

Call to Order

6/2/2021

Statement from the Chair

In accordance with AS 44.62.310(e) and AS 44.62.175, this meeting of the Board of Veterinary Examiners was public noticed.

Alaska Online Public Notice System: 4/14/2021

Anchorage Daily News: 4/15/2021

As well as on the board “Meeting and Exam Notices” webpage and sent out via the board ListServ.

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of Alaskans by ensuring that veterinarian practitioners possess and maintain a level of skill and knowledge necessary to provide safe, competent professional veterinary services to consumers and to protect the public from veterinary practitioners who pose a risk to the public’s health, safety, and welfare.

Board Member	Board Seat	License #	Date Appointed	Date Reappointed	Term Expiration
Rachel Berngartt	Chair	VETV503	3/1/2016	3/1/2020	3/1/2024
Hal Geiger	Public Member	NA	3/1/2016	3/1/2020	3/1/2024
Chris Michetti		VETV483	3/1/2018		3/1/2022
Scott Flamme		VETV486	3/1/2019		3/1/2023
Denise Albert		VETV412	3/1/2020		3/1/2024



Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners Tentative Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

ZOOM Registration Link

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ocOggqjkuHdwL_V6Wu5FHg1JMayH5yw7C](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJ0ocOggqjkuHdwL_V6Wu5FHg1JMayH5yw7C)

Agenda

- I. 9:00 a.m.- Call to order -Chair/ Staff
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Review Agenda
 - c) Review Previous Meeting Minutes
 - d) Ethics Disclosure
- II. 9:20 a.m.- Public Comment - Chair/ Staff
- III. 10:30 a.m.- Regulations -Staff/ Maiquis/ Zinn
- IV. 11:15 a.m.- Division Update - Staff/ Dumas
 - Fiscal Report
- V. 12:00 p.m.- Break for Lunch
- VI. 1:00 p.m.- Investigations - Staff/ Bundick/ Whaley
- VII. 1:45 p.m.- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Staff/ Sherrill
- VIII. 2:30 p.m.- Board Business -Chair/ Staff
 - a) Annual Report
 - b) Correspondence
 - a. AAVSB
 - b. ICVA
 - c) Legislative Session
- IX. Schedule Next Meeting - Chair/ Staff
 - 4:00 p.m.- Adjourn -Chair

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1 *State of Alaska*
2 *Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development*
3 *Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing*

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5 **BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

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7 *MINUTES OF THE MEETING*

8 *March 9, 2021*

9 *These are DRAFT minutes by the staff of the*
10 *Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.*
11 *These minutes have not yet been reviewed or approved by the Board.*
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13 *By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.61, Article 6,*
14 *a scheduled meeting of the Board of Veterinary Examiners (BOVE) was held by*
15 *teleconference.*
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18 *Agenda Item 1a* *Call to Order/ Roll Call* *Time 9:00 a.m.*
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20 *The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Dr. Rachel Berngartt, at 9:00 a.m.*
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22 Board Members present, constituting a quorum:

23 Rachel Berngartt, DVM, JD- Juneau
24 Hal Geiger, PhD- public member- Juneau
25 Chris Michetti, DVM- Anchorage
26 Scott Flamme, DVM- Fairbanks
27 Denise Albert, DVM- Denali Park
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29 Division Staff present:

30 Ilsa Lund, Occupational Licensing Examiner (Hereafter denoted OLE)
31 Greg Francois, Chief Investigator
32 Erika Prieksat, Senior Investigator (Hereafter denoted SI)
33 Autumn Miller, Investigator
34 Sara Chambers, Division Director
35 Melissa Dumas, Administrative Officer II (Hereafter denoted AO)
36 Lisa Sherrell- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Manger
37 Laura Carrillo- Executive Administrator for the Alaska Board of Pharmacy
38 Sher Zinn- Regulations Specialist (hereafter denoted RS)
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40 Members of the Public Present:

41 Dr. McKayla Dick
42 Dr. Sarah Coburn
43 Dr. Rosemarie Lombardi
44 Dr. Jon Basler
45 Dr. Bob Gerlach

Dr. Stanley Rubin
Patricia Anderson- Executive Administrator to the Alaska Veterinary Medical Association
(AKVMA)

In accordance with AS 44.62.310(e) and AS 44.62.175, this meeting of the Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners was public noticed in the Alaska Online Public Notice System on February 19th and in the Anchorage Daily News on February 21st. Notification was also posted on the board webpage and sent to interested parties via the board ListServ.

Dr. Berngartt began the meeting by reading the mission statement of the Board of Veterinary Examiners:

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of Alaskans by ensuring that veterinarian practitioners possess and maintain a level of skill and knowledge necessary to provide safe, competent professional veterinary services to consumers and to protect the public from veterinary practitioners who pose a risk to the public's health, safety, and welfare.

Agenda Item 1b **Review Meeting Agenda** ***Time 9:05 a.m.***

On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger, seconded by Dr. Albert, and with unanimous approval it was:

RESOLVED to APPROVE the agenda for this meeting as written.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent
Rachel Berngartt	x		
Hal Geiger	x		
Chris Michetti	x		
Scott Flamme			x
Denise Albert	x		

Agenda Item 1c **Review Past Meeting Minutes** ***Time 9:07 a.m.***

On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger, seconded by Dr. Michetti, and with unanimous approval it was:

RESOLVED to APPROVE the October 27, 2020, November 16, 2020, and January 12, 2021 meeting minutes as drafted.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent
Rachel Berngartt	x		
Hal Geiger	x		
Chris Michetti	x		
Scott Flamme			x
Denise Albert	x		

75 *Dr. Flamme joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.*

76 ***Agenda Item 1d***

Ethics

Time 9:09 a.m.

