

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2014

BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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**DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

This Annual Performance Report is presented in accordance with Alaska Statute 08.01.070(1) and Alaska Statute 37.07.080(b). Its purpose is to report the accomplishments, activities, and the past and present needs of the licensing program.

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IDENTIFICATION OF BOARD**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Teresa L. Beck, DVM Veterinarian	March 1, 2010	March 1, 2018
DeeDee Jonrowe Public Member	October 19, 2012	March 1, 2016
James Hagee, DVM Veterinarian	April 22, 2013	March 1, 2016
Nelson H. Priddy, DVM Veterinarian	March 1, 2012	March 1, 2016
Tamara Rose, DVM Veterinarian	October 27, 2011	March 1, 2015

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT

The Board of Veterinary Examiners met three times during fiscal year 2014:

- October 4, 2013 in Anchorage
- February 21, 2014 in Anchorage
- May 2, 2014 via telephone

Present board members are Teresa Beck, DVM, Chairperson - Palmer; Tamara Rose, DVM – Fairbanks; Nelson Priddy, DVM ACVS – Anchorage, James Hagee DVM – Chugiak, DeeDee Jonrowe, Public Member – Willow.

Our new Licensing Examiner is Debbie Kunow and investigator Dawn Bundick has worked diligently to handle cases discretely and thoroughly.

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

In February, the board initiated a regulation project that would update some of the regulation language to reflect new testing procedures and exams for veterinary and veterinary technician applicants.

RESOLVED to initiate a regulation project to: change 12 AAC 68.010 to remove the National Board Exam and the Clinical Competency Test because they no longer exist. Change 12 AAC 68.045 to remove the language re: the board giving regularly scheduled examinations (as it is a written jurisprudence test only now). Amend 12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(B) that technicians applying for on the job training for veterinary technician license must have one year of training within the State of Alaska.

The regulation project is currently being examined by the Department of Law and will be sent out for public comment.

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 licensees and laypeople adhere to the standards set forth in statute and regulation. Issues that the Board has discussed this year that are in statute are: the need to change Sec 08.98.188(a) regarding Veterinary student permits. It currently only applies to students in their 4th year of veterinary school, yet many students are able to do externships in their 2nd and 3rd year of school so this exempts them from qualifying for a student permit. Also, legislation to exempt veterinarians from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program would also be appropriate since the number and types of controlled substances that our profession dispenses as part of practice is very limited. The paperwork involved in reporting is cumbersome.

Each year the Board reviews the Veterinary Handbook and in consultation with the State Veterinarian and makes changes as needed. The Board also reviews the jurisprudence exam completed by applicants for licensure to be sure the questions accurately reflect the statutes, regulations, and 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 and health screening clinics

conducted by veterinary specialists as well as for temporary permits issued to relief veterinarians coming to Alaska.

Audits of continuing education credits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians were done at the October meeting. Guided by the standards utilized by RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education), the Board approved seminars sponsored by recognized veterinary medical associations that had not gone through the RACE approval process. The board is hesitant to approve CE programs that have not met RACE standards and have no association approvals either.

We did not have a representative at AAVSB Annual Meeting in fall 2013. We will send a representative the next time it is near the West Coast.

Proposed meetings for FY2015 are Anchorage in October, January, and May.

Respectfully,

Teresa Beck DVM
Board of Veterinary Examiners

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BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2015

TRAVEL REQUESTS: ranked in order of the board’s priority. Provide the best estimates based on past actuals and seasonal trends in travel, such as summer hotel rooms or increased fuel costs. Calculate on full costs and note any third-party fiscal offsets. Expand the tables below as needed.

Board Meetings

Date	Location	# of Board Members	# of Staff	Total Estimated Cost (total of airline, hotel, mileage, M&IE, parking, rental car, taxi, etc.)
10/24/14	Anchorage	5	2	\$2,500.00
01/2015	Anchorage	5	2	\$2,500.00
05/2015	Anchorage	5	2	\$2,500.00

Travel Required to Perform Examinations

Date	Location	# of Board Members	# of Staff	Total Estimated Cost (total of airline, hotel, mileage, M&IE, parking, rental car, taxi, etc.)
	N/A			
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the board:				

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

Rank in order of the board’s priority. “Reimbursement” refers to payment to cover travel costs. “Direct” refers to an offer by a company to secure travel arrangements on behalf of the board member.

