and Treatment: Approved for three hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Methicillin-resistant staphylococci: animal and human health implications / Pets and immunocompromised owners: Approved for three hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Splenic Surgery Made Easier/ Nasopharyngeal and Otic Polyps in the Cat/ Total Ear Canal Ablation: Approved for three hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Protein: the Key to Metabolism, Health, and Maintenance of Health in Cats/ Chronic Weight Loss in Older Cats: Thinking Outside the Box: Approved for three hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Surgical Management of GDV/ Surgical Management of Cystic and Urethral Calculi in Cats/ Wound Management Secrets: Approved for three hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- ACCES: Triage and Stabilization of the Emergency Patient: Approved for one hour for veterinary technicians.
- Benita Cherry, LVT, VTS: Technician's Dentistry: Approved for six hours for veterinary technicians.

- Peninsula Veterinary Medical Association Continuing Education Event: Enhanced Practice Management: Useful Legal Concepts: Approved for two hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- British Small Animal Association Scottish Congress Approved for 13 hours for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

13.2 Selection of reviewers for the next quarter

Dr. Daniel Haskins, Dr. Ethan Nelson, Dr. Joseph Harari

OPEN FORUM: 11:45 a.m.

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

Karen Norton, LVT asked where individuals could file complaints against pharmacists that are incorrectly filling prescriptions. The Board advised that those complaints should be filed with the Board of Pharmacy.

Ms. Norton also asked the board to consider similar requirements for reinstatement of an expired veterinary technician license as those being proposed for a veterinary license. Ms. Yu informed the audience that any license that has expired, by default, refers to WAC 246-12.

15. Review of Business Plan

The Board reviewed its current Operating Agreement and Business Plan.

16. Review of Draft Standard Bylaws.

Ms. Hodgson presented the draft standard bylaws to the board for review. The Governor's office recommends that boards have bylaws on how it will conduct its business meetings. She informed the board of an incorrect RCW referenced in the draft which will be corrected and presented at the next meeting. The board voted to wait and review the updated bylaws.

17. American Association of Veterinary State Boards – Program for Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE).

The Board reviewed the May 6, 2013 announcement from the AAVSB that it will no longer be offering an examination as one of the clinical proficiency pathways. This was provided for the Board's information.

18. Photograph requirement on licensure applications.

The board voted in favor of removing the requirement that applicants provide a picture with their initial application.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:40 PM