77 There were no ethics concerns or requests for determination to report.

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79 ***Agenda Item 2***

Investigations

Time 9:10 a.m.

80 The report presented to the board covered the period from January 5 through February 24, 2021.
81 During that time, there were 56 cases open and two closed since the last report. However, since
82 the report was submitted for presentation on February 24, an additional 12 cases –all related to
83 the PDMP involving “failure to query” where no violation was found –have been closed. Thus,
84 currently there are 43 cases open, 36 of which are PDMP related.

85 To follow up with a discussion about board Investigative Expenditures from last meeting, Dr.
86 Berngart asked SI Prieksat if she is the only investigator working on veterinary PDMP
87 violations. SI Prieksat responded by giving a rundown of her history with the board. She was
88 assigned the BOVE in April 2020 in addition to having other boards in her caseload. In July of
89 2020, over 50 PDMP cases were referred for investigation, so the BOVE became her only board.
90 In November 2020, she was promoted and her position was reclassified to Senior Investigator.
91 She now oversees a team of four, but is still the only investigator for BOVE matters. Chief
92 Francois later informed the board that the Investigations Division is actively trying to hire new
93 investigators and it is likely that the BOVE will be assigned to a new, lower ranking investigator.

94 Dr. Berngart asked if SI Prieksat could estimate the amount of time she spent working on the
95 PDMP cases that were ultimately closed with no violation. SI Prieksat said she could not
96 because billing is not tracked per case. The investigators are aware that time equals money, so in
97 an effort to be conscious of that, only 4 subpoenas were issued for all BOVE PDMP cases, which
98 were lumped together by type of violation. However, closing each case is a time-consuming
99 process.

100 Chief Francois talked the board through the Investigative Procedure to illustrate how time-
101 consuming the process can be. There is myriad background information that must be gathered
102 first in order to give the reviewing board member an accurate, factual representation of the case.
103 Cases can go up to the Alaska Supreme Court in accordance with the appeal rights of the
104 licensee; therefore, investigators must ensure that a case cannot be overturned because it was
105 being rushed or there was not enough information.

106 Dr. Berngart wanted to ensure the Investigations staff that the BOVE is in no way implying that
107 the investigators are not doing a good job. Board members are just trying to figure out if the
108 increase in Investigative Expenditures is a direct result of burdens placed on the board by the
109 PDMP. The goal is to figure out what the PDMP is costing the board. Chief Francois asked that
110 the board refer any specific financial questions to AO Dumas.

111 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2), and seconded**
112 **by Dr. Albert, the board unanimously moved to enter executive session for the purpose of**
113 **discussing subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person,**
114 **provided the person may request a public discussion, it was:**

RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2).
Staff was requested to remain in the room.

Off record 9:38 a.m.

On record 9:51 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger and seconded by Dr. Michetti, it was:

RESOLVED to ACCEPT the consent agreement for case #2017-0001281.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Rachel Berngartt			x
Hal Geiger	x		
Chris Michetti	x		
Scott Flamme	x		
Denise Albert	x		

Recess- 9:54- 10:12 a.m.

All members were present after the recess.

Agenda Item 3

Division Update

Time 10:15 a.m.

Fiscal Report

Director Chambers began by presenting the board's fiscal information¹.

	FY20	FY21- 1 st Quarter	FY21- 2 nd Quarter
Total Revenue	\$59,262	\$6,925	\$204,360
Non- Investigation Expenditures	\$90,710	\$14,768	\$23,884
Investigation Expenditures	\$48,627	\$20,873	\$20,674
Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	(\$71,595)	(\$117,483)	\$25,146

Director Chambers clarified that none of these expenses reflect PDMP Investigative costs. Those charges are covered by grant funding for the time being. Several members of the board pointed out that this is contradictory to a statement Chief Francois made earlier when he explained that, essentially, only the initial part of the data gathering for a PDMP related case (drafting, signing, and issuing a subpoena to the PDMP staff) is charged to the PMDP, but once interviews start being conducted and onward, all of those expenses are charged to the BOVE. Director Chambers said that she would check with Chief Francois for clarification and then

¹ Full fiscal reports for all CBPL boards and programs can be found here:
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/DivisionReports.aspx>

report back to the board. The following is the response from Direct Chambers on behalf of the division regarding this matter.

Dear members of the Board of Veterinary Examiners:

Prior to the board's meeting last week, the chair asked for an agenda-item discussion regarding the cause of the recent increase in investigative expenses. I was unable to answer conclusively during the meeting because of an internal misunderstanding of the question: Were the costs of PDMP violations increasing? Or, was the cost of all PDMP-related compliance increasing?

Initially, our team understood your question to be the former. The cost of investigating violations of the PDMP under AS 17.30.200 are charged to a PDMP Task Code in our accounting system. These expenses have been offset by grant funding, which has allowed us to keep the PDMP fee low. So, my initial response that there were no PDMP charges was correct, but it did not answer the board's actual question.

After our further discussion with the board during the meeting, it became clear that the desire was to learn whether the increase was due to any investigative activity *related* to the PDMP. Because investigations of violations of AS 08.98 or 12 AAC 68 are charged to the veterinary program, investigations of whether a licensee had registered with the PDMP are reflected in the program's increased investigative expenses.

