

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2016

BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS



**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 | Date Appointed | Term Expires |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <p>Teresa L Beck, DVM Veterinarian (Palmer)</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2010</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2018</p> |
| <p>James H. Hagee Veterinarian (Chugiak)</p> | <p>Apr 22, 2013</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2016</p> |
| <p>Rachel Bergartt, DVM Veterinarian (Juneau)</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2016</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2020</p> |
| <p>Hal Geiger Public Member (Juneau)</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2016</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2020</p> |
| <p>Tamara Rose, DVM Veterinarian (Fairbanks)</p> | <p>Oct 27, 2011</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2019</p> |
| <p>DeeDee Jonrowe Public Member (Willow)</p> | <p>Oct 19, 2012</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2016</p> |
| <p>Nelson H Priddy, DVM Veterinarian (Anchorage)</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2012</p> | <p>Mar 01, 2016</p> |

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Identification of Staff

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Narrative Statement

ALASKA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
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NARRATIVE STATEMENT

The Board of Veterinary Examiners met three times during fiscal year 2016:

October 9, 2015 in Anchorage
January 29, 2016 in Anchorage
June 3, 2016 via teleconference

Present board members are Teresa Beck, DVM, Chairperson - Palmer; Tamara Rose, DVM – Fairbanks; James Hagee DVM – Chugiak. New to our board as of March 2016 are Rachel Bergartt DVM – Juneau and Hal Geiger, Public Member – Juneau.

The Board would like to thank recently retired members for their service and dedication for their last 4 year terms, Nelson Priddy II DVM, DACVS and DeeDee Jonrowe, Public Member

Our Licensing Examiner is Virginia Geary, Juneau. Our State Investigator is Greg Francois, Anchorage. The investigation staff works diligently to handle cases discreetly 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 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 licensees and laypeople adhere to the standards set forth in statute and regulation.

Currently, our board is ready to put forth a regulation project recommended by the Division that began development in June 2015. The regulations involved include: 12AAC 68.010 Application for a License by Examination (lengthening the time span that a license by credentials is possible 68 months after taking the NAVLE rather than 60 months), 12AAC 68.035 License by Credentials (line 8c, changing the language to "during each year prior to the date of application") and 12AAC 68.041 Courtesy License (creation of a courtesy interview permit for visiting veterinarians to practice for a short time as part of a job interview).

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, spay/neuter clinics in outlying areas of Alaska, health screening clinics conducted by veterinary specialists, and 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 approves seminars sponsored by recognized veterinary medical associations that had not gone through the RACE approval process. The current board is hesitant to approve CE programs that have not met RACE standards and have no association approvals either.

Dr. Tamara Rose represented the State of Alaska at the AAVSB Annual Meeting in September 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. Rachel Bergartt has volunteered to be the Alaska representative to the AAVSB in September 2016. Approval is underway through the Division.

Proposed meetings for FY2016 are Anchorage in October, January, and May.

Respectfully,

Teresa Beck DVM
Chairperson

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2017

| Board Meeting Date | Location | # Board | # Staff |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Sep 30, 2016 | Anchorage | 5 | 1 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare: Alaska Air | | \$1,400.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel: Marriott | | \$600.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground: Taxi | | \$200.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Airport Parking | | \$90.00 |
| Total Estimated Cost: | | | \$2,290.00 |

| Board Meeting Date | Location | # Board | # Staff |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Jan 01, 2017 | Anchorage | 5 | 1 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare: Alaska Air | | \$1,400.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel: Marriott | | \$600.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground: Taxi | | \$200.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Airport Parking | | \$90.00 |
| Total Estimated Cost: | | | \$2,290.00 |

| Board Meeting Date | Location | # Board | # Staff |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| May 01, 2017 | Anchorage | 5 | 1 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare: Alaska Air | | \$1,400.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel: Marriott | | \$600.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground: Taxi | | \$200.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Airport Parking | | \$90.00 |
| Total Estimated Cost: | | | \$2,290.00 |

| Board Meeting Date | Location | # Board | # Staff |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Teleconferences | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Airfare: | | \$0.00 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel: | | \$0.00 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground: | | \$0.00 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: GCI | | \$400.00 |
| Total Estimated Cost: | | | \$400.00 |

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2017 (continued)

Travel Required to Perform Examinations

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 |

Total Estimated Cost: **\$0.00**

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

Not Applicable

| Date | Location | # Board | # Staff |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Sep 14, 2016 | San Antonio, TX | 1 | 0 |

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

Attend 2017 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference

| | |
|--|------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare: | \$600.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel: | \$760.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground: | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference: | \$0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Registration | \$300.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct Third-Party Offset: | \$1,660.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursed Third-Party Offset: | \$0.00 |

Net Total Estimated Cost: **\$0.00**

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2017 (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:

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

- Not Applicable

| Product or Service | Provider | Cost Per Event |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|
| | | \$0.00 |

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

Summary of FY 2017 Fiscal Requests

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Board Meetings and Teleconferences | \$7270.00 |
| Travel for Exams | \$0.00 |
| Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel | \$1660.00 |
| Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training | \$500.00 |
| Total Potential Third-Party Offsets | \$1660.00 |
| Other: | \$0.00 |
| Total Requested: | \$7,770.00 |

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Recommendations for Proposed Legislation for FY 2017

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 for FY 2017

- No Recommendations**
The Board has no recommendations for proposed regulations at this time.

- Recommendations**
The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

12AAC 68.010 Application for a License by Examination

Line 3:

Changing 60 months to 68 months, so that someone who has taken the NAVLE greater than 60 months ago but has less than 5 years of full active practice is still eligible to qualify for veterinary license by examination. Most veterinary students take the NAVLE in November/December their senior year and are not in “active practice” for another 6-8 months.

12AAC 68.035 License by Credentials

Line 8 c:

Changing the language of “during a calendar year” to “during each year prior to the date of application”

12AAC 68.310 Veterinary Technician Licensing Requirements

Line 4 B:

The inadvertent consequence of adding the language “of which one year must be within this state” has prevented credentialed technicians moving to Alaska to not be able to be licensed until they have worked here for a year.

I recommend adding Line 4 C “if a technician is fully licensed in another state and can meet the employment verification requirements listed under 4 B, then they are not required to work for one year within this state”. They still need to meet all the other requirements.

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2016's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

1. Continue membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and send one member 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 2017'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 one member 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.
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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: 9/22/2008
Board Sunset Date: 6/30/2017

Audit Recommendation: Review licensing fees as provided by statute and consider decreasing fees.

Action Taken: Fees were decreased in order to eliminate an operating surplus that exceeded the Board's total operating expenses for the three prior years (FY 05-FY 07).

Next Steps:

Date Completed:

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

Action Taken: There are no vacancies for FY 16 – FY 17.

Next Steps:

Date Completed: