

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board  
Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon St. Rm. 120B  
Portland, OR**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Present:**

Dr. Emilio DeBess (Chair)

Dr. Leon Pielstick (Vice Chair)

Dr. Jon Betts

Dolores Galindo, CVT

Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Member

Dr. Mark McConnell

Mr. Mark Reed, Public Member

Lori Makinen, Director

Dennis Chaney, Investigator

Carol A. Parks, Assistant Attorney General

**March 11, 2007  
12:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.**

**Conducted in Executive Session  
New Case Review  
Investigative Interviews**

**Monday, March 12, 2007  
8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

**Public Session Convened**

The Agenda was approved as amended. November 6, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as amended. Moved by Mr. Liskey, seconded by Dr. Pielstick, passed by all present.

January 29, 2007 (teleconference) meeting minutes were approved. Moved by Dr. Pielstick, seconded by Ms. Galindo, passed by all present.

**New Business**

**Racing Commission Rules**

The Oregon Racing Commission asked the Board to amend the Practice Act to allow the Board to discipline licensees found to be in violation of Racing Commission rules. Board attorney will research and discuss findings at the next meeting.

AAVSB Annual Meeting, Sept. 07, Charleston, SC: Dr. DeBess, Dr. Pielstick, Dr. McConnell, Mr. Reed and the director may attend.

AAVSB Annual Meeting, 2006, Kansas City, KS: Attendees Dr. DeBess and Mr. Reed reported. Ongoing controversy regarding appropriate administration of the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE). Some veterinary state boards do not conduct complaint review in executive session; some interview complainant & licensee simultaneously. Parties continue to monitor the problem of cheating related to the NAVLE, e.g., use of internet for cheating, use of cell phone cameras, posting questions on internet in different languages. AAVSB & NBVME are working collaboratively. NBVME will notify boards of cheaters. AAVSB attorney Dale Atkinson continues to advise consistency of discipline decisions within each state's statutory limitations.

Specialty Board Study & CE – The Board approved one-time CE credit for study for specialty board certification, provided the individual obtains the certification.

Dr. Betts moved to approve RACE CE, Mr. Reed seconded, passed by all present. (This allows RACE-approved CE to be claimed in Oregon without Board review and approval.)

Mr. Reed moved to retain Dr. DeBess as chair and Dr. Pielstick as vice-chair for another year. Dr. McConnell seconded, and the motion was approved by all present.

Dr. Pielstick announced that Dr. Betts has been named OVMA veterinarian of the year.

Staff Resolution of Complaints: postponed to next meeting

Euthanasia Task Force: Transition of coordination of the Euthanasia Task Force from Oregon Humane Society to Multnomah County Animal Services Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Liskey seconded and the motion passed by all present.

## **Chair Report**

Dr. DeBess shared information from two articles he authored that were published in the March 2007 PVMA newsletter. For more information on these topics, contact Dr. DeBess at [www.emilio.e.debess@state.or.us](mailto:www.emilio.e.debess@state.or.us).

1) Parvovirus outbreaks are occurring throughout the US and locally in Marion, Douglas and Washington counties. Mutated strains affect dogs but can be carried by cats (asymptomatic carriers). Drug companies have been enlisted to identify whether severe cases are related to Parvo 2B or have mutated to 2C. Parvo has mutated since 1978 to the present and has become a problem for shelters and emergency clinics. The current parvo test picks up 2A and 2B, but doesn't identify which form. Dr. McConnell noted that his emergency clinic in Springfield has seen an increase in the number of adult dogs with Parvo vaccine history that die from new strains of Parvo.

2) Feline Calici Virus: This virus was discovered in late 90s. Currently the death rate 60%. The only vaccine available is from Ft. Dodge. There have been significant outbreaks in Los Angeles. The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarian's website has a compendium of veterinary standards. The CDC website is: [www.nasphv.org](http://www.nasphv.org).