In accordance with State Law, professional licensing boards must be self-funded through licensing fees. Because the board was not able to collect enough revenue during renewals to cover operating costs until the next renewal, it is likely that the board will eventually receive a fee increase after a fee analysis is conducted in the fall. The board had been slated to receive a \$25 fee increase for this renewal, but the governor put a moratorium on all professional license fee increases under Senate Bill 241. Whenever necessary and possible, the division tries to make any increases gradually. The division is asking for supplemental funding to cover any lost revenue from cancelled fee increases, but that is ultimately up to the legislature.

Board Appointments

The legislature sued the administration over unconfirmed appointments to Boards and Commissions. The judge sided in favor of the legislature. Any board action taken between December 15, 2020 and January 18, 2021 is potentially in jeopardy. Since 4 out of 5 of the BOVE members were not confirmed, the board may be faced with a situation where they have to cure any action taken during that time. OLE Lund has been tasked with researching what actions—license actions, license discipline, resolution, or regulations—the board took during that time. The administration intends to appeal the ruling and will keep the board informed if any further action is required on their part.

Dr. Berngartt expressed concerns that a number of licenses were approved by the board during the time in question—many of them Courtesy Licenses for the Iditarod. She went on to ask if the legislature was concerned with the added expense to boards whose staff is having to spend extra

time in going back and researching board actions that need to be redone². Director Chambers said that there should not be a significant financial impact to the board for staff to review the records. If needed, the board can reconfirm every action taken during the time in question as a slate. Director Chambers went on to say that the legislature, likely, did not consider financial impacts to boards. Professional licensing boards are not really the focus of why the legislature is spending Alaska's money on this lawsuit and the effects to these boards are mostly collateral damage. But, potential financial reimbursement is something she will bring up with the case attorney.

Legislative Session

Director Chambers provided the board with a list of bills that may be of interest to them, but did not go into great detail explaining the bills.

During the last legislative session, the division introduced an omnibus bill to clean up some of the professional licensing statutes. The main area of interest to the BOVE in that original bill was the ability for the board to name an acceptable program to assess foreign veterinary graduate equivalency. As of now, the BOVE statutes name an antiquated program that is hardly used anymore, making it almost impossible for foreign veterinary graduates to obtain licensure in Alaska. The division does not plan to reintroduce that bill, so the Director encouraged the board to pursue that legislative change on their own. Currently, the BOVE has HB91 in process. Director Chambers suggested that, if that bill gains some traction, additional elements that are of interest to the BOVE could be added to that bill.

House Bill 91- "An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

This bill was introduced on February 18, 2021 by Rep. Wool. Dr. Bergartt had a meeting scheduled with Rep. Wool the week before this meeting, but it had to be rescheduled to March 16th due to COVID concerns in the Capitol. Rep. Wool's staffer, Ashley Carrick, is the one carrying the bill. Rep. Wool introduced the bill after hearing from several constituents over the last several years about this issue.

Dr. Flamme has also been in conversations with Sen. Bishop to try and garner support on the senate side. As Co-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Bishop is interested in the financial burden of the PDMP.

Dr. Bergartt reached out to Harriet Dinegar-Milks from Department of Law (LAW) and reported back that LAW found no legal conflict with the language in the bill, but a broader policy issue exists.

While speaking with Ms. Dinegar-Milks, Dr. Bergartt sought clarification about the PDMP subpoenas, which has been an ongoing concern of the board. Originally, the subpoenas were issued to the BOVE for approval, which the board rejected. After which time, all PDMP subpoenas were issued through the Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Dinegar-Milks clarified that the

² There were 20 licenses approved by the board, no license actions, and no regulations during the time in question. OLE Lund spent ~2 hours compiling the data.

BOVE was not stripped of any powers, but were erroneously given powers that they didn't actually have.

Dr. Bergartt has been working on a position statement about HB91 on behalf of the board and hopes to have that to OLE Lund soon for review by all board members. That document will be helpful to distribute to licensees, legislators, and member of the public.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger, seconded by Dr. Michetti and with unanimous approval, it was:

RESOLVED to ADOPT the following position statement:

The Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners supports House Bill 91 –exempting veterinarians from the PDMP –due to the unnecessary expense and the enormous disruption to veterinary practitioners and the board.

Agenda Item 4

PDMP

Time 11:15 a.m.

Lisa Sherrell relayed that the contract with Appriss, the vendor of the PDMP database AWARe, has officially been renewed and will start on April 1, 2021. This is great because the State has been working with that vendor for a while, but because of the initial contract renewal uncertainty, certain feature roll-outs were put on hold. Now those can move forward without having to start from scratch. One of the features is license integration where AWARe will be cross-checked against the State's professional licensing database to automatically deactivate any users that should not have access to the database. For example, if a practitioner has an expired DEA registration or no longer hold an active Alaska license, then their AWARe account will be automatically deactivated.

Another feature being introduced is a communications module that will allow providers to communicate with other providers through the database about a patient. Ms. Sherrell compared it to leaving a sticky note in a patient's file. Those will only be viewable by a practitioner, and will not viewable by delegates.

Ms. Sherrell reported that PDMP use by veterinarians continues to be low in terms of review compliance³. For the 4th quarter of 2020, there were 205 schedule II-IV controlled substance medications dispensed, and only 3 of which where the client was searched beforehand. There is not a full quarter's worth of data for 2021, yet, but the trend has not improved. It is up to the BOVE how they would like to go about addressing compliance issues with licensees.