Rank	Date	Location	# of Board Members	# of Staff	Total Estimated Cost		Total Potential Third-Party Offset
					(total of airline, hotel, mileage, M&IE, parking, rental car, taxi, etc.)	Conference Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Direct
1	N/A						
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the board:							

NON-TRAVEL BUDGET REQUESTS

Dues/Memberships/Resources/Online Training/Teleconferences/Examination Contracts

Provide details of the budgetary request. Break down into specific events, where applicable.

Product or service: Membership	Provider: American Association of Veterinary State Boards	Cost per event: \$500.00
Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the board:		
Product or service: Teleconferences	Provider: GCI	Cost per event: \$400.00
Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the board:		

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact:

Product or service: N/A	Provider:	Cost per event:
Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the board:		

Summary of FY15 Fiscal Requests

Board Meetings	\$7,500.00
Travel for Exams	N/A
Out-Of-State and Additional In-State Travel	N/A
Dues/Memberships/Resources/Online Training/Teleconferences	\$900.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offset	N/A
Other	
Total Requested:	\$8,400.00

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR FY 2015

Focus Area (Check all that apply)

- Economic Development
- Government Within Our Means
- National Regulatory/Industry Changes
- Enhance Public Protection

1. Subject and Proposed Language (include intent and statutory reference)

Issues that the Board has discussed this year that are in statute are: the need to amend Sec 08.98.188 (a) regarding Veterinary student permits. It currently only applies to students in their fourth year of veterinary school, yet many students are able to do externships in their second and third year of school so this exempts them from qualifying for a student permit.

Also, legislation to exempt veterinarians from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program would also be appropriate since the number and types of controlled substances that our profession dispenses as part of practice is very limited. The paperwork involved in reporting is cumbersome.

2. Explain the benefits the proposed legislation would provide.

Amending Sec 08.98.188(a) would provide veterinary students in their second and third years of school the opportunity to obtain a student permit.

Exempting veterinarians from PDMP would eliminate cumbersome paperwork for reporting non-human drugs.

3. Explain the consequences, if any, of not implementing the proposed statutory change.

Veterinary students in third and fourth year will not be eligible for student permits and will not have the opportunity to work with State licensed veterinarians.

4. Describe any potential negative impacts of this legislation and how they would be minimized.

Not known at this time.

5. Who do you anticipate will support the bill and why? Include municipalities, groups, etc...

Veterinary schools will support amending the student permit requirements so students can gain clinical experience working with licensed veterinarians.

State licensed veterinarians will support eliminating mandatory drug reporting for non-human drugs since the number and types of controlled substances that our profession dispenses as part of practice is very limited. The paperwork involved in reporting is cumbersome.

6. Who do anticipate will oppose the bill and why?

Not known at this time.

7. What other state departments will be affected by this legislation? Have you discussed the impact with the affected departments, and if so who and do they support this bill?

Not known at this time.

8. Identify and describe any previous state or federal legislation or similar efforts in other states which affect or relate to this proposal.

National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws

9. Has this bill topic been previously introduced in the legislature? If so, what was the final outcome and why?

No.

10. In the event questions should be raised during review of this request, please indicate below which board member should be contacted:

Teresa Beck, DVM

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REGULATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2015

The outdated National Board Examination and the Clinical Competence Test will be eliminated from 12 AAC 68.010.

The Board no longer gives regularly scheduled examinations and that wording will be repealed in 12 AAC 68.045 – Temporary License.

The Board approved requiring at least one year of in-state training for veterinary technician applicants (12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(B)).

The Board will require that veterinary technician applicants that fail the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) reapply after one year to sit for the exam (12 AAC 68.315(b)).

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2015

List the board's FY14 goals and objectives and how they were met:

