

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Time: 10:02 a.m.

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

Present: John K. Kaya, D.V.M., Chairperson
Elwood I. Kita, Vice-Chairperson
Alan Kaufman, D.V.M., 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

Guests: None

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.

Approval of
Minutes of the
January 16, 2013
Board Meeting: It was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 Board meeting as circulated.

Applications: A. Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

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

- (1) BOURKE, Kendall L.
- (2) ONG, Allison P. F.

Chairperson Dr. Kaya reiterated the procedures the Board approved at its' last meeting concerning the issuance of a temporary permit, and with the Board's consensus, suggested that applicants issued a temporary permit be notified of the following:

- NO SHOW on Hawaii state board examination – there shall be no waiting period to retake the test and the temporary license issued will be valid for no longer than eleven months of issuance date, unless it is extended because of cancellation or postponement of an examination by the Board;
- FAIL on Hawaii state board examination – temporary permit will no longer be valid.

B. Approval of License

- (1) KELMAN, Scott W.

Discussion ensued on Scott W. Kelman's submission of his proof that he is authorized to work in the U.S. Dr. Yuen commented that a TN authorization, a nonimmigrant status for Canadian professionals, would authorize the professional to work in the U.S. and that Mr. Kelman should have a current TN authorization and proof of a job offer. It was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kita, and unanimously carried to defer decision making on the license approval of Scott W. Kelman, pending the submittal of a current TN authorization/letter from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that would indicate his authorization to work in the U.S.

C. Ratification of Issued License

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

- (1) ARANYOS, Janine A.
- (2) DIEM, Laura E.
- (3) GROSS, Denise A.
- (4) HISSAM, Katrina M.
- (5) LAM, Lydia
- (6) ORTIZ, Tarin R.
- (7) REAMES, Valleri A.
- (8) REED, Susan J.
- (9) REYNOLDS, Michael J.
- (10) ROHN, Douglas A.
- (11) STARR, Barbara

Old Business: A. Follow-up with the Pharmacy Board Regarding Veterinary Products/Medications Guidelines

Executive Officer Bhanot stated that the Pharmacy Board is requesting for this Board to submit questions/concerns to formulate guidelines for pharmacies concerning veterinary prescriptions. The Board was provided copies of Dr. Odani and Dr. Yuen's questions/concerns they drafted for discussion by the Board.

After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Board was that a revised draft of Dr. Odani, Dr. Yuen, and the Board's questions/concerns would be incorporated, and a revised version would be forthcoming.

New Business: A. Licensure Process to Determine Whether an Applicant Has a Disciplinary Action

At 11:23 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:29 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Ms. Mah, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

Discussion ensued on the professional credentials of applicants applying for licensure, and whether there were any mechanisms in place to catch applicants who may have and/or had complaints/disciplinary actions in other states and/or jurisdictions. Discussion ensued on the National Practitioner's Data Bank, which provides a review of healthcare practitioners, providers, and suppliers; but the Board was not aware of any data banks for veterinarians. The Executive Officer commented that the application provides for the applicant to disclose such information if their license in another state was revoked, suspended, or subject to disciplinary action. In addition, the Veterinary Information Verifying Agency ("VIVA") Score Report and Credential Information discloses disciplinary actions against an applicant.

Discussion ensued on filing a complaint against colleagues. Dr. Woltmon commented that he was not able to file a complaint, as relayed to him by the Kauai Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"), on a fellow veterinarian. DAG Wong stated that is incorrect. Executive Officer Bhanot stated that she will follow up with RICO concerning Dr. Woltmon's comment.

Dr. Kaufman left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Scope of Practice: A. Request for Board Response to February 5, 2013 Email Inquiry From Hawaii Dental Association Executive Director, Loren David Liebling, Regarding Dentistry on Animals

Discussion ensued on an inquiry received from Loren David Liebling, requesting for the Board's opinion on whether a licensed dentist can do dentistry on animals. The consensus of the Board was to inform Mr. Liebling of the definition of veterinary medicine, by quoting Hawaii Revised Statute section 471-1, "'Practice of veterinary medicine' means the diagnosis or treatment for the prevention, cure, or relief of, or the giving of advice concerning, a disease, pain, injury, deformity, or other

physical condition of an animal, or a change of a physical characteristic of an animal for cosmetic or utility purposes. It includes medical, surgical, and dental care of animals;”.

Legislation:

A. Senate Bill No. 8, S.D. 1, H.D. 2

Executive Officer Bhanot reported Senate Bill No. 8, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, relating to veterinary medicine, which would prohibit a pet owner or the owner’s employees from performing surgical procedures on the pet animal, with certain exceptions, is moving forward. Ms. Bhanot informed the Board that the Humane Society of America, the Hawaiian Humane Society, and Dr. Ako, representing HVMA, expressed their support of the bill. Discussion ensued on cropping and docking which are illegal in some states and Europe. It was suggested that the animal show world may be an attributing factor as these surgical procedures are condoned for esthetics purposes.

Chairperson’s Report:

A. Update on the State Association for Veterinary Technicians

Chairperson Dr. Kaya provided a brief update on the Hawaii Association of Veterinary Technicians (“HAVT”) who held their meeting last month. He commented that HAVT would like to be recognized with their own Board and noted that on Oahu, there may be about twenty (20) nationally certified technicians, and about thirty (30) total in the State.

B. Update on the Accreditation of Windward Community College Veterinary Technology Program

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated that the Windward Community College Veterinary Technology Program was anticipating the results of their March 2013 accreditation review, which may be within two weeks. He mentioned that nationally, there were 209 accredited programs; but none in this State. He also stated that graduates from this program will sit for the National Board and be credentialed that way.

Executive
Officer's
Report:

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

- (1) February 1, 2013 – 2013-2014 North American Veterinary Licensing Examination ("NAVLE") Administration

Executive Officer Bhanot informed the Board that there was an increase of \$10.00 to the examination fee.

- (2) February 1, 2013 – NAVLE State Letter of Agreement

The NAVLE State Letter of Agreement was circulated to the Board.

- (3) February 1, 2013 – Opportunity to View the NAVLE

Discussion ensued on the opportunity for a Board member to be able to view/take the NAVLE; Dr. Odani expressed her interest to take the current NAVLE. Executive Officer Bhanot stated she will submit Dr. Odani's information to NBVME.

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

- (1) 2013 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference – September 19-21, 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri at Hilton President Kansas City

Executive Officer Bhanot reiterated that the 2013 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference will take place on September 19-21, 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri. Discussion ensued on the AAVSB Delegate Funding Program which provides for reasonable travel expenses incurred to fund one delegate from each member Board. Chairperson Dr. Kaya expressed an interest in attending the annual meeting as the Board's delegate. With the Board's consensus, Executive Officer Bhanot stated that she will follow up with AAVSB and also obtain the Department's approval for out of State travel.

Examinations: A. Results of the NAVLE Administered During the November –
December 2012 Testing Window

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

B. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination
Administered on January 18, 2013

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

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination
Administered on February 15, 2013

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

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination
Administered on March 15, 2013

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

Next Board
Meeting:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013
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Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at
12:26 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Lori Nishimura

Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Lynn Bhanot

Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer

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[X] Minutes approved as is.

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