PDMP staff encourages the use of authorized delegates. This can help relieve the time constraint placed on practitioners by the PDMP laws. Any entry that is made by the delegate is tracked under the prescriber.

³ All reports for PDMP affected board can be found here:

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/PDMPBoardReports.aspx>

247 Dr. Flamme asked if pharmacists are properly trained to enter veterinary prescriptions into the
248 PDMP database. He expressed concerns that veterinarians may be flagged for noncompliance if
249 the prescription for a controlled substance is filled by a pharmacy and the data is not entered in
250 correctly. He stated that he has reviewed a client record in the PDMP, knowing that he has
251 previously prescribed a controlled substance to the client's animal, and has found no record of
252 the dispensation being entered into the PDMP database. Lisa said she would follow up about
253 that because she is unaware of what pharmacist training involves.

254 *Agenda Item 5* **Lunch** *Time 12:10 p.m.*

255 *Off record- 12:10 p.m.*

256 *On record- 1:00 p.m.*

257 OLE Lund took a roll call attendance and all members were present.

258 *Agenda Item 6* **Public Comment** *Time 1:00 p.m.*

259 **Dr. McKayla Dick-** I just wanted to call on behalf of the AKVMA. I listened in on this
260 morning's meeting. A couple updates: Dr. Coburn and I spoke with Representative Wool this
261 morning. So, we kind of went over our flyer. Got everybody on the same page. The AKVMA
262 has, like, a little subgroup for the PDMP and we've been reaching out to the House Labor and
263 Commerce. That's kind of where we've directed our attention lately. We'll keep you guys
264 posted, but I agree with y'all: Now's the time to make noise. So, please reach out, use our flyers,
265 if you have any questions let us know. It can be intimidating talking to some of these people, so
266 if anybody needs a buddy, don't hesitate to ask. You can ask Dr. Coburn, myself, Dr. Delker,
267 and we'd be more than willing to hop on a Zoom meeting with whoever. Just so we can get the
268 information across the first time. If you guys need anything on our end, please let us know.
269 We're also taking letters, and we're putting them in PDF form on, like, a link on our webpage.
270 So, if any clinics want to write a letter, feel free to email those to me, and I can get them to the
271 right place. Thank you, guys, for your hard work.

272 **Dr. Sarah Coburn-** Good afternoon! I don't have much to add. I just thought I would,
273 potentially, in case there was something extra. The only other thing I will add from Dr. Dick is
274 that we are trying to get in touch with some other boards, as well, to see what kind of support –if
275 we could potentially get some letters of support from the Medical Board or Nursing –so, we're
276 starting those contacts. But, if that's anything that any of you are able to assist with as well, or
277 people, potentially, that you could recommend we get in touch with to help show a broad level
278 and range of support, I think will be helpful for the legislators to see in the medical community
279 as well. So, we're working on that and would appreciate, like I said, any other contacts that you
280 could recommend to help with that process. That's all.

281 **Dr. Jon Basler-** Hi there! I'll introduce myself: Dr. Jon Basler. I'm the owner and medical
282 director of College Village Animal Clinic in Anchorage. Pleased to meet you whom I've not
283 met yet. I am one of the ones who's a little long in the tooth –or getting a little longer in the
284 tooth –these years. So, for my inappropriate attempt to make public comments earlier –the
285 observation that perhaps the PDMP board should have heard –was under their use. They said in

286 the fourth quarter of 2020, that there had only been three searches, and I can pretty much
287 guarantee that I did, personally, more than three searches. And, I can pretty much guarantee my
288 clinic did significantly more than three searches. So, I feel like their numbers are not accurate,
289 which probably reflects a lot of the issues that we have with the PDMP. I probably need a little
290 education, so the board members who might know a little bit more can correct me if I'm wrong,
291 but my impression was that the PDMP searches only needed to be done for prescriptions
292 exceeding three days. And, for those drugs which are being directly dispensed, and if the
293 prescriptions are prescribed, the onus on the search then goes to the pharmacy where the
294 prescription is. So, if that is not correct, you have a whole clinic doing it wrong, because that's
295 my understanding.

296 I would also state that the daily reporting is a pretty substantial burden. The way our clinic has
297 chosen to handle it –we have four and a half doctors –I have one technician who is responsible
298 for all controlled drug ordering, logging, etc., and then I have another one who is the delegate
299 who does all of the recording and she is responsible –along with the practice manager –for
300 making sure that the one doing the ordering, stocking, inventorying, is doing it accurately as a
301 check and control. [The delegate] works three to four days a week. She does not report zero
302 days, so if we haven't done a prescription she doesn't currently report. If it's something that is
303 reported on the day, of her when she's out, then it would be the next day back. So, potentially I
304 could have, with rotating schedules, the need for three or four, or more delegates to try to have
305 somebody there every one of the six to seven days. Depending on the week we are open six or
306 seven days. So, those are just some observations from my observation on the PDMP.

