

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

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
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
Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer
Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Absent: Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")

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.

Welcome and
Introduction of
New Board
Members: Chairperson Dr. Kaya welcomed three (3) new Board members to the meeting; Dr. Odani, Dr. Woltmon, and Dr. Yuen, and requested for all the Board members and staff to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the
September 21,
2011 Board
Meeting: It was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Ms. Mah, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 Board meeting as circulated.

Applications: Executive Officer Bhanot informed new Board members on the procedures the Board follows on applications whereby applicants who meet the licensing requirements are pre-approved by the Licensing Branch. These pre-approved applicant files are then forwarded to the Board to ratify that approval. She noted that restoration applications and applications with “yes” answers, (applicants who disclose disciplinary action against them and/or criminal convictions), are always forwarded to the Board for approval.

Executive Officer Bhanot stated that currently entire application files for ratifications are brought to the meeting, but through an inquiry by the Applications Section Supervisor and Office Assistant, they asked whether the Board would like to ratify the approval based on the review and approval by the Licensing Branch. Discussion ensued concerning the reliability of a review/approval by the Licensing Branch; Ms. Bhanot stated that in her experience with this Board, she has not come across any license that was miss-issued. She further stated that the Licensing Branch relies on a checklist to ensure that an applicant has met all the requirements.

After further discussion, the consensus of the Board members, being that most were new to the Board, were to keep the procedure the same – “more comfortable to review the files”.

A. Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

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

- (1) AYLING, Kirk C.
- (2) BAILLIE, Susan R.
- (3) BENANDER, Benjamin J.
- (4) BENANDER, Carey E.
- (5) BERGKNUT, Malia H.K.
- (6) PRESSLER, Whitney A.
- (7) SWARTZ, Aleisha A.

B. Ratification of Issued License

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kita, seconded by Dr. Yuen, and unanimously carried to ratify the following applications for licensure:

- (1) AYLING, Kirk C.
- (2) BAILLIE, Susan R.
- (3) BERGKNUT, Malia H.K.
- (4) GLOVER, David A.
- (5) KAPUST, Alana R.
- (6) LABRECQUE, Lisa M.
- (7) LAU, Eileen J.
- (8) PEGG, Erik J.L.
- (9) POMES, Paul B.
- (10) PRESSLER, Whitney A.
- (11) SUGHRUE, Kalia E.
- (12) THOMAS, Kara S.
- (13) WELLER, Scott A.

New Business: A. HRS 471-8 Examinations; Qualifications of Applicants

Chairperson Dr. Kaya raised an inquiry from a colleague regarding whether a foreign school graduate who is licensed in the State of Wisconsin, but was not required to have their education evaluated by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates ("ECFVG"), can obtain a license to practice in Hawaii. The prospective applicant's education was completed in Japan about 18 years ago. Also, in 2005, the applicant passed a specialized area in veterinary medicine. Discussion ensued, whereby Dr. Woltmon suggested that AVMA may have required ECFVG or Test of English as a Foreign Language ("TOEFL"). He also stated the applicant may possibly be granted approval based on Hawaii Administrative Rule ("HAR") section 16-101-7 Validation of Experience, if they practiced in Wisconsin for ten out of twelve years prior to submitting an application. The consensus of the Board was for the prospective applicant to submit validation of experience in accordance with HAR section 16-101-7.

Correspondence: A. September 16, 2011 Email from Everett S. Kaneshige Re: Veterinarian Services

Executive Officer Bhanot stated the Board received a September 16, 2011 email inquiry from the Department's Deputy Director, Mr. Kaneshige, in regards to veterinarians with working dogs entering the state as part of an Urban Search and Rescue team; guidance was requested concerning credentialing of veterinarians who enter the state in a disaster response situation.

Discussion ensued whereby Dr. Kaufman suggested that the issuance of temporary licenses may be the "clean and easy way" to address this type of situation, and Dr. Woltmon added that it would also be dependent on the county official or Governor for FEMA declaration. Chairperson Dr. Kaya suggested deferring to the statute. Dr. Odani stated that the USDA may have its own procedure during a disaster situation.

Dr. Kaufman stated that those service dogs should already have a pet passport in place prior to coming to Hawaii, which Dr. Woltmon added was due to the quarantine and rabies restriction.

Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated his report would be pertaining to Veterinary practices, continuing education, as well as Legislation; continuing education bill proposal for the 2012 legislature.

Veterinary Practices:

A. Continuing Education ("CE")

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated that he, along with Representative Hashem, Dr. Ako, representing Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association ("HVMA"), Dr. Furutani, representing Hawaii Veterinary Society ("HVS"), Executive Officer Bhanot, and Lee Ann Teshima, Board of Pharmacy's Executive Officer, met to discuss and obtain information for the association to pursue proposing a bill to require continuing education.

Legislation:

A. Continuing Education Bill Proposal for the 2012 Legislature

The proposed bill was distributed to Board members for their review and/or suggested edits. After a lengthy discussion, the Board supported the intent to require continuing education; and recommended the following suggested amendments.

- The Board suggested clarifying that only courses approved by the Board, the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' Registry, or other board-approved organizations will be accepted to meet the minimum twenty credit hour continuing education requirement;
- The Board suggested redefining credit hour to reflect fifty minutes of instruction;

- The Board commented that we should not discriminate live or on-line courses;
- The Board also suggested amending the language to align the continuing education requirement with other licensing areas under the department to clearly state that the failure to renew a license on or before June 30 of each even-numbered year shall constitute the forfeiture of the license until such time that the continuing education requirements are met and the license is restored.

Dr. Kaufman and Mr. Kita left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Executive
Officer's
Report:

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

Executive Officer Bhanot provided the following summary concerning information from NBVME:

- January NBVME Meeting: Hilton Head, South Carolina January 27–28, 2012.
- Fall NAVLE Item Review Meeting: 15 of the 19, 2011 NAVLE item writers met at the NBME office in Philadelphia November 9-10, 2011 to review newly-written items. Nearly 700 items were judged to be acceptable and were added to the NAVLE item bank. New NAVLE items approved at the fall review meeting will be used for the first time on examination forms developed for the 2012-2013 testing cycles.
- NBVME Office Move: Lease on present office suite expires April 2012, preparing an offer on new space in a building about four blocks south of the present location in downtown Bismarck.
- NBVME Examination Updates: The November – December 2011 testing window for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination ("NAVLE") ran from November 14-December 10, 2011. For the fall examination, there were 3,814 candidate eligibility files, an increase of 25 from fall 2010.

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

Executive Officer Bhanot stated the following memorandums were received from AAVSB; and circulated to Board members to review.

- October 27, 2011 Letter RE: 2012 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, Washington on September 13-15, 2012.
- December 16, 2011 Memorandum RE: Candidate Nominations for Upcoming Open Positions including AAVSB Board of Directors, NBVME Representatives and Nominating Committee.

C. American Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA")

Executive Officer Bhanot stated the Board received a October 6, 2011 memorandum from AVMA stating the accreditation of the St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine effective September 20, 2011, affecting graduates who received their degree after April 21, 2011.

Exam-
inations:

A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on September 15, 2011

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

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on October 20, 2011

Candidates Eligible:	6
Exams Administered:	6
Successful:	6
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination
Administered on November 17, 2011

Candidates Eligible:	3
Exams Administered:	3
Successful:	3
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination
Administered on December 15, 2011

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

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 2012
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Announcements: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 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.
[] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.