

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2019

ALASKA BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS



**Department of Commerce, Community
and Economic Development**

**Division of Corporations, Business
and Professional Licensing**

This annual performance report is presented in accordance with
Alaska statute AS 08.01.070(10).

Its purpose is to report the accomplishments, activities, and the
past and present needs of the licensing program.

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Identification of the Board

Board Member	Duty Station	Date Appointed	Term Expires
James H. Hagee, DVM Veterinarian, Chairperson	Trapper Creek	Apr 22, 2013	Mar 01, 2020
Rachel Bergartt, DVM Veterinarian	Juneau	Mar 01, 2016	Mar 1, 2020
Hal Geiger, PhD Public Member, Secretary	Juneau	Mar 01, 2016	Mar 1, 2020
Chris Michetti, DVM Veterinarian	Anchorage	Mar 01, 2018	Mar 1, 2022
Scott Flamme, DVM Veterinarian	Fairbanks	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 1, 2023
Tamara Rose, DVM Veterinarian	Fairbanks	Oct 27, 2011	Mar 1, 2019

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Identification of Staff

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Narrative Statement

The Board of Veterinary Examiners met three times FY19

- October 12, 2018 in Anchorage
- January 25, 2018 by teleconference
- May 24, 2019 by teleconference

Present Board Members are:

- James Hagee, DVM, Chair – Trapper Creek
- Rachel Bergartt, DVM – Juneau
- Hal Geiger, PhD , Public Member – Juneau
- Chris Michetti, DVM – Anchorage
- Scott Flamme, DVM – Fairbanks

Our licensing Examiner is Ilsa Lund in Juneau. Our state investigators working for the board this year are Greg Francois and Jeanette Akers. The Investigation Staff works diligently to handle cases discreetly, thoroughly and in a timely fashion.

The Board works with the Division of Occupational Licensing and its investigators to monitor compliance with Alaska statutes and regulations as they pertain to public health and safety, animal welfare, and practice competency. Individual board members review complaints when requested by the investigator and have approved consent agreements presented at the conclusion of an investigation.

The Board continues to monitor and comment on legislation relevant to the practice of veterinary medicine, mindful of our duty to protect the public by assuring that both licenses and laypeople adhere to the standards set forth in statute and regulation. This was a busy season as our Board was immersed in the newly enacted Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Implementation. The Board strives to educate veterinary DEA licensees of the legal aspects of this program and had a fruitful discourse with Assistant Attorney General, Robert Auth, at our January 25, 2019, teleconference meeting. Dr. Hagee presented a report to the Alaska Veterinary Medical Association Annual Symposium in Anchorage, October 12, 2018, to encourage veterinarians to fulfill their legal requirements regarding the PDMP. This program will be an ongoing focus for the board.

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FY 2019 Narrative Statement (continued)

The Board reviews the Veterinary Handbook and, in conjunction with the State Veterinarian, makes changes as needed. The Board also reviews the Jurisprudence Examination completed by applicants for licensure to be sure the questions accurately reflect the statutes, regulations, and the Veterinary Handbook.

The Board reviews all applications for licensure submitted by veterinarians and veterinary technicians, as well as permits for fourth-year veterinary student externs. Upon receiving an application, a Board member may approve, disapprove with comment or table the request. The Board also reviewed applications for Courtesy veterinary licenses for special events such as sled dog races, spay/neuter clinics in outlying areas of Alaska, health screening clinics conducted by veterinary specialists, and temporary permits issued to relief veterinarians coming into Alaska to fill a practice for a vacationing practitioner.

Guided by the standards utilized by RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education), the Board approves seminars sponsored by recognized veterinary medical associations or groups that have not gone through the RACE approval process. The current board is hesitant to approve CE programs that have not met RACE standards and/or have no recognized association approvals.

Dr. Hal Geiger, our public member and Dr. Rachel Bergartt attended American Association of Veterinary State Boards annual meeting in Washington, D.C., representing Alaska.