307 I would say that I did want to thank the veterinary board, in general, for all their hard work. I
308 know a lot of times you only hear people whine, but again, having been around here a long time,
309 I would say that the responsiveness of the board staff has been substantially higher over the last
310 five to ten years than it was, especially when I first got up here. And so, I do greatly appreciate
311 that and having been in every position on the state AKVMA –including President, alternate
312 delegate, and the delegate to the AVMA –I do appreciate everything that the board members do
313 on spending their voluntary time here. I would pretty much echo, in the packet for the AKVMA,
314 there should be a signed letter from my staff that I will forward on to my own personal
315 representatives, but I would echo almost all of the statements that the AKVMA has made. It has
316 been particularly frustrating because we've been reporting since 2017 and I can pretty much say
317 that, until this past year, was the only time when we did queries that I would actually get a
318 response, and that would include ones that I know that we reported and those occasionally don't
319 show up. I can probably count on one hand the number of queries that have shown up from
320 another prescriber, even if I have a medical record that shows that it's done, such as the
321 emergency clinic. There's probably lots of reasons for that, but the bottom line is that this
322 system is really not set up for our profession. And, if they want to make it functional, they really
323 need to completely redo their software to allow reporting for our species.

324 And, there are still issues with owners, you know –possibly more than one owner, birth dates are
325 never clear, there really is no clear identifying information on the patients that would show
326 through. And, in getting close to 40 years of practice, the number of times when anybody in my
327 clinic has expressed reservation about a request from clients on controlled drugs has been

exceedingly low –to the point of nonexistence –so, I do feel that this is an issue that the veterinarians are being included in something that does not work for the veterinarian, does not protect the public. I was astounded by the number of cases that are being generated. This is the first time I was really aware of or seen that. My experience has been that veterinarians are scrupulously honest, and generally scrupulously compliant. The fact that there are so many cases, to me, would say that it's a broken system.

Those are the main comments that I would make at this point, and I will continue to support the efforts to pass House Bill 91. Thank you.

Agenda Item 7

Regulations

Time 1:12 p.m.

The regulations that were presented to the board by RS Zinn were originally drafted and accepted by the BOVE during the October and November 2020 meetings held by the board.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger, with an amendment to remove the phrase “and engaged in active practice” from 12 AAC 68.215(e) and to cite existing regulation in place of the definition in 12 AAC 68.935(d)(2), seconded by Dr. Albert, and with unanimous approval it was:

RESOLVED the ACCEPT 12 AAC 68.010(b), 12 AAC 68.215, 12 AAC 68.315(b), 12 AAC 68.910(e), 12 AAC 68.930, 12 AAC 68.935, and 12 AAC 68.990 as drafted and amended, and to send those out for public comment.

The board would like to hold oral public comment on these regulations after the written public comment closes.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

Chapter 68. Board of Veterinary Examiners.

12 AAC 68.010(b) is amended to read:

(b) An application for licensure by examination and all supporting documents must be received by the department at least **15** [120] days before the **deadline to register for the exam as set by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)** [NEXT SCHEDULED EXAMINATION].

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.165

Editor's note: The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) described in 12 AAC 68.010(b) is administered by ICVA, P.O. Box 1356, Bismarck, ND 58502; Telephone: (701) 224-0332; website at https://www.icva.net/navle/.

12 AAC 68 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 68.215. Veterinarian-client-patient relationship. (a) A person may not practice veterinary medicine unless a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists. “Patient” and “client” are defined in 12 AAC 68.990. A veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists if the licensed veterinarian or an associate of the licensed veterinarian:

(1) has assumed responsibility for making clinical judgements for the health of the patient and the need for medical therapy, has instructed the client on a course of therapy appropriate to the circumstance, and that client has agreed to follow the veterinarian’s recommendations;

(2) has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical conditions; sufficient knowledge means the veterinarian has seen the patient for a physical examination within the last 12 months, or is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the patient through medically appropriate visits to the premises where the patient is maintained within the last 12 months;

(3) provides oversight of treatment and is readily available to provide, or has provided for, follow-up medical care in the event of adverse reactions or failure of the treatment regimen;

(4) maintains patient records.

(b) A veterinarian-client-patient relationship cannot be established solely by telephone or other electronic means; however, an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship as defined in (a) of this section may be maintained by electronic or telephonic means during a 12-month period.

(c) Both the licensed veterinarian and the client have the right to establish or decline a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(d) A licensed veterinarian who in good faith engages in the practice of veterinary medicine by rendering or attempting to render emergency or urgent care to a patient when a client cannot be identified, and a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not established, shall not be subject to penalty based solely on the veterinarian’s inability to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(e) In remote regions of this state that are without access to the road system, where there is no locally available veterinarian, it may be logistically impossible for the patient or veterinarian to immediately travel for in-person consultation. In these cases, an emergency exists and the patient is at risk of going untreated. In this situation, an evaluation of the patient or premises may be initially conducted through electronic or telephonic means, as long as the veterinarian requests that the patient be presented for an in-person examination or that the veterinarian conducts a medically appropriate visit to the premise when reasonably achievable. The veterinarian acting in this manner must be licensed in this state at the time the electronic or telephonic evaluation is conducted. The veterinarian must provide the client with the veterinarian’s identity, location, licensure status, and any privacy or security issues involved in accessing veterinary services through electronic means.

Authority: AS 08.98.050

12 AAC 68.315(b) is amended to read:

(b) An application for examination or reexamination must be received by the department at least **15** [45] days before the **deadline to register for** [DATE OF] the next examination **as set by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards**. Applicants who fail the examination may retake the examination within one year from the date of their application. After the expiration of one year from the date of application, applicants who wish to retake the examination must reapply for it.

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.080 AS 08.98.167

Editor's note: The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) described in 12 AAC 68.315 is administered by AAVSB, 380 W. 22nd Street, Suite 101, Kansas City, MO 64108; Telephone: (816) 931-1504; website at <https://aavsb.org/vtne-overview/the-online-application>.