Dr. DeBess and director Lori Makinen gave a presentation on avoiding consumer complaints to the OSU Veterinary School junior class on February 12.

## **Director Report**

Makinen attended the annual conference of the Federated Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) in San Antonio Feb. 2-4. Highlights of the conference included: defining 'good moral character' relative to license applications and renewals; varieties of criminal background checks and which are best for regulatory purposes; dealing with the media; new legislation affecting professional regulation nationwide; and court cases and decisions that have bearing on current and future regulation, most notably, cases involving application of human protections for animals.

## **Attorney Report**

Update on Case 02-0026: Lay equine dentist, Tony Hannan, presented a counteroffer to the Board on its proposed civil penalty. The Board voted to accept the counteroffer, which requires Hannan to pay a \$3,000 civil penalty, pay clients' veterinary costs and stipulate that he will only provide preventive dental care to animals under the supervision of a veterinarian. Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and all present voted to pass the motion. A copy of the agreement will be publicly available upon execution by all parties.

In Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(8)(H):

Ms. Parks provided legal advice on two additional topics.

The Board reviewed a veterinary application from an individual who did not graduate from an AVMA accredited veterinary school and did not complete either ECFVG or PAVE equivalency programs. The applicant requested a limited or specialty license. The Board determined its rules do not make provision for granting the request.

**Old Case Updates:** 02-0024 & 29 & 33, 05-0013, 06-0003, 06-0009, 06-0016, 06-0019, 06-0021, 06-0029, 06-0030A & B.

**New Cases:** 06-0032A & B, 06-0034, 06-0035, 06-0036, 06-0039, 06-0040, 06-0043, 07-0002

## **Public Session Vote**

06-0019—Mr. Reed moved, Dr. Pielstick seconded, and all present voted to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

06-0026—Dr. Pielstick moved, Dr. McConnell seconded, and all present voted to find a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, OAR 875-011-0010(7), Failure to use standard methods of diagnosis and treatment without good cause.

06-0027—Mr. Liskey moved to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, Mr. Reed seconded, and the motion passed by majority vote. Dr. DeBess opposed.

06-0028—Dr. Betts moved to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, Mr. Reed seconded, and the motion passed by majority vote. Dr. Pielstick and Mr. Liskey opposed.

06-0029—Dr. Betts moved, Ms. Galindo seconded, and all present voted to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

06-0030A—Dr. Betts moved, Dr. McConnell seconded, and all present voted to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

06-0030B—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and all present voted to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

06-0031—Dr. Betts moved to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, Dr. McConnell seconded, and the motion passed by majority vote. Dr. DeBess and Mr. Reed opposed.

06-0036—Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and all present voted to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

06-0039—Dr. Pielstick moved to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, Ms. Galindo seconded, and the motion passed by majority vote. Dr. Betts recused himself from discussion and voting.

06-0042—Mr. Liskey moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and all present voted to find no basis for denial of an application.

06-0043—Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. Betts seconded and all present voted to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

The following cases remain under investigation: 06-0032A & B, 06-0034, 06-0035, 06-0040, 07-0002.

Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and all present voted to find the following violations of the Veterinary Practice Act.

06-0037, Dyana Alimosy, CVT: OAR 875-030-0050, unlicensed practice.

06-0038, Gillian Cook, CVT: OAR 875-030-0050, unlicensed practice.

06-0041, Karen Kortje, CVT: OAR 875-030-0050, unlicensed practice.

07-0001, Yvette Mills, CVT: OAR 875-030-0050, unlicensed practice.

By the same vote, the Board found the above CVTs' supervisors to have acted in violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, OAR 875-015-0005(3), in having allowed CVTs under their supervision to perform the duties of CVTs without being so licensed. Supervisors are, respectively, Dr. Ronald Guzman, Dr. Timothy Reid, Dr. Donald Kennard, and Dr. Gregg Takashima.

Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and all present voted to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, in cases 07-0003, 07-0004, 07-0007.

Next meeting: Florence, Oregon, June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Location TBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.