



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, October 3, 2013, by Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair. The meeting was held at the Department of Social and Health Services, 1002 North 16th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair
Suzan Seelye, DVM
Sean Sanders, DVM
Ethan Nelson, DVM
Joseph Harari, DVM
Kelli Robson, LVT

STAFF PRESENT:

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Kirby Putscher, Acting Executive Director
Judy Haenke, Program Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Norton, WSAVT Liaison
Lori Lutskas

9:00 a.m. OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair

1. **Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was approved with additions.
2. **Approval of meeting minutes.**
 - 2.1 **June 3, 2013**
Typographical correction on Item 8. Minutes approved as amended.
 - 2.2 **August 1, 2013**
Minutes approved as presented.
 - 2.3 **August 13, 2013**
Minutes approved as presented.

REPORTS - Information

3. Daniel Haskins, DVM, Chair

Dr. Haskins introduced new board member Kelli Robson, LVT.

4. Kirby Putscher, Acting Executive Director

Ms. Putscher introduced herself to the Board and provided an update on the status of revenue and expenditures, board investigations and case disposition.

5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Yu provided an overview of a recent case related to unlicensed practice of equine dentistry.

6. Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Ms. Haenke informed the board of upcoming hearing dates and requested members to participate on a hearing panel.

Ethan Nelson, DVM, reported on the annual American Association of Veterinary State Boards meeting he attended.

DISCUSSION:

7. Petition for Rulemaking

The board reviewed a rule petition requesting a regulation that would require veterinarians to scan new patients for a microchip. Following discussion the board declined to initiate rulemaking in response to the request.

8. Correspondence. Action

8.1 The Board discussed an inquiry whether a veterinary license is required to perform a necropsy and conduct post-mortem testing? Following discussion the Board concluded that while certain exemptions in RCW 18.92.060 may apply, it is the role of the veterinarian to diagnose diseases, deformities, defects, wounds or injuries of animals.

8.2 Request for List and Labels- Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association.

The board did not approve the request.

8.3 Request for List and Labels from Animal Medical Center of Seattle.

The board did not approve the request.

8.4 Is the veterinarian considered an "authorized agent" when requesting records?

The board determined and voted that veterinarians are authorized agents when authorized by the owner.

8.5 Clarification of self-study continuing veterinary technician activities.

The board reviewed and discussed the inquiry. The board determined that a hosted webinar would be considered a general continuing education activity provided the webinar is interactive and live.

8.6 Request for an exception to continuing education requirements.

The board did not approve this request.

8.7 Licensing process for veterinarians.

For information only.

8.8 The Board reviewed a request for clarification of requirements for providing care in animal shelters. The board determined the following:

- The remainder of antibiotics taken at the clinic prior to adoption can be sent home with the animal following adoption;
- a licensed veterinary technician performs induction and intubation under appropriate supervision; and
- Refer to state and federal regulations regarding who can have access to controlled drugs.

8.9 The Board considered a proposal of whether an individual could have an independent business for canine hydrotherapy and/or physical rehabilitation. The Board determined that there is no provision for independent practice by a licensed veterinary technician as described in the proposal.

8.10 The Board approved a request for an extension of time to complete continuing education.

8.11 The Board approved a request for an extension of time to complete continuing education.

9. The Board accepted comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession.

10. Request for an exemption for veterinary technician students.

The board reviewed the request from Portland Community College Veterinary Technology Program to recognize veterinary technician students performing assigned duties under the supervision of a veterinarian within an internship type of program. Following discussion and review of the information provided, the board determined that it would recognize students from the Portland Community College Veterinary Technology Program when performing assigned duties under the supervision of a veterinarian within an internship type of program.

11. Continuing Education Courses - Action.

The Board approved the following courses:

- VCA Hospital: B.U.R.P or F.A.R.T How do I decide? – approved for one hour for veterinarians.
- VCA Hospital: Hepatic Lipidosis in Cats - approved for one hour for veterinarian technicians.
- VCA Hospital: Common Neurotoxins Veterinary Practices Encounter in the Pacific Northwest – approved for one hour for veterinary technicians.
- Veterinary Specialty Center: Phosphate Binders in Kidney Disease the Good, The Bound & The Ugly – Approved for 1.5 hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Veterinary Specialty Center: Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia - Approved for one hour for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Columbia River Veterinary Specialists: Ovariectomy VS Ovariohysterectomy - Approved for one hour for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Zoetis: Topics in Emergency and Critical Care - Approved for three hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

- Access: Evaluation and Therapy of Thyroid Disease in Cats and Dogs - Approved for two hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Royan Canin: Nutritional Management of Gastrointestinal Disease in Cats and Dogs - Approved for two hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Peninsula Veterinary Medical Association Continuing Education Event: Wound Management and Basic Reconstructive Surgery - Approved for two hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Advanstar Communications INC: CVC San Diego - Approved for 29 hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Exhibit hall hours not approved.
- Zoetis: Advanced Dental Wet Lab - Approved for 10 hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Exhibit hall hours not approved.
- Animal Medical Center of Seattle: CPR - Approved for one hour for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Animal Behavior Clinic: Feline Inappropriate Elimination - Unraveling the Mystery - Approved for one hour for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- VCA: Basics of Anesthesia Monitoring, Critical thinking Lecture, and Multiple Lumen Central Lines - Approved for four hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- VCA Pacific Avenue Animal Hospital: Basics of Anesthesia Monitoring, Advanced Anesthesia Monitoring and Critical Thinking Skills - Approved for three hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- VCA: 2013 Octoberfest CE - Approved for six hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Zoetis: Bighorn Agenda 2013 - Approved for ten hours for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

11.2 Selection of reviewers for the next quarter.

Kelli Robson, LVT, Ethan Nelson, DVM, Suzan Seelye, DVM will act as CE reviewers through December 2, 2013.

12. Update on Proposed Rulemaking.

Two rules hearings are planned at the December 2, 2013, meeting. One for WAC 246-935-460 Courses approved by the veterinary board; and one to consider WAC 246-935-275 Reactivation of an expired veterinary license.

13. Review of Draft Standard Bylaws.

The board deferred the discussion to the December 2, 2013, meeting.

14. 2011-2013 UDA Report – Supplemental Information.

The Board had no additions to the supplemental information.

15. Set Meeting and Hearing Dates for 2014. – The board scheduled the following meeting dates for the 2014 calendar year:

The following meeting dates were set:

March 3, 2014

June 6, 2014

September 8, 2014

December 8, 2014.

The following hearing dates were set:

March 4-5, 2014.

June 4-5, 2014

September 9-10, 2014

December 9-10, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.