1. Continue membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and send one member to a national regulatory board meeting. The Board appointed a Board member to attend last year's meeting but he was unable to attend.
2. Continue to implement, monitor, develop and review as necessary the jurisprudence state examination. The Board reviewed the JP exam at the February meeting.
3. Continue licensing veterinarians and veterinary technicians and continue monitoring continuing education hours. The Board reviewed the continuing education audits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
4. Continue to review and evaluate current statutes and legislative proposals and develop new proposals as needed. At each Board meeting, legislative issues that might affect the Board are discussed.
5. Monitor investigations and continue to support alternate methods to expedite the investigative process. An investigative report is given at each meeting.
6. Monitor current probation cases. Investigations kept the Board advised of probation violations.
7. Resolve ongoing investigations/litigation in a timely fashion through direct involvement of the board in the early review process. Investigations reviewed cases with a Board member.
8. Continue to update as necessary the Veterinary Handbook. A mailing of the Handbook will occur following a major revision. The handbook was reviewed at the October, 2013 meeting. Contacts were updated and handbook is posted on the website.
9. Continue to review and evaluate current regulations and regulatory fees and develop new regulations as needed. The courtesy license was amended to include spay and neuter clinics off the interconnect road system. A new regulation project was initiated at the February, 2014 meeting to repeal outdated language and add one year of in-state training for veterinary technician applicants.
10. Continue to monitor continuing education programs and requirements. The Board reviewed and approved all appropriate course approvals.
11. Continue to monitor budget as it pertains to the self-supporting fees. The budget is reviewed at each Board meeting with a Department representative.
12. Continue to pursue the mission and vision statements of the board. Mission and vision statements are reviewed at each Board meeting.
13. Promote AVMA (ECVFG) and AAVSB (PAVE) guidelines for licensing foreign educated veterinarians. The Board has no say in ECVFG and AAVSB licensing guidelines and will remove this goal.
14. Promote on-line license renewal. The Board would like to see on-line renewals but does not have authority to mandate this.

15. Review issues and update veterinary technician regulations. New regulation project was initiated at the February, 2014 meeting to add one year of in-state training for veterinary technician applicants.

List the board's FY15 goals and objectives. Include any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, as well as any resources needed:

1. Continue membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and send one member to a 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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SUNSET AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Date of last Legislative Audit: July 31, 2009

Board sunset date: June 30, 2017

Audit Recommendation #1:

The Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing chief investigator should take steps to ensure complaints and cases are investigated timely.

Action taken:

Angela Birt is filling in as Acting Chief Investigator, replacing Acting Chief Investigator, John Clark, who was appointed upon departure of Quinton Warren.

Next Steps:

Hire permanent Chief Investigator

Date completed:

ongoing

Audit Recommendation #2:

The Office of the Governor should fill vacant seats on the Board of Veterinary Examiners in a timely manner.

Action taken:

Dr. Beck was re-appointed by the Governor.

Next Steps:

Reappoint Dr. Tamara Rose, March, 2015 or appoint replacement.

Date completed:

FISCAL YEAR 20____ STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

Program: _____

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Name of Individual Completing Report: _____

Date: _____

FY14 LICENSEES	NEW-ISSUED FY 20____	TOTAL AS OF 6/30/____

A. Current Active Licenses, Endorsements, Permits

List type and if issued by examination or credential, as applicable.

LICENSE TYPE & PROGRAM CODE	Lic. Type Code	Status Code	NEW-ISSUED FY 20____	TOTAL AS OF 6/30/____	LICENSURE BASIS
Example: Civil Engineer - AEL	C	AA	10	250	Exam: 6 Credentials: 4
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
13.					
TOTAL					

B. Temporary Licenses

LICENSE TYPE & PROGRAM CODE	Lic. Type Code	Status Code	NEW-ISSUED FY 20____	TOTAL AS OF 6/30/____	NOTES
Example: Physical Therapist - PHY	R	AA	4	24	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
TOTAL					

C. Current Licenses Issued as Inactive (not lapsed licenses)
 (Only Medical, Chiropractic, CPA, and Real Estate)

LICENSE TYPE & PROGRAM CODE	Lic. Type Code	Status Code	TOTAL AS OF 6/30/____
Example: Salesperson - REC	S	II	64
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
TOTAL			

D. Retired Licenses

CATEGORY & PROGRAM CODE	Lic. Type Code	Status Code	RETIRED DURING FY 20____	TOTAL AS OF 6/30/____	NOTES
Example: Osteopath - MED	O	RR	1	8	
1.					
2.					
3.					
TOTAL					

E. Examination Detail

(List each examination administration separately. Write "See Attached" and attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

EXAM TYPE	LOCATION	DATE	CANDIDATES	NO. PASSED	NO. FAILED
Number of Postponed Exams					
Number of Exam Reviews					

F. Miscellaneous Program Activity

List all instances of fee-related work performed under Centralized Regulations per 12 AAC 02.105 (tracked by each program's fee ticker)

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Example: License Verification	62

G. Miscellaneous Program Activity

List all instances of fee-related work performed under the licensing program's regulations that is not included above

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Example: Course Approval	16

H. Board Meetings and Teleconferences

DATE	LOCATION <i>(indicate if teleconference)</i>