12 AAC 68.910(e) is amended to read:

(e) Unless released to the patient's owner, patient medical records must be retained by the veterinary medical facility or licensed veterinarian for a minimum of five years. Records may be disposed of by tearing, shredding, [OR] burning, **or other method for electronic disposal** so that the records are totally destroyed.

Authority: AS 08.98.050

12 AAC 68.930 is amended to read:

12 AAC 68.930. Registration with the prescription drug monitoring program controlled substance prescription database. (a) A licensed veterinarian who has a federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number must register with the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) controlled substance prescription database under AS 17.30.200, **not later than 30 days after initial licensure or registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), whichever is later.**

(b) A veterinarian may delegate PDMP responsibilities to another veterinarian or veterinary technician within their practice, who holds a current license under AS 08.68 and this chapter.

(c) The veterinarian's delegate must be registered with the PDMP using a separate login, and shall register using the name of the delegating veterinarian. The veterinarian may not give their login to a delegate.

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 17.30.200

12 AAC 68 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 68. 935. Compliance with the prescription drug monitoring program controlled substance prescription database. (a) Unless excused under AS 17.30.200(t) and (c) of this section, a veterinarian or the veterinarian's delegate must review the information in the PDMP database to check a client's prescription records before dispensing, prescribing, or administering a schedule II or III controlled substance to the client.

(b) Unless excused under AS 17.30.200(t) and (c) of this section, a veterinarian who dispenses a schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance must submit the information as required by AS 17.30.200(b), to the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) daily, including days when no controlled substances are dispensed. When reporting a dispensed controlled substance under this subsection, the veterinarian shall use the name of the client.

(c) A veterinarian is not required to review the client's information in the PDMP database before prescribing, administering, or dispensing a controlled substance if

(1) the patient is receiving treatment

(A) in an inpatient setting;

(B) at the scene of an emergency;

(C) in an emergency veterinary hospital;

(D) immediately before, during, or within the first 48 hours after surgery or a medical procedure; or

(2) the prescription is non-refillable and is written for a quantity intended to last for not more than three days.

(d) In this section

(1) "reporting" means inputting prescription data for the client's animal patient;

(2) "client" is defined in 12 AAC 68.990(1);

(3) "emergency veterinary hospital" means a veterinary hospital or emergency service with the primary function of receiving, treating, and monitoring of emergency patients during its specified hours of operation. A veterinarian must be in attendance at all hours of operation and sufficient staff must be available to provide timely and appropriate care. A veterinary emergency service may be an independent, after-hours service; an independent 24-hour service; or part of a full-service hospital.

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 17.30.200

12 AAC 68.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) "veterinary facility" or "veterinary medical facility" means any premises or facility where the practice of veterinary medicine is performed, including but not limited to a mobile clinic, temporary clinic, outpatient clinic, veterinary hospital or clinic, emergency facility, specialty facility, referral facility, or veterinary center, but shall not include the premises of a veterinary client, research facility, or a federal military base

479 **Authority:** AS 08.98.050

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481 **Agenda Item 8** **Board Business** **Time 1:52 p.m.**

482 **AAVSB Board Basics & Beyond**

483 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Michetti, seconded by Dr. Flamme, and with unanimous**
484 **approval, it was:**

485 **RESOLVED to send Dr. Albert to the AAVSB's 2021 Virtual Board Basics and Beyond**
486 **Training from April 22-23, 2021.**

487 **Common Farming Practices on Goats**

488 An individual was referred to the board (through OLE Lund) by the State Veterinarian, Dr.
489 Gerlach. The individual has raised and farmed goats for many years and has specialized skills
490 related to goat husbandry and care including elastration, disbudding, and hoof trimming. The
491 individual advertises services and accepts donations for services rendered throughout their
492 community. Dr. Gerlach was concerned that, in accordance with the statute definition of the
493 practice of veterinary medicine (AS 08.98.250(6)), that the services this individual provides to
494 their community may be encroaching on unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine.

495 Dr. Flamme described that, when he was a child, his family raised goats and they performed all
496 their own elastration, etc. When he moved to Fairbanks, he saw terrible examples of these
497 procedures performed by licensed veterinarians, and that there are lay persons in Alaska who
498 perform these procedures better. The main issue is that this individual advertises and accepts
499 compensation for providing these services. That is against the law. Neighbors helping
500 neighbors is one thing, but in his opinion, if a person cannot properly care for their own animals
501 and do not have access to a veterinarian to care for their animals, then they should not own the
502 animals.

503 Dr. Michetti, who has family that are farmers, concurred that if the person is being neighborly
504 and altruistically helping, that would be fine. But this individual cannot collect compensation or
505 advertise. Growing up in Missouri, if one family knew how to perform a procedure, they would
506 teach the other family.

507 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger, seconded by Dr. Michetti, and with unanimous**
508 **approval, it was:**

509 **RESOLVED to send a letter of advisement to the individual requesting guidance on**
510 **common farm practices related to raising goats.**

511 The letter will include that elastration, disbudding, and hoof trimming are a matter of animal
512 husbandry and not considered the practice of veterinary medicine, but anything that involved
513 diagnosing hoof deformities is, and a licensed veterinarian would need to be consulted. The
514 individual shall not advertise or collect compensation; however, the individual may provide free
515 advice or education to goat owners.

