

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 18, 2007**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.98.040, and in compliance with AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Veterinary Examiners was held on May 18, 2007, at the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Ave., Conference Room A, Juneau, Alaska.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Timothy Bowser, Acting-Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m.

Those present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

Dr. Timothy Bowser, Veterinarian, Acting Chairman
Dr. Cynthia Trout, Veterinarian
Dr. David Hunt, Veterinarian
Martin Buser, Public Member

Members absent and excused:

Dr. Steve Torrence, Veterinarian

In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development:

Brenda Donohue, Licensing Examiner – Juneau

Dr. Bowser welcomed Martin Buser, new board member. Mr. Buser was appointed to fill out the term of Alfred Agree as the Public Member on the board. Mr. Agree resigned from the board stating conflict of interest with a business he is starting.

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Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda

Dr. Bowser reviewed the agenda and asked for updates or additions.

Ms. Donohue noted the following additions to the agenda:

- Item #5, Investigative Report
- Item #5, MOA
- Item #6, Correspondence
 Letter from Jay C. Butler, MD
 Director, Div. of Public Health
- Item #12, Continuing Education Audit

Agenda Item 2 Review/Approve Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes for the February 2, 2007 meeting and found no corrections or changes.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Trout, seconded by Dr. Hunt, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the February 2, 2007 minutes as presented.

Agenda Item 3 Ethics Disclosure

There were no ethics violations to report from any board members.

Agenda Item 4 Budget Report

Upon review of the budget it was noted that expenses for FY 2007 as of 4/30/07 are \$55 thousand, and revenues are \$149.6 thousand. 2006 was a renewal year which accounts for the high revenues. There is a carry-forward amount at the end of FY 2006 of \$45.5 thousand. The board had no corrections or further questions about the budget.

As the board was ahead of schedule, Dr. Bowser moved ahead to Agenda Item 6 – Correspondence until time to teleconference with the Investigator at 9:45 a.m.

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Agenda Item 6 Correspondence

The board reviewed the following correspondence presented and noted there were several items needing a response.

AAVSB – Email from Robyn Kendrick, Executive Director, asking for names of board members who may be interested in serving on AAVSB’s Board of Directors. Information only. No board members are interested at this time.

AAVSB – Email from Robyn Kendrick, Executive Director, advising board members the registration form for the AAVSB annual meeting is now posted on the web site. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28-30, 2007 in Charleston, S.C. Dr. Hunt

On a motion duly made by Dr. Bowser, seconded by Mr. Buser, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve Dr. David Hunt to attend the AAVSB Annual Meeting, Sept. 28-30, 2007 in Charleston, S.C.

Lesley DeKrey, DVM – Dr. DeKrey inquired of the board if a veterinarian licensed in Alaska is immune from liability if he/she reports suspected animal abuse or neglect?

The Veterinary statutes and regulations are silent on this issue, however, board discussion concluded that it is doubtful that a veterinarian could be held liable for reporting abuse. The board assumes the practitioner would report to the animal control entity of the municipality where they reside, and that entity would conduct the investigation. Theoretically, the subject of the investigation is not necessarily advised who initiated the complaint. There is no regulatory change pending at this time. Ms. Donohue will relay the board’s review to Dr. DeKrey.

Willow Dog Musers Association – Letter from the WDMA to Acting Director Deborah Erickson, Dept. of Health and Social Services asking the Dept. to consider making some exceptions to the lay vaccinators program to allow them to inspect dog kennels. Information only, no action required.

Jay C Butler, MD, Director, Division of Public Health, Dept. of Health & Social Services – Letter to Willow Dog Musers Association explaining the Lay Vaccinator Program is intended to be a public health intervention designed to reduce the risk of human exposure to rabies virus. He explained that the program targets resources to populations at greatest risk, those populations being located in the northern and western coastal areas of the State, where confirmed rabies in animals is a daily threat to people in those communities. The purpose of the LV program has not ever been to ensure the cheapest and easiest method for obtaining a rabies vaccination. Because the Mat-Su Valley and Willow areas have access to established veterinary clinics or periodic low-cost rabies vaccination

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clinics, the Dept. does not feel there is a need to grant an exception to the Lay Vaccinator program in the Willow area at this time. Information only, no action required

National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – Memo from Anita Casey-Reed advising the board of the procedure for a member to view the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) if they wish. Following discussion, Dr. Cynthia Trout volunteered to view the exam if she is in a location where it is administered during the November 12-December 8, 2007 testing window. Ms. Donohue will fax the completed form to NBVME.

