A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on Monday, June 17, 2019, by Elizabeth Davies, Chair. The meeting was held at the Department of Health (DOH), 20425 72nd Avenue South, Room 307, Kent, Washington, 98032.

Board Members
Present: Elizabeth Davies, DVM, Chair
Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM, Vice Chair
Sue Moriyasu, DVM
Kim Morgan, LVT
Aja Senestraro, DVM
Tawney Carrier, Public Member

Staff Present: Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General
Brad Burnham, Executive Director
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Sarah Beckham, Secretary Senior
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst

Others Present: Candace Joy, Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
Teresa Stefan, Washington State Association of Veterinary Technicians (WSAVT)
Karen Norton, WSAVT
Paul Carkeek
Catherine Hanson
Kathy Maddux

9:00 a.m. OPEN SESSION

Call to Order and Introductions – Elizabeth Davies, Chair
The open public meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Davies, Chair, at 9:04 a.m. Board members, staff and guests each provided a brief introduction.

1. Approval of Agenda
   Dr. Senestraro made a motion to add the topic of suicide prevention as an agenda item for today’s meeting. Kim Morgan, LVT, seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Kim Morgan, LVT, made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes – March 25, 2019 and March 26, 2019**
   Dr. Senestraro made a motion to approve the March 25, 2019, business meeting minutes. Tawney Carrier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

   Kim Morgan, LVT, made a motion to approve the March 26, 2019, business meeting minutes. Dr. Senestraro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Reports (Information)**

3. **Elizabeth Davies, Chair**, had no report.

4. **Loralei Walker, Program Manager and Brad Burnham, Executive Director**
   Loralei Walker gave a brief report on the board’s current budget figures. She also shared staff changes. The interim budgeting analyst for the board is Jeff Orwig; the new credentialing manager for the board is Eddie Nutbrown.

   Ms. Walker explained that with the passage of SB 5004, which allows nonprofit humane societies to provide full veterinary services to income-qualified households, the board will need to start rule-making soon.

   The Governor has appointed a new board member, Dr. Dordor Vang. Dr. Senestraro will be Dr. Vang’s mentor to get her get acquainted with how the board works and the disciplinary process.

   Brad Burnham discussed the potential legislative process for changing the structure of this board. Possible changes include decreasing the five-year board member term and allowing two consecutive terms, increasing the size of the board, allowing the veterinary technician member to participate in decision-making for discipline related to the veterinary standard of care, and the board’s pay classification. The DOH plans to create a group legislative request for multiple boards to address these changes. The DOH is looking at submitting this legislative request during the 2021 session.

5. **Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General**, had no report.

6. **Open forum**
   Candace Joy asked about temporary practice permits and whether it needs legislation or rulemaking. She also asked about SB5004 and when it becomes effective. Ms. Walker said SB5004 takes effect July 28, 2019.

   Paul Carkeek spoke about the importance of client information sheets being required for any office visit.

7. **Rulemaking Workshop: Client Communications (Action)**
The board held a rulemaking workshop to consider rules to establish required client communication when providing care and treatment to the animal patient. The board reviewed comments from stakeholders on proposed changes and also reviewed the definitions section and the new client communication section.

After discussion, Tawney Carrier, public member, made a motion to accept the amended version of WAC 246-933-310, 246-933-340 and 246-933-345 and filed a CR-102 rule package. Dr. Senestraro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. **Discipline criteria for deficient continuing education (CE) audits (Discussion/Action)**

The board reviewed the subcommittee’s recommendations on criteria for sanctions for deficient CE audits. After reviewing and making further recommendations for changes to the Continuing Education Audits policy/procedure, Tawney Carrier made a motion to adopt the policy as written with changes. Kim Morgan, LVT, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board discussed whether to allow European diplomates to be approved as CE providers. Kim Morgan, LVT, made a motion to move this topic to the next meeting as an agenda item. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Moriyasu will get further information from AVMA on this topic.

9. **Continuing Education Courses (Action)**

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Kim Morgan, LVT, made a motion to approve courses as listed. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. WA State Veterinary Medical Association (WSVMA)/WA State Association of Veterinary Technicians (WSVAT) Veterinary Technician/Assistant task chart (Discussion/Action)
Karen Norton (WSVAT) and Candace Joy (WSVMA) presented a draft revised task chart and asked the board to review to ensure the chart is accurate. The board discussed possible rulemaking in 2020 to include intubation/induction for vet techs and other topics that have been brought to the board.

11. Ethics in Public Service (Information)
Chris Wright, AAG, gave a presentation on Ethics in Public Services.

12. Strategic Planning for 2019-2020 (Discussion/Action)
The board reviewed its draft strategic plan developed at the board’s March strategic planning meeting. The board developed further objectives and a work plan for each goal.

Goal 3: Cannabis/CBD usage – Chris Wright gave a presentation on legalities of cannabis use and how it relates to medical use for veterinarians. He created a statement the board could post on the DOH website. Tawney Carrier made a motion to adopt this statement to post to all interested parties. Dr. Senestraro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Agenda Planning (Discussion/Action)
The board identified agenda items for the next meeting:
- Policy/Procedure on CE audits – to review department comments
- European Diplomate approval – AVMA info
- CE audit tracking
- Evaluate onboarding of new member
- Schedule 2020 meeting dates
- Removal of CCT exam requirement rules hearing
- Jurisprudence exam subcommittee report
- SB 5004 – consider starting rulemaking
- Follow up on telehealth plan
- Suicide prevention discussion

14. Suicide prevention (Information)
Loralei Walker gave a short presentation on her discussion with the department staff working on statewide suicide prevention project. Veterinarians were identified as a potential resource to share suicide prevention resources to those they work with in rural areas. Loralei relayed to staff that veterinarians themselves have a significantly high suicide rate, and need support before they are able to provide it to others. The board supports the project, but expressed concerns about this work being outside of their scope of practice, the need for this kind of support for the profession, and liabilities that could arise when someone dies by suicide after the euthanasia of their pet. They would like to continue the conversation.
15. **Continuing Education Extension Request (Action)**
   The board considered a continuing education extension request based on extenuating circumstances. The board granted the extension.

**Adjournment of Open Session**
Kim Morgan, LVT, made a motion to adjourn the open session. Dr. Senestraro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Veterinary Board of Governors meeting will be September 23, 2019, at the Yakima Valley College, S 16th and Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima, Washington, at 9:00 a.m. and will be available via webinar.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.