Proposed Meetings for FY 2020: October 4, 2019, Anchorage, January, 2020, teleconference and May, 2020, teleconference

Respectfully Submitted,
James Hagee, DVM
Chairman, Alaska State Board of Veterinary Examiners

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2020

The Budget Recommendations section anticipates the board’s fiscal priorities for the upcoming year. Please complete all parts of this section with details about anticipated meetings, conferences, memberships, supplies, equipment, to other board requests. Meeting expenses that are being funded through third-party reimbursement or direct booking must be identified separately from expenses paid through license fees (receipt-supported services or RSS). Be sure to explain any items listed as “other” so they may be tracked appropriately.

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
October 4, 2019	Anchorage	5	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$1,260.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$750.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Any technology needed for the meeting and supplies for the Board table at conference.			\$300.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$2,510.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
January TDB, 2020	Teleconference	5	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Teleconference			\$300.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$300.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May TBD, 2020	Teleconference	5	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Teleconference			\$300.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$300.00

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Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
TBD	Teleconference	5	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Teleconference			\$300.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$300.00

Travel Required to Perform Examinations			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable			
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):			
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2020 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel (Rank in order of importance)

#1 Rank in Importance or Not Applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
September 26-28	St Louis, MO	2	0	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
<p>This event is the Annual Meeting & Conference held by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. AAVSB will cover all reasonable travel expenses. The Board has elected a voting member to sit on a panel that will prepare regulatuion for the future of Veterinary Medicine.</p>				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$2,260.00	\$2,260.00	\$0.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#2 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Spring (TBD-May?) 2020	TBD	2	1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
<p>This event is called Board Basics and Beyond put on by the AAVSB. Every year, veterinary regulators from all over North America gather for this two-day interactive training seminar. Participants acquire knowledge and skills necessary to excel in their regulatory role. Board members who have previously attended state that the knowledge they acquired at this event is invaluable. Unanimous votes were cast at the Oct. 2018 and May 2019 Board meetings to send a staff member to this conference.</p>				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	\$0.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2020 (continued)

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
Membership	American Association of Veterinary State Boards	\$500.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

The AAVSB provides invaluable tool to the Board as well as licensees. Some information that is required to submit to the Board for a licensing must be presented to the licensing examiner directly from AAVSB.

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

Cost Per Event: \$0.00

- Not Applicable

Number of Events: 0

Product or Service	Provider	Total Cost
		\$0.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Summary of FY 2020 Fiscal Requests

Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$3,410.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$12,320.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$500.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	-\$12,320.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total Requested:	\$3,910.00

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Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2020

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

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Regulation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2020

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed regulations at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2019's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

- 1) Continue membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and send two members to the national regulatory Board meeting if the meeting is scheduled in the western states.
- 2) Continue to implement, monitor, develop and review as necessary the jurisprudence state examination.
- 3) Continue licensing veterinarians and veterinary technicians and continue monitoring continuing education hours.
- 4) Continue to review and evaluate current statutes and legislative proposals and develop new proposals as needed.
- 5) Resolve ongoing investigations/litigation in a timely fashion through direct involvement of the Board in the early review process.
- 6) Continue to update as necessary the Veterinary Handbook. A mailing of the Handbook will occur following a major revision.
- 7) Continue to review and evaluate current regulations for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and regulatory fees and develop new regulations as needed.
- 8) Continue to monitor continuing education programs and requirements.
- 9) Continue to monitor budget as it pertains to the self-supporting fees.
- 10) Continue to pursue the mission and vision statements of the Board.

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Goals and Objectives

Part II

FY 2020's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

Describe any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and required resources:

- 1) Continue membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and send two members (one voting member and one alternate) to the national regulatory Board meeting if the meeting is scheduled in the western states.
- 2) Continue to implement, monitor, develop and review as necessary the jurisprudence state examination.
- 3) Continue licensing veterinarians and veterinary technicians and continue monitoring continuing education hours.
- 4) Continue to review and evaluate current statutes and legislative proposals and develop new proposals as needed.
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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: **3/18/2016**
Board Sunset Date: **6/30/20205**

Audit Recommendation: Board chair writes the annual report and staff assists to ensure the information is correct and complete before submitting the final version to the division.

Action Taken: Submitted the annual report to the chair for review prior to submission.

Next Steps: na

Date Completed: June, 2019