

BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Time: 10:02 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: John K. Kaya, D.V.M., Chairperson
Alan Kaufman, D.V.M.
Elwood I. Kita, Member
Wendy L. Mah, Member
Jenee Odani, D.V.M., Member
Michael O. Woltmon, D.V.M., Member
Mellissa Yuen, D.V.M., Member
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer
Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Guest: Jo Ann M. Uchida Takeuchi, Deputy Director, DCCA

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 92-7(b).

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Kaya.

Additions/
Revisions to
Agenda: None.

Introduction of
Jo Ann M.
Uchida Takeuchi,
Deputy Director,
DCCA: Executive Officer Bhanot introduced Jo Ann M. Uchida Takeuchi, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"), and the former Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Regulated Industries Complaints Office. Ms. Takeuchi, on behalf of the Director and Department, thanked the Board for their dedication as Board members.

Deputy Director Takeuchi informed the Board that the Department may be planning an orientation for all members of

the Boards and Commissions for DCCA. This half day orientation would include various presentations by agencies on topics such as the sunshine law, ethics, complaints handling, and rule making. She stated that positive feedback was received at last year's orientation which was held for Board Chairpersons. This year, the Department wants to include all members of the Board.

Dr. Yuen arrived to the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Deputy Director Takeuchi commented that the Board is an independent body, separate from the Department, and an advocate for the consumer who should be mindful in their role as Board members. She commended the Board for their role in the continuing education bill, commenting the bill was "about as trouble free as you could wish for".

Ms. Takeuchi left the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Chairperson Dr. Kaya expressed his appreciation to the Executive Officer of the Pharmacy Board, Lee Ann Teshima, whom he stated provided valuable guidance and insight by sharing the Pharmacy Board's experience with a continuing education bill that they had recently completed.

Minutes of the
April 18,
2012 Board
Meeting:

It was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Board meeting as circulated.

Applications:

A. Approval of Temporary Permit

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Kita, and unanimously carried to approve the following temporary permit:

- (1) SCHRADER, Gabrielle M.

B. Ratification of Issued License

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to ratify the following issued licenses:

- (1) BENANDER, Benjamin J.

- (2) BENANDER, Carey E.
- (3) BYRD, Teri L.
- (4) STRIEBY, Ann
- (5) SWARTZ, Aleisha A.
- (6) VANLEUVEN, Jason B.
- (7) WATANABE, Shoko

New Business: A. Practice of Veterinary Medicine Related to Dental Care

Discussion ensued on the practice of veterinary medicine relating to dental care with Board members expressing their concern on unlicensed activity by providers of dental care who have no veterinary license, and/or is not under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Dr. Kaufman commented that there needs to be a complaint filed.

Mr. Kita commented that the unlicensed activity of dental care may be provided by professionals who are unaware that it falls under the scope of practice of a veterinarian; being that those same professionals could jeopardize their own professional license and further that it would not be covered by their malpractice insurance.

Dr. Yuen suggested informing the veterinary community on dental care and commented that it is hard to educate the public. Dr. Odani commented that the veterinary associations could publish a reminder to remind/inform its' readers that the practice of dental care falls under the scope of practice of a veterinarian.

Veterinary Practices: A. Continuing Education ("CE") Renewal Requirement for 50 States

Executive Officer Bhanot presented a copy of her worksheet detailing each state's licensing period and the CE renewal requirement. Ms. Bhanot commented that this State is "up to date now". Dr. Kaufman commended the Board for this requirement.

Legislation: A. Act 306 (12), Relating to Continuing Education for Veterinarians (House Bill No. 2242 HD1 SD1)

Executive Officer Bhanot reported House Bill No. 2242, HD1, SD1 relating to continuing education for

veterinarians, was signed into law (Act 306) on July 9, 2012 by the Governor. This Act, in summary, requires veterinarians renewing their licenses prior to the deadline of June 30, 2016, to have completed at least twenty (20) credit hours of CE courses within the two-year period preceding the renewal date.

Ms. Bhanot commended all parties involved including the Board, Ms. Teshima, and also Charlene Tamanaha, an Executive Officer to several Boards in this Department, for their guidance with the language of the bill.

