



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**Washington State
Veterinary Board of Governors
September 18, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017, by Lina Wachsmuth, DVM, Chair. The meeting was held at Washington State University, Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health, Room 201, 240 Ott Road, Pullman, Washington 99164.

Board Members

Present:

Lina Wachsmuth, DVM, Chair
Elizabeth Davies, DVM, Vice Chair
Tawney Carrier, Public Member
Sue Moriyasu, DVM
Kelli Robson, LVT
Suzan Seelye, DVM
Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM (via GoToMeeting)

Staff Present:

Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Sarah Beckham, Secretary Senior

Others Present:

Candace Joy, WSVMA
Nancy Muir, WSAVT
Rene Scalf, WSU-VTH

ORDER OF AGENDA

9:00 a.m. OPEN SESSION

Call to Order and Introductions – Lina Wachsmuth, DVM, Chair

1. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Approval of June 5, 2017 business meeting and August 4, 2017 continuing education review conference call minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June and August minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

3. **Lina Wachsmuth, DVM, Chair**, had no report. The board discussed and reviewed the lunch hour presentation. Kelli Robson offered to cover Kirk Breuninger's part of the presentation.
4. **Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director**, reported the budgets have not yet been developed for individual boards and the O2G account is very tight this biennium. She gave a description/report on the HELMS project which is looking at a new system to replace the current ILRS program used for licensing and enforcement, educational training programs and facilities. ILRS is nearing the end of its productive life and the Department of Health (DOH) is looking for a more modern system. This new system will cost approximately \$15 million which will be offset by increasing licensing fees by \$8-10 over a 4 year period. Any new system will need to be approved by the Secretary of Health, the Governor and legislature. Kathy reported on ESHB 1427 concerning the opioid epidemic. This bill is requiring expansion of the guidelines around opioid prescribing. Kathy also reported that DOH is translating intake forms into five languages to be culturally and linguistically appropriate. The Pharmacy Commission is opening its entire chapter of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and members of the veterinary board might be interested in attending one of their upcoming meetings. DOH is sponsoring three bills in 2018 – all of them related to pharmacy. The background check legislation did not go forward last year and DOH is not sponsoring legislation for background checks in 2017.

Loralei Walker, Program Manager, reported we have seven candidates for the open veterinary board positions and four candidates for the licensed veterinary technician board position. Sue Moriyasu and Elizabeth Davies will assist Kathy Schmitt and Lorelei Walker with the veterinary interviews and Kelli Robson will assist with the technician interviews. Sarah Beckham will make arrangements for the phone interviews.
5. **Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General**, gave information about his background prior to coming to the veterinary board. He explained the Attorney General's office has had many changes and shifts in workloads.
6. **Request for Recognition of Externship Program from Thompson Rivers University (Action)**

The board reviewed a petition for recognition of the Thompson Rivers University Animal Health Technology Distance Education Program and supporting documentation. A motion was made and seconded to accept this program in Washington. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Five-year Rule Review – Veterinary Technician Rules WAC 246-935 (Action)**

The board reviewed a summary of comments Lorelei has received regarding chapter 246-935 WAC. Board members will continue to send any new comments to Lorelei who will incorporate them into the current chart. The board has until June 2018 to finish this review.

8. **Five-Year Rule Review – Veterinary Medication Clerk Rules WAC 246-937**
The board reviewed the process for the five year review of chapter 246-937 WAC Veterinary Medication Clerk Rules. Lorelei Walker will send out a template to board members for their comments to discuss at the December 2017 board meeting.

9. **Rulemaking Workshop: Continuing Education (CE) WACs 246-933-401 through -480 and WACs 246-935-270 through -310 (Action)**
The board reviewed the current draft of CE Rules which includes increasing CE requirements to 30 hours every two years and discontinuing the board's approval of CE. The board focused on developing various areas of study, such as scientific/clinical, teaching, self-study and practice management. The board proposed minimum and maximum hours for some of the study areas. A motion was made and seconded for Lorelei Walker to continue drafting rules. The motion passed.

10. **Rulemaking Workshop: Veterinary Medication Clerk (VMC) Training Requirements (Action)**
The board reviewed draft language for WAC 246-937-040 and discussed changes to the wording. The board developed final language that would allow an educational program to fulfill the training for a VMC with training that, at a minimum, meets the criteria set in the Model Training Program developed by the Veterinary Board of Governors and the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission. The board also developed revised language for related application documents. A motion was made and seconded to accept the final rule language and changes to the application documents.

11. **Rulemaking Workshop: Requiring Patient Counseling/Client Information Sheets (Action)**
The board reviewed all documentation send from a petitioner requesting that the board adopt rules to consider requiring patient counseling and a Client Information Sheets (CIS) for NSAIDs and other drugs that have a Federal Drug Administration CIS associated with them. The board discussed some concerns with proposal. The board decided to continue the discussion at the December 2017 meeting.

11:20 Open Forum

12. Candace Joy, WSMVA, reported that the association will go forward with a legislative request to add veterinarians to the list of practitioners who can access the online HEAL-WA clinical information and education resource center. Access for veterinarians would result in a \$16 surcharge to the licensing fees.

11:30 – Noon Lunch and transition to Bustad Hall, Room 145.

13. **Student/Faculty/Staff Lunch and Learn (Information) – Bustad Hall 145**
The board gave a presentation to veterinary students familiarizing them with the board and describing some of the board's activities. The panel gave some important information about specific areas for students to be aware of when starting to practice after graduation.

1:00 – 1:15 Transition back to PASGAH, Room 201

14. Joint Meeting with WSU and Veterinary Board

WSU Teaching Hospital Director Debra Sellon discussed with the board some of the issues the WSU hospital and staff face within the current regulatory system.

15. Continuing Education (CE) Courses (Action)

Course reviews were approved as follows:

Submitted by:	Title	Hours Requested	Hours Approved	Vets/ Techs/ Both	Comments
Columbia River Vet Specialists/BluePearl / Lynda Nielsen	Supraspinatus Tendinopathy	1	1	Both	
Pet Emergency Education, LLC / Amy D'Andrea	Canine and Feline CPR and First Aid	3	2	Both	2 hours approved for vet techs only based on content.

16. Increasing Continuing Education (CE) Audits (Action)

The board reviewed the CE audit procedure and process for increasing CE audits. The board determined the percentage of CE audits should be increased starting at the beginning of the 2018 calendar year. Lorelei Walker gave a description of the process she goes through with CE audits and told the board she may need its assistance with the increase audit workload.

17. AAVSB Annual Meeting Debrief

Tawny Carrier and Sue Moriyasu presented highlights from the annual AAVSB meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, September 14-16.

18. Discuss Options for Allowing non-Veterinarian Equine Teeth Floating

Dr. Suzan Seelye gave an overview on the history of equine teeth floating and allowing the practice to be performed by trained, certified teeth floaters who don't have a veterinary license. She gave a brief overview on the history of this procedure. The board voiced multiple concerns about non-licensed people doing this work.

19. Schedule 2018 board meetings (Discussion/Action)

March 5, 2018	Kent
June 11, 2018	Tumwater
September 24, 2018	Spokane
December 3, 2018	GoToMeeting/Tumwater-based

A motion was made and seconded to approve these dates for 2018 meetings. The motion passed.

Adjournment of Open Session