

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
March 8, 2004**

**Hilton Garden Inn
2500 SW Western Blvd.
Corvallis, Oregon**

FINAL MINUTES

Present: Dr. Jon Betts (Chair)
Drs. Emilio DeBess, Martha DeWees, Kris Otteman-Brant, Leon Pielstick
Dolores Galindo, CVT
Ms. Jo Ann Dewey & Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Members
Lori Makinen, Executive Director
Dennis Chaney, Investigator
Carol Parks, Board Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as amended. Draft minutes for the January meeting were approved.

Executive Director Report:

The State budget kickoff meeting is March 15th and the deadline for agencies to submit Legislative Concepts for consideration in the 05-07 Legislative Session is April 15th.

Staff will begin posting meeting minutes and newsletters on the Board's website, on or before the year-end migration to a new, uniform format per Department of Administrative Services requirements.

As part of the Board's effort to meet its legislatively approved Performance Measures, a customer satisfaction survey will be done. The survey will be contracted out to a professional survey provider.

The director reported responses from about a half-dozen state veterinary boards that conduct background checks on license applicants. Staff will continue to research cost and feasibility of conducting background checks. The Board decided against conducting background checks for renewal applications.

The Board went into executive session to discuss cases 03-0016 and 03-0017.

The Board welcomed Dr. Howard Gelberg, Dean of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Gelberg presented a draft form for legislatively mandated reporting by veterinarians of animals suspected to have been injured in traps. Dr. Gelberg indicated that the form included questions provided by all parties interested in or affected by the legislation. The Board will include information and a link to download the form in its next newsletter.

Attorney Report:

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h).

Board Committees:

Dr. DeWees reported on the Minimum Standards Review Committee's first three-hour meeting in Corvallis on March 7th. The Committee has identified 80 percent of its agenda. Dr. DeWees took minutes and will provide a transcript. Dr. DeWees noted that the Committee membership is well-represented.

Dr. Otteman-Brant and Dolores Galindo, CVT, will collaborate on development of a medical records instructional module.

Drs. Betts and DeBess will collaborate on development of a facilities standards review tool.

Updates/Disposition of Cases:

Mr. Chaney provided an update on the Stipulated Agreement with Dr. Terry E. McCoy.

Ms. Makinen said that Dr. Richard Weist had not responded to issuance of a Final Order by Default.

01-0029—Dr. Pielstick moved, Dr. DeBess seconded and the Board voted to find no violation of the Practice Act. Dr. DeWees was absent during this time and did not vote.

03-0016—Dr. DeWees moved, Dr. DeBess seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find Dr. Joseph Barry in violation of the Veterinary Practice Act for failing to maintain adequate patient records. A Stipulated Agreement and Order will be issued.

03-0017—Ms. Dewey moved, Dr. DeWees seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

04-0001A&B—Investigation ongoing.

Continuing Education:

The Board decided not to revisit its interpretation of qualifications for Continuing Education approval. Current rule criteria, as well as availability to all Oregon veterinarians, will continue to apply. Dr. Betts and Dr. DeBess (chair and co-chair) will continue to review and approve CE approval requests referred by the director.

Rule Amendments:

A rule hearing was held on February 11th in Salem for public testimony on the Board's proposed amendment to OAR 875-030-0040(a) and 875-030-0050, which would allow certified veterinary technicians to administer rabies vaccine under the supervision of a veterinarian. After considering hearing testimony and with further discussion, the Board voted to adopt the amendment, to be effective simultaneously with the effective date of an amendment to OAR 333-109-0017. The amendment to the latter OAR will provide that the rabies certificate may be signed only by the supervising veterinarian. Ms. Dewey moved, Ms.

Galindo seconded and the Board voted by majority to adopt the amendment as described above. Drs. Betts and Pielstick voted against adoption.

The Board did not receive a request for hearing on the proposed amendments to OAR 875-010-0030(b) and (c) and OAR 875-010-0070(5). The amendments were approved for adoption with the provision that the amendment to (b) will be filed at a later date. As adopted, the rule amendment repeals the provision that allows foreign graduates to obtain an Intern Permit if they are enrolled in the ECFVG program and scheduled to sit for the CPE at a date six months or more from the time of application for the Permit. The amendment also allows the Board to design and administer additional qualifying tests or examinations for licensure. Dr. DeWees moved, Dr. DeBess seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the amendment.

A new proposed rule amendment that updates increased NAVLE fees and deadlines, and allows NAVLE applicants to register directly with the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, was approved and will be publicly noticed. Dr. DeWees moved, Ms. Dewey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the amendment.

Staff will continue to research other states' policies regarding criminal background checks for veterinary license applicants.

Next meetings: June 7-8, 2004, Bend or Corvallis

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Makinen, Director