

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
Hilton Eugene & Conference Center
Eugene, OR
April 6-7, 2008**

FINAL MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Emilio DeBess (Chair)
Dr. Leon Pielstick (Vice Chair)
Dr. Robert Lester
Dr. Mark McConnell
Dolores Galindo, CVT

Mr. Mark Reed, Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Members
Lori Makinen, Director
Dennis Chaney, Investigator
Carol Parks, Attorney

**Sunday, April 6th
12:00 - 5:20 p.m.**

Conducted in Executive Session
Investigative Interviews
New Case Review/Old Case Updates

**Monday, April 7th
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Public Session Convened

The Board approved the agenda and draft January meeting minutes.

New Business

A letter from Northwest Veterinary Specialists concerning compounding of parenteral nutrition was reviewed and found to be not within the Board's jurisdiction. NWVS will be advised to consult the FDA.

Executive Session was convened for the Board attorney's report and advice.

Public Session reconvened.

The Board welcomed guests Sharon Harmon, Oregon Humane Society; and Mike Oswald, Larry Crabb and Lori Crabb, Multnomah County Animal Services; and Dr. Jana Rygas, founding member of the Euthanasia Task Force. Guests discussed the history and current status of the ETF, noting that Oregon Humane Society discontinued participation in September 2007 and Multnomah County Animal Services all assumed training, examination and certification duties. Larry Crabb and Lori Crabb are the only current ETF members. The Board has applications from three additional volunteers.

The Board welcomed guests Walt Leathers and Vicki Davidson of the Appollo College Veterinary Assistant program. They presented the Board with an overview of the college's current and future plans for its veterinary assistant program, including possible AVMA accreditation.

The Board welcomed Dagmar Johnson and Daniel Lara, Linn Benton Community College Veterinary Assistant program, and former LBCC instructor, Dr. Marilyn Waters. They presented plans for partnering with OSU CVM for a two-year AVMA accredited veterinary technology program expected to be ready for further Board review within two years.

Rulemaking

Draft rule amendments were introduced and approved. Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Liskey seconded and the Board voted unanimously to publish amendments to Oregon Administrative Rules, as follows:

OAR 875-005-0005(18) defines 'veterinary technician' as a person licensed by the Board as a Certified Veterinary Technician.

OAR 875-011-0010, Unprofessional or Dishonorable Conduct, adds: 'Non-veterinary use, theft or diversion of controlled drugs.'

OAR 875-015-0020, Requirements for Facilities, adds provision requiring displaying veterinary and veterinary technician licenses in practices, making same available in mobile practices.

OAR 875-030-0010, Criteria for Becoming a CVT, adds requirement of proof of experience for on-the-job applicants for the Veterinary Technician National Exam.

OAR 875-030-0040, Supervision of CVTs, adds to duties allowed: 'Place an endotracheal tube for the purpose of delivering oxygen and anesthetic gas to the patient requirement inhalant anesthesia.'

OAR 875-030-0050, Practice Limitations for non-CVTs, adds: 'place an endotracheal tube for purposes of anesthesia,' 'perform dental extractions,' and 'administer rabies vaccine.' The Board noted that certified veterinary technician students may intubate in the classroom setting, but not in practice.

OAR 875-020-0005, Allows certified euthanasia agencies to obtain employee euthanasia training, examination and certification from private vendors or licensed Oregon veterinarians with prior Board approval.

The Board voted to confirm three Euthanasia Task Force Volunteers: Dr. Harry Christensen (Bend), Rebecca LeMaster, CVT (Keizer) and Sue Gillilam, CVT (Portland). Dr. Lester moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Director Report

The director noted some agencies' concerns about SB 10, which contains new ethics requirements for public officials. Following Rep. Greenlick's health care committee activities. Executive Officer reclass approved and in progress. Health Related Licensing Boards now meeting monthly with the Governor's Health Policy Advisor.

Chair Report

Dr. DeBess announced that he is working with OHSU on a project concerning the MRSA virus, and detailed its characteristics in dogs and cats and transmission routes. Dr. DeBess noted

that dogs are generally asymptomatic and that cats are infected less than dogs. He said that if a human is infected, the carrier animal should be removed and treated.

Complaint Resolution

06-0033—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to issue an Emergency Suspension of the license of Dr. Melissa Schurr for violating the conditions of a Stipulated Agreement and Order.

07-0019(c)—Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. Lester seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

07-0026—Dr. Pielstick moved, Dr. McConnell seconded and the Board voted unanimously to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline to Dr. Karl Jernstedt for violation of OAR 875-011-0005 and OAR 875-015-0030. The Board proposes to require completion of a recordkeeping course and assess a \$500 fine.

07-0031—Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. McConnell seconded and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act. Dr. DeBess abstained.

08-0001—Mr. Reed moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the Board voted unanimously to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline to Dr. Eldon Rivers for violation of OAR 875-015-0030. The Board proposes to require completion of a recordkeeping course and assess a \$250 fine.

08-0002—Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. McConnell seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

08-0003—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Reed seconded and the Board voted unanimously to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline to Dr. Marcia Fulton for nine violations of OAR 875-011-0010. The Board proposes to assess a fine of \$2,250.

08-0004—Investigation pending.

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Next meeting: Bend, Oregon, April 6-7, 2008. Location: Phoenix Inn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Makinen, Director