516 *Rabies Vaccinations Given at Animal Shelters*

517 The veterinarian at the Mat-Su Animal Care and Regulation shelter, Dr. Mika Straub, has
518 requested guidance from the board regarding authorizing shelter staff to provide rabies
519 vaccinations while she will be away for an extended period of time on military deployment.

520 In accordance with the “Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention,”⁴ a veterinarian may
521 deputize a lay vaccinator as long as the vaccinator is appropriately trained and the rabies
522 certificate is cosigned by a licensed veterinarian and the individual that administered the
523 vaccination. Dr. Bergartt tabled the discussion and stated that she would like to have a meeting
524 with Dr. Louisa Castrodale, Epidemiologist with the Alaska Division of Public Health, about this
525 matter before sending a response letter to Dr. Straub.

526 *CE Request- Grand Rounds*

527 This request got excellent feedback when presented to the board as a ballot in OnBoard, the
528 electronic voting platform that is utilized by the division; however, the ballot was tabled until
529 this meeting because a board member expressed concerns about issuing a blanket approval with
530 no end date.

531 Dr. Flamme disclosed that he is acquainted with Dr. Rubin, the requestor and instructor for this
532 course, through Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Flamme spoke very highly of Dr.
533 Rubin. Dr. Bergartt determined that no conflict of interest exists so long as Dr. Rubin did not
534 pay Dr. Flamme to approve the CE course or sway the board’s decision in any way, but went on
535 to say that Dr. Flamme’s professional knowledge of Dr. Rubin was particularly relevant to the
536 topic at hand.

537 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Geiger, with an amendment to approve only through this**
538 **current license biennium ending on December 31, 2022, seconded by Dr. Flamme and with**
539 **unanimous approval, it was:**

540 **RESOLVED to APPROVE one hour per session to the Grand Rounds Continuing**
541 **Education course taught by Dr. Stanley Rubin through December 31, 2022.**

542 *Jurisprudence Exam- Update*

543 OLE Lund has recently received several complaints from applicants that the Alaska State
544 Veterinary Jurisprudence Exam is outdated. It has not been updated since 2013. In looking
545 further into the matter, OLE Lund discovered that the exam does contain several true/ false
546 questions that could be answered either way depending on reports of rabies cases in Alaska, or
547 what the term “recently” may mean to any given individual. There have also been quite a few
548 regulation changes or updates since then.

549 Drs. Flamme, Albert and Michetti volunteered to take a look at the jurisprudence exam. Dr.
550 Bergartt recommended that the 50-question exam be split three ways between the volunteering
551 board members. Any suggested updates will be reviewed during the next meeting.

⁴ <http://nasphv.org/Documents/NASPHVRabiesCompendium.pdf>

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553 The board unanimously agreed to hold their next meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. During
554 that time, they will hold public comment on regulations.

555 *Chair Bergartt called for adjournment at 3:21 p.m.*

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Ethics Act and Procedures for Boards and Commissions

All board and commission members and staff should be familiar with the Executive Branch Ethics Act procedures outlined below.

Who Is My Designated Ethics Supervisor (DES)?

Every board or commission subject to the Ethics Act¹ has several ethics supervisors designated by statute:

- The chair serves as DES for board or commission members.
- The chair serves as DES for the executive director.
- The executive director serves as DES for the staff.
- The governor is the DES for a chair.²

What Do I Have To Disclose?

The Ethics Act requires members of boards and commissions to disclose:

- Any matter that is a potential conflict of interest with actions that the member may take when serving on the board or commission.
- Any circumstance that may result in a violation of the Ethics Act.
- Any personal or financial interest (or that of an immediate family member) in a state grant, contract, lease or loan that is awarded or administered by the member's board or commission.
- The receipt of certain gifts.

The executive director of the board or commission and its staff, as state employees, must also disclose:

- Compensated outside employment or services.
- Volunteer service, if any compensation, including travel and meals, is paid, there is a potential conflict with state duties.

For more information regarding the types of matters that may result in violations of the Ethics Act, board or commission members should refer to the guide, "Ethics Information for Members of Boards and Commissions." The executive director and staff should refer to the guide, Ethics Information for Public Employees." Both guides and disclosure forms may be found on the Department of Law's ethics website: <http://www.law.state.ak.us/doclibrary/ethics.html>.

¹ The Act covers a board, commission, authority, or board of directors of a public or quasi-public corporation, established by statute in the executive branch of state government.

² The governor has delegated the DES responsibility to Shawn Henderson, Administrative Director of the Office of the Governor.

How Do I Avoid Violations of the Ethics Act?

- Make timely disclosures!
- Follow required procedures!
- Provide all information necessary for a correct evaluation of the matter!³
- When in doubt, disclose and seek advice!
- Follow the advice of your DES!

What Are The Disclosure Procedures for Board and Commission Members?

The procedural requirements for disclosures by members are set out in AS 39.52.220 and 9 AAC 52.120. One goal of these provisions is to help members avoid violations of the Ethics Act. The procedures provide the opportunity for members to seek review of matters in advance of taking action to ensure that actions taken will be consistent with the Act.

Procedure for declaring actual or potential conflicts.

Members must declare potential conflicts and other matters that may violate the Ethics Act on the public record and in writing to the chair.

Disclosure on the public record. Members must identify actual and potential conflicts orally at the board or commission's public meeting in advance of participating in deliberations or taking any official action on the matter.

- A member must always declare a conflict and may choose to refrain from voting, deliberations or other participation regarding a matter⁴.
- If a member is uncertain whether participation would result in a violation of the Act, the member should disclose the circumstances and seek a determination from the chair.

