

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
Hotel Deluxe
729 SW 15th Ave.
Portland, OR**

FINAL MINUTES

Present (both days):

Mr. Mark Reed (Chair)

Randi Golub, CVT

Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Member

Drs. Robert Lester, Kimberli Maltman, Marla McGeorge, Colleen Robertson

Lori Makinen, Director

Yvonne Osredkar, Investigator

Carol Parks, Board Counsel

Friday, August 17, 2012

Conducted in Executive Session

Attorney Report: Update on pending cases.

The Board conducted interviews for cases: 11-0005, 12-0006, 11-0032A, 12-0009A&B.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Executive Session was convened 8:45 am to continue complaint review.

Public Session Convened 9:15 am.

Dr. McGeorge moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and the agenda was approved by unanimous vote. Dr. Maltman moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and the June 2012 meeting minutes were approved. Chair Reed led the Board in thanking Rocky Liskey for his nine years of service as a public member, noting his invaluable perspective as an Southern Oregon rancher and large-animal client. The Board presented Mr. Liskey with a plaque commemorating his service and a book featuring Oregon landscapes.

The Board welcomed guests Ms. Cristina Keef, executive director of the Portland Veterinary Medical Association, and Mr. Glenn Kolb, executive director of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association.

Chair Report

Mr. Reed shared that his family's new puppy had been referred by his veterinarian to a practitioner of Chinese herbal medicine. As it was his first experience with an alternative practitioner, he asked many questions about how the method works. The practitioner recommended a pet owner's guide to alternative veterinary medicine.

OVMA Report

Mr. Kolb said OVMA continues to receive reports of non-veterinarians providing veterinary services. OVMA will not oppose a license fee increase. The organization will introduce legislation authorizing the Board to issue citations and fines for minor administrative violations of the VPA, and may present a concept allowing non-veterinarian ownership of practices similar to Ohio rules, which designate a veterinarian as practice manager hold the non-veterinarian owner accountable for compliance with the VPA. The rule would also apply to not-for profit entities. The Board would not be compelled but allowed to inspect facilities. Senator Whitsett has issued budget note legislative counsel review. Veterinary-exclusive drugs are being sold outside of authorized outlets. OVMA has met with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy about this issue.

Rulemaking

The Board discussed expanding the scope of practice for Certified Veterinary Technicians to: 1) amend the definitions of supervision to permit CVTs to provide in-home patient care under a veterinarian's indirect supervision; and 2) permit CVTs to provide veterinarian-directed service without being employed by a veterinarian. Board counsel was directed to research statutory intent concerning the employment relationship of CVT to a veterinarian. The director will draft language amending the scope of practice to allow CVTs to provide certain services in clients' homes or other locations outside the practice, and the matter will be taken up again at the next meeting.

Complaint Resolution

11-0005—Dr. Robertson moved, Dr. Maltman seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find a violation of the Veterinary Practice, require the licensee to obtain specific Continuing Education and pay a \$500 civil penalty. The Board also voted to waive half of the penalty in acknowledgment of the licensee's exemplary cooperation. Dr. Lester recused himself.

12-0006—Dr. McGeorge moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, require the licensee to obtain specific Continuing Education, revise his pain protocol for Board approval, and pay a \$1,500 civil penalty.

11-0032A—Dr. Lester moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

11-0032B—Dr. Maltman moved, Dr. McGeorge seconded, and the Board voted unanimously for a new Stipulated Agreement including mandated practice and facility improvements and deadlines.

12-0009A&B—Investigation ongoing.

Next meeting: October 28-29, 2012, Portland.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Makinen, Director