

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
Phoenix Inn
300 NW Franklin Blvd.
Bend, OR**

FINAL MINUTES

July 10, 2005

Present: Dr. Jon Betts (Chair), Dr. Emilio DeBess (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Martha DeWees, Dr. Kris Otteman-Brant, Dr. Leon Pielstick
Dolores Galindo, CVT
Ms. Jo Ann Dewey and Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Members
Carol A. Parks, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 12 p.m. The Board reviewed its members' and OVMA comments on proposed rule amendments. The comments will become part of the hearing record for consideration by the Board prior to adoption of final rules.

Dr. DeWees introduced a concern that abuses are occurring regarding the requirement for four calendar years of on-the-job training as an eligibility criterion for applicants for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE). Dr. DeWees said that the rule does not specify the number of hours of experience and that individuals working as few as 10 hours a week are eligible to test. Following discussion, Dr. DeWees moved that the rule be amended to require 1,500 hours per year of experience. Mr. Liskey seconded the motion. Drs. DeWees, Betts, DeBess, Ms. Dewey and Mr. Liskey voted aye. Drs. Otteman and Pielstick voted nay. Ms. Galindo recused herself from discussion and voting. The motion passed by majority.

The Board went into Executive Session to review complaints. Resuming public session, the Board voted as follows:

Case 05-0001—Ms. Dewey moved, Dr. DeWees seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act. Dr. Betts abstained.

Case 05-0003—Dr. Betts moved, Dr. DeWees seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Case 05-0005—Dr. Betts moved, Dr. Otteman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Case 05-0006—Dr. Betts moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Case 05-0007—Dr. DeWees moved, Ms. Galindo seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Case 05-0009—Dr. Betts moved, Dr. Pielstick seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Case 05-0010—Mr. Liskey moved, Ms. Dewey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Case 05-0011—Ms. Dewey moved, Dr. Pielstick seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Case 04-0016—Decision to find a violation of ORS 686.130(10) and OAR 875-010-0060(4) reaffirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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Lori Makinen, Executive Director
Dennis Chaney, Investigator
Carol A. Parks, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. The Board welcomed Dr. DeBess as chair and thanked Dr. Betts for his excellent leadership and hard work. Dr. Pielstick was unanimously voted to serve as vice-chair for the next two years.

The agenda was approved as amended and draft March 2005 minutes were approved as read. The Board went into Executive Session for cases 05-0007 and 05-0008. These cases remain open pending further discussion.

In public session, the Board's attorney reminded members of their responsibility to represent the interests of consumers of veterinary services rather than their profession, and reiterated that no individual member may speak for the Board without express permission by the Board to do so.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss Case 05-0008. The case remains open.

The Board approved the veterinary technician application of Denise Caba.

Ms. Makinen updated the Board on budget and legislative issues. Legislation favorable to the Board appears to be headed for passage and approval by the Governor. The fate of HB2285, opposed by both the Board and the OVMA is uncertain. The Board's 05-07 budget of \$519,000 has been approved, and HB2058, which authorizes an improvement in support services for the Board and allows it to retain the interest earned on its cash reserves, has also been approved. The proposed consolidation of a number of health regulatory boards into the Health Licensing Office which, among other occupations, also licenses barbers and hairdressers, body piercers and tattoo artists, has been averted.

Ms. Makinen informed the Board that ownership of Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) has been assumed by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. The test will be converted to computer format possibly in time for the January administration.

Dr. Betts informed the Board that the National Board Examination Committee (NBEC) is again offering members an opportunity to review the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. Dr. DeWees took the NAVLE previously and told the Board that the experience was disappointing because reviewers' tests are not scored. Dr. Betts also shared that the NBEC has proposed a limit on the number of times a candidate can take the NAVLE. The Board has long had concerns about unlimited access to the test. The Board's attorney will research whether there is authority in Oregon to make a rule limiting applicants to the NBEC standard.

Dr. DeBess suggested that the Board obtain access to VIN. Staff will follow up.

Drs. Betts and DeBess will attend the AAVSB annual conference in September in Kansas City.

Ms. Galindo announced the formation of the Oregon Veterinary Technician and Assistant Association. The OVTAA's purpose is to further professionalize the practice of veterinary technology and encourage assistants' career aspirations. MMWI, Merial, Burns, Purina-Hills are among the organization's sponsors. There are currently 40 members. OVTAA will develop CE for technicians and participate in the OVC. The OVTAA website is: www.ovtaa.org.

Ms. Galindo also reported on her research into a Washington State University veterinary school on-line instructional program on recordkeeping. Recordkeeping rules in Oregon and Washington are similar enough to make this program valuable in resolution of complaints involving records violations. The Board discussed adapting the program for Oregon rules and making it available on the Board's website. Staff will follow up.

The Board went into Executive Session to review progress in unresolved cases: 04-0006, 03-0016, 03-0009, 04-0010 and 02-0003. In public session, the Board voted to amend the revocation notice issued in Case 02-0030 to include additional violations of 875-010-0060(9) and (13). Dr. Pielstick moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. Dr. Otteman voted nay.

Ms. Dewey presented the report of the Customer Satisfaction Survey conducted in 2004. The survey indicates that 75% of respondents consider the Board's performance to be good or better. The Legislature has mandated customer surveys as part of all state agencies' Performance Measures. During the 05-07 biennium, the survey will include veterinary consumers who have contacted the Board. The Board will incorporate common themes in survey responses in development of a complaint process training module. The complete survey report can be found on the Board's website, www.ovmeh.state.or.us.

Dr. DeWees suggested that the Board move toward more inclusive rules regarding integrated medicine. She noted that some veterinary schools are incorporating alternative therapies in their curricula. Dr. DeWees also noted that the Oregon Veterinary Acupuncture Association offers acupuncture certification for veterinarians. The Veterinary Practice Act allows practitioners of alternative or complementary methods to work on animals with a referral from a veterinarian. The Chiropractic Board specifically allows licensed chiropractors to work on animals in compliance with the Veterinary Practice Act.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting: October, Lincoln City or Newport

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Makinen
Director