The board will return to Correspondence after Investigator Faulkenburry presents the Investigative Report.

Agenda Item 5 Investigative Report

Mr. Faulkenburry joined the meeting via teleconference at 9:45 a.m. to present the Investigative Report.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Trout, seconded by Dr. Hunt and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to enter executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of reviewing Investigative Cases # 3101-07-01.

Entered into executive session at 9:53 a.m.
Out of executive session at 9:57 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Hunt, seconded by Dr. Trout, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the MOA in case #3101-07-01.

For the record, Mr. Faulkenburry noted the licensee in case #3101-07-01 is Sabrieta Rejeanne Holland, holding Alaska Veterinary License #418. Mr. Faulkenburry further noted there was no standard-of-care issue associated with the MOA, only a lapsed license issue.

Mr. Faulkenburry proceeded to present the rest of the Investigative Report. There are currently eleven (11) open cases and three (3) cases have been closed since the last meeting.

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The board reviewed the Investigative summaries for two licensees who had answered “yes” to professional fitness questions on their license renewal applications. There is no further investigation or board action required on these applications.

Following discussion of the report, Dr. Bowser thanked Mr. Faulkenburry for his report and Mr. Faulkenburry left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Recess

The board recessed at 10:00 a.m.;
reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

Agenda Item 6 Correspondence

Kevin L. Hatten, DVM – Letter to the board pointing out that if a 4th year veterinary student passed the NAVLE six months prior to graduation, becomes licensed to practice upon graduation and subsequently applies for licensure in Alaska, there is a six-month window where an applicant does not meet the requirements to apply by either examination or by credentials. To apply by exam an applicant must have passed the NAVLE not more than 60 months prior to application, and to apply by credentials the applicant must verify active practice of veterinary medicine for five of the seven years immediately prior to application. Upon review of the statutes and regulations, the board determined an applicant may obtain a Temporary License to practice upon verification they are signed up for the next scheduled exam. They can practice under the supervision of an Alaska licensed veterinarian on a Temporary License until the results of the exam are received in the Division. The other option for an applicant is to apply by credentials once they have five (5) years of active practice.

Dr. Joel Joseph – Survey from Dr. Joseph asking the board’s assistance in developing continuing education requirements for Guam. Ms. Donohue will respond to Dr. Joseph with the board’s response to his survey questions.

A list of correspondence reviewed will be attached as an integral part of the minutes.

Agenda Item 7 Handbook Mail-out Discussion

Following discussion, and review of the cost, the board determined they would like the updated Veterinary Handbook mailed to all licensed veterinarians in the State. The update is extensive with input from the State Veterinarian, located in Division of Environmental Health in the Dept. of Environmental Conservation; Dr. Kimberlee Beckmen, located in Division of Wildlife Conservation in the Dept. of Fish and Game; Dr. Louisa Castrodale, located in the Section of Epidemiology in the Dept. of Health and Social Services; and the Federal Veterinarian, and includes statute and regulations changes as well as vital contact information, and new rabies control information.

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On a motion duly made by Dr. Bowser, seconded by Dr. Trout, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve mailing the updated Veterinary Handbook to all licensed veterinarians in the State.

Dr. Bowser directed Ms. Donohue to request permission from Director Urion to mail the Handbook.

Agenda Item 8 Public Comment

There were no public members present

Agenda Item 9 LUNCH

Off record at 11:45 p.m.
Back on record at 1:17 p.m.

Agenda Item 10 Goals and Objectives FY 07

The board reviewed the Goals and Objectives for FY 2007 and noted they are on track. No new items were added to the list.

Agenda Item 11 Application Review

Following review of the applications files for Continuing Education courses the board approved the following courses:

On a motion duly made by Mr. Buser, seconded by Dr. Hunt, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approved 1.5 continuing education hours for “Canine Osteoarthritis – A Multimodal Approach”, sponsored by Nutramax Laboratories, presented May 1, 2007.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Bowser, seconded by Dr. Trout, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approved 6.0 continuing education hours for veterinary technicians for “Care and Rehabilitation of Oiled Sea Otters”, presented March 24, 2007.

