

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
Banfield, The Pet Hospital
8000 NE Tillamook St.
Portland, OR**

FINAL MINUTES

**Friday, April 3, 2009
Portland, OR
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Dr. Leon Pielstick (Chair)
Dolores Galindo, CVT (Vice Chair)
Dr. Lauren Acton
Dr. Robert Lester
Dr. Mark McConnell
Dr. Marla McGeorge

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

Conducted in Executive Session

The Board reviewed the following cases:

07-0022, 08-0005, 08-0008, 08-0014, 09-0001, 09-0002, 09-0004,
09-0005, 09-0006, 09-0007, 09-0008, 09-0010, 09-0011, 09-0012, 09-0023.

The Board conducted interviews for the following cases:

08-0022, VTNE applicant Elizabeth Rowley,

**Saturday, April 4, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Present:

Dr. Leon Pielstick (Chair)
Dolores Galindo, CVT (Vice Chair)
Dr. Lauren Acton
Dr. Robert Lester
Dr. Mark McConnell
Dr. Marla McGeorge

Mr. Mark Reed, Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Members
Lori Makinen, Director
Carol Parks, Attorney
Guests: Glenn Kolb, Director, OVMA
Rebecca Pierce, PCC Student
Nicole Papageorges, OVTAA

Public Session Convened

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. McConnell seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the agenda and draft December meeting minutes.

Ms. Galindo reported on veterinary technician specialty training. The Board will further research CVT specialties and consider rule amendments for CVT scope of practice.

The Board again considered whether veterinarians participating in vaccine clinics should conduct a full exam and concluded that a minimal exam must be documented, pointing out that examining a healthy animal should take no more than a few minutes.

The Board discussed whether CVTs should be allowed to extubate, noting the low risk of harm that non-CVTs can be trained. Further discussion will occur.

A letter from a licensee requesting that the Board retain the VTNE work experience criterion was reviewed. The Board acknowledged that Oregon standards must not fall below those of other states. Accredited distance learning programs for veterinary technology, as well as any training that is consistent with established standards, are acceptable. Work experience only as an eligibility option will be phased out effective 2011.

Dr. McGeorge moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to eliminate a veterinarian's notarized signature in lieu of proof of experience as an eligibility criterion for the VTNE. Applicants will be required to provide W-2 forms to substantiate on-the-job experience.

Mr. Mark Cushing, lobbyist for Banfield, The Pet Hospital, discussed The Foresight Report, noting that a key outcome of the report is to determine whether veterinary college curricula are aligned with the profession's needs. Despite increasing pet ownership and population, veterinary schools have experienced no incremental increase in enrollment or graduation. Species specific curricula may be considered.

The Board welcomed former member and chair, and current president of the American Association of Veterinary State Board, Dr. Jon Betts. Dr. Betts updated the Board on AAVSB activities and reminded members of the AAVSB annual conference in Minneapolis and the availability of remedial tests administered through the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Mr. Glenn Kolb, executive director of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association, discussed membership, noting that new graduates join the organization, but membership falls off after a few years. OVMA is contemplating seeking interest options from new grads, providing 'rounds' type CE, FAQ sessions, and an orientation booklet for new graduates.

The Board reviewed VTNE applications as follows:

Rachel Hosley: application complete, eligible.

Lynette Figueroa, Jessica Donaldson, Kimberly Hatfield: applications incomplete, not eligible.

Director Report

Since January 2009, the Board has licensed 11 veterinarians, 31 CVTs and eight interns. As of the October deadline, the Board received 130 VTNE applications. The Legislature approved increasing the Board's investigator position to full time; able to absorb the cost without raising fees at this time.

Chair Report

Dr. Pielstick reported on animal neglect cases in Harney County. Horses previously rescued are being turned loose. Lead mares are being given tracking collars to assess range, behavior and interaction with other herds. State representative Greg Walden is the primary contact for this issue. North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana are considering installing slaughter plants.

The Board reviewed and approved agency Best Practices.

Complaint Resolution

08-0022/29—Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. McGeorge seconded and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act. Dr. McConnell opposed, Dr. Acton recused.

Dr. McGeorge moved, Mr. Liskey seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find violations in the following complaints against a veterinarian:

07-0022: illegible records, \$1,000 fine.

08-0005: Illegible records, failure to monitor after anesthesia, \$1,000 fine.

08-0008: illegible records, \$1,000 fine.

08-0014: illegible records, failure to provide records, failure to use generally accepted treatments, \$1,000 fine.

1) A pattern or practice of ignorance, incompetence or inefficiency in the profession, \$1,000 fine.

2) Failure to cooperate and failure to appear, \$1,000 fine.

Per ORS 686.260(2)(n), licensee ordered to undergo records training and small animal NBVME exam.

08-0020—Dr. McGeorge moved, Dr. McConnell seconded and the Board voted by majority to find a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, i.e., failure to document physical exam, illegible records, insufficient anesthesia. Licensee ordered to complete a records course and improvement plan by the next meeting, complete analgesia CE within 90 days, and allow inspection of appointment books and records at the Board's request. \$1,500 fine. Mr. Liskey opposed.

09-0004—Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. McConnell seconded and the Board voted unanimously to close the case without discipline.

09-0006—Dr. Lester moved, Dr. McGeorge seconded and the Board voted unanimously to close the case without discipline.

09-0007—Dr. McGeorge moved, Dr. Lester seconded and the Board voted unanimously to close the case without discipline.

09-0010—Dr. McGeorge moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the Board voted by majority to close the case without discipline. Dr. McConnell opposed.

08-0010B—Stipulated Agreement Dr. Kurt Schrader complete.

08-0026—Stipulated Agreement with CVT Phyllis Abercrombie.

07-0026—Stipulated Agreement with Dr. Karl Jernstedt.

08-0030—Stipulated Agreement with Dr. Robert Alford.

08-0004, 08-0027, 09-0001, 09-0002, 09-0005, 09-0008, 09-0011—Pending

Next meeting: June 26-27, 2009, location TBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Makinen, Director