B. Act 247 (12), Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing (House Bill No. 2257 HD1 SD1)

Executive Officer Bhanot reported House Bill No. 2257, HD1, SD1 relating to professional and vocational licensing, was signed into law (Act 247) on July 6, 2012 by the Governor. This Act, in summary, may allow an applicant, who is a nonresident military spouse to "demonstrate competency in a specific profession or vocation as determined by the licensing authority in lieu of a requirement that the applicant has worked or practiced in that profession or vocation for a specified period of time prior to the application for licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity...". Ms. Bhanot indicated that the Licensing Administrator requested the Board's comment(s) as to whether there may be any problems in complying with this Act.

Discussion ensued with the Board's consensus that this Act does not affect the Board's statute and rules but may affect HRS chapter 436B, and further that the word "may" is used versus "shall" therefore, the decision would be at the Board/Department's discretion.

C. Act 248 (12), Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing (House Bill No. 2258 HD2 SD1)

Executive Officer Bhanot reported House Bill No. 2258, HD2, SD1 relating to professional and vocational licensing, was signed into law (Act 248) on July 6, 2012 by the Governor. This Act, in summary, allows the acceptance of military education, training, or service as "part of the evaluation process toward the qualification

requirements to receive the license...". Ms. Bhanot indicated that the Licensing Administrator requested the Board's comment(s) as to whether there may be any problems in complying with this Act.

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated that this Board reviews and evaluates each application and DAG Wong stated that there is "no real affect to this Board".

Executive
Officer's
Report:

Executive Officer Bhanot informed the Board that the meeting agenda will be "open and transparent", allowing the public to make an informed decision whether to attend or submit testimony based on the filed agenda. Ms. Bhanot indicated the division was notified by the Office of Information Practices after a complaint was received by their office.

A. National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("NBVME")

(1) May 2012 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME

The May 2012 Quarterly newsletter of the NBVME was circulated to the Board.

(2) June 12, 2012 North American Veterinary Licensing Examination ("NAVLE") Bulletin of Information for Candidates

The June 12, 2012 NAVLE Bulletin of Information for Candidates was circulated to the Board.

(3) June 20, 2012 Approval of NAVLE Test Accommodation Requests

Executive Officer Bhanot circulated the policy of the June 20, 2012 approval of NAVLE Test Accommodation Requests for the Board's information.

B. American Association of Veterinary State Boards ("AAVSB")

(1) April 30, 2012 Association Activities and Updates for 2012

The April 30, 2012 AAVSB letter on the association's activities and updates for 2012 was circulated to the Board.

(2) May 17, 2012 Recommendations on Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The May 17, 2012 Recommendations on Proposed Bylaws Amendments was circulated to the Board. Executive Officer Bhanot confirmed that this Board is a part of the AAVSB. Chairperson Dr. Kaya commented whether this Board should be reviewing the bylaws and submitting recommendations, such as other states have done.

C. June 2012 Renewals as of July 2, 2012

Executive Officer Bhanot provided the following statistics of the June 30, 2012 deadline renewal, as of July 2, 2012:

Licenses Eligible for Renewals:	471
Licenses Renewed:	435
% Renewed:	92.36%
Online Renewals:	388
% of Licenses Renewed Online:	89.20%

Mr. Kita commented that due to Act 306, licensees may have an incentive to renew on time during the June 2016 renewal period, being that no certificates of continuing education would need to be submitted. Executive Officer Bhanot added that licensees who are late in renewing their license would need to provide all their certificates of completion, because late renewed licensees are not in the pool to be randomly selected for audit. Chairperson Dr. Kaya noted that the Act did not specify a set number that will be randomly selected for audit, as not to bind the Board with a set number.

Exam-
inations:

A. Results of the NAVLE Administered During the
April 9 – 21, 2012 Testing Window

Candidates Eligible:	1
Exams Administered:	1
Successful:	1
Failed:	0
No Show:	0

B. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination
Administered on April 20, 2012

Candidates Eligible:	4
Exams Administered:	4
Successful:	4
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination
Administered on June 15, 2012

Candidates Eligible:	2
Exams Administered:	2
Successful:	2
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Next Board
Meeting:

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Lori Nishimura

Lori Nishimura, Secretary

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Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Lynn Bhanot

Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of October 17, 2012.