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On a motion duly made by Dr. Trout, seconded by Dr. Hunt, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approved 1.5 continuing education hours for “Importance of Nutritional Management of Body Condition on Patient Outcomes”, sponsored by P&G Pet Care and Alaska Pet Supply, presented March 28, 2007.

Agenda Item 12 Continuing Education Audit

Following review of continuing education documentation provided by licensees selected for audit the board took the following action:

On a motion duly made by Dr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Buser, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the continuing education audit for the following licensees:

**Jan Peloskey-Bullock-VT 127
Bethany Devilbiss-VT 165
Mary Mitchell-VT 179
Amanda Sholts-VT 193
Cecelia Doogan-VT 116
Robert Tobey-VET 92
Alicia Eliscu-VET 438
Michael Riddle-VET 519
John Tuomi-VET 120
Paul Frederickson-VET 173
Jon Basler-VET 215
Barbara Cole-VET 456
Lauren Estes-VET 428
Susan Whiton-VET 323
Thomas McGregor-VET 127
Pamela Tuomi-VET 53
James Gaarder-VET 426**

**Mandie Wehr-VT 174
Nicole Drummond-VT 203
Holly Van Pelt-VT 37
Sharon Lee-VT 39
Joan Maier-Bone-VT 118
Caroline Goertz-VET 529
Steve Torrence-VET422
Richard Walsh-VET 98
Robert Snider-VET 244
Heather Kaplan-VET 543
Lou Novosad-VET 175
Marion Varman-VET 298
Angela Johnson-VET 353
Clinton Crusberg-VET 268
Lee Philo-VET 84
Tabitha Perkovich-VET 395**

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On a motion duly made by Dr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Buser, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve 20 continuing education hours for the 2006 Alaska Veterinary Medical Association meeting for Susan Dent-VET 251. Approval of her CE audit is pending receipt of an additional 10 continuing education hours to document compliance with 12 AAC 68.220. The course “Astrobiology Laboratory Institute for Instructors” does not pertain to veterinary medicine, therefore is not acceptable continuing education.

Agenda Item 13 Jurisprudence Exam Discussion

Following discussion, the board determined there was no security issue involved if the Jurisprudence Exam is mailed to an applicant prior to board approval of the applicant’s licensing file. In fact, the sooner the exam is successfully completed, the faster a license can be issued upon board approval of the application. Henceforth, the licensing examiner will send, via certified mail, the Jurisprudence Exam and study materials to an applicant at the same time the status letter is sent upon receipt of an application and fees.

Agenda Item 14 Regulations

Ms. Donohue advised the board the changes to 12 AAC 68.010, 12 AAC 68.035, 12 AAC 68.048, and 12 AAC 68.310, dealing with professional references, were signed by the Lieutenant Governor April 11, 2007 and became effective May 11, 2007.

Agenda Item 15 Office Business

- Travel Authorizations

The board reviewed, signed and submitted all available receipts for Travel Authorizations.

- Sign Wall Certificate

Dr. Trout and Dr. Bowser signed wall certificates.

- Confirm Next Meeting Date

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- Sign Minutes

Ms. Donohue will obtain Dr. Torrence's signature on the approved minutes for the Feb. 2, 2007 meeting.

- Election of Chairman

On a motion duly made by Dr. Bowser, seconded by Dr. Hunt, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to elect Dr. Steven Torrence as Chairman for the next year.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Hunt, seconded by Dr. Trout, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to elect Dr. Timothy Bowser as Deputy Chairman for the next year.

Agenda Item 16 Unfinished Business

Ms. Donohue advised the board the proposed changes to the Alaska Veterinary Practice Act were not introduced during the Legislative Session this year. The board will review these changes at their October meeting in preparation for next year's Legislative Session. They will consider asking the State Veterinary Medicine Association to sponsor the proposed changes.

Agenda Item 17

There being no further business Dr. Bowser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Agree, seconded by Dr. Trout and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

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The board adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Donohue, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

Timothy Bowser, DVM, Acting Chairperson
Alaska State Board of Veterinary Examiners

Date: _____

Task List

Dr. Steve Torrence:

Dr. Cynthia Trout

Dr. Timothy Bowser

Dr. David Hunt

Martin Buser

Brenda Donohue

- **Pass on to Board changes in other states' Practice Acts.**