Disclosure in writing at a public meeting. In addition to an oral disclosure at a board or commission meeting, members' disclosures must be made in writing.

- If the meeting is recorded, a tape or transcript of the meeting is preserved and there is a method for identifying the declaration in the record, an oral disclosure may serve as the written disclosure.
- Alternatively, the member must note the disclosure on the Notice of Potential Violation disclosure form and the chair must record the determination.

Confidential disclosure in advance of public meeting. Potential conflicts may be partially addressed in advance of a board or commission's public meeting based on the published meeting agenda or other board or commission activity.

³ You may supplement the disclosure form with other written explanation as necessary. Your signature on a disclosure certifies that, to the best of your knowledge, the statements made are true, correct and complete. False statements are punishable.

⁴ In most, but not all, situations, refraining from participation ensures that a violation of the Ethics Act does not occur. Abstention does not cure a conflict with

- A member identifying a conflict or potential conflict submits a Notice of Potential Violation to the chair, as DES, in advance of the public meeting.
- This written disclosure is considered confidential.
- The chair may seek advice from the Attorney General.
- The chair makes a written determination, also confidential, whether the disclosed matter represents a conflict that will result in a violation of the Ethics Act if the member participates in official action addressing the matter.⁵
- If so, the chair directs the member to refrain from participating in the matter that is the subject of the disclosure.
- An oral report of the notice of potential violation and the determination that the member must refrain from participating is put on the record at a public meeting.⁶

Determinations at the public meeting. When a potential conflict is declared by a member for the public record, the following procedure must be followed:

- The chair states his or her determination regarding whether the member may participate.
- Any member may then object to the chair's determination.
- If an objection is made, the members present, excluding the member who made the disclosure, vote on the matter.
- Exception: A chair's determination that is made consistent with advice provided by the Attorney General may not be overruled.
- If the chair, or the members by majority vote, determines that a violation will exist if the disclosing member continues to participate, the member must refrain from voting, deliberating or participating in the matter.⁷

If the chair identifies a potential conflict, the same procedures are followed. If possible, the chair should forward a confidential written notice of potential violation to the Office of the Governor for a determination in advance of the board or commission meeting. If the declaration is first made at the public meeting during which the matter will be addressed, the members present, except for the chair, vote on the matter. If a majority determines that a violation of the Ethics Act will occur if the chair continues to participate, the chair shall refrain from voting, deliberating or participating in the matter. A written disclosure or copy of the public record regarding the oral disclosure should be forwarded to the Office of the Governor for review by the chair's DES.

⁵ The chair must give a copy of the written determination to the disclosing member. There is a determination form available on the Department of Law's ethics web page. The ethics supervisor may also write a separate memorandum.

⁶ In this manner, a member's detailed personal and financial information may be protected from public disclosure.

⁷ When a matter of particular sensitivity is raised and the ramifications of continuing without an advisory opinion from the Attorney General may affect the validity of the board or commission's action, the members should consider tabling the matter so that an opinion may be obtained.

Procedures for Other Member Disclosures

A member's interest in a state grant, contract, lease or loan and receipt of gifts are disclosed by filling out the appropriate disclosure form and submitting the form to the chair for approval. The disclosure forms are found on the Department of Law's ethics website:
<http://www.law.state.ak.us/doclibrary/ethics.html>

What Are The Disclosure Procedures for Executive Directors and Staff?

Ethics disclosures of the executive director or staff are made in writing to the appropriate DES (chair for the executive director and the executive director for staff).

- Disclosure forms are found on the ethics website, noted above.

Notices of Potential Violations. Following receipt of a written notice of potential violation, the DES investigates, if necessary, and makes a written determination whether a violation of the Ethics Act could exist or will occur. A DES may seek advice from the Attorney General. If feasible, the DES shall reassign duties to cure a potential violation or direct divestiture or removal by the employee of the personal or financial interests giving rise to the potential violation.

- These disclosures are not required to be made part of the public record.
- A copy of a determination is provided to the employee.
- Both the notice and determination are confidential.

Other Disclosures. The DES also reviews other ethics disclosures and either approves them or determines what action must be taken to avoid a violation of the Act. In addition to the disclosures of certain gifts and potential conflicts of interest, state employees must disclose all outside employment or services for compensation.

- The DES must provide a copy of an approved disclosure or other determination to the employee.
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How Are Third Party Reports of Potential Violations or Complaints Handled?

Any person may report a potential violation of the Ethics Act by a board or commission member or its staff to the appropriate DES or file a complaint alleging actual violations with the Attorney General.

- Notices of potential violations and complaints must be submitted in writing and under oath.
- Notices of potential violations are investigated by the appropriate DES who makes a written determination whether a violation may exist.⁸
- Complaints are addressed by the Attorney General under separate procedures outlined in the Ethics Act.
- These matters are confidential, unless the subject waives confidentiality or the matter results in a public accusation.

⁸ The DES provides a copy of the notice to the employee who is the subject of the notice and may seek input from the employee, his or her supervisor and others. The DES may seek advice from the Attorney General. A copy of the DES' written determination is provided to the subject employee and the complaining party. The DES submits a copy of both the notice and the determination to the Attorney General for review as part of the DES' quarterly report. If feasible, the DES shall reassign duties to cure a potential violation or direct divestiture or removal by the employee of the personal or financial interests giving rise to the potential violation.

What Are The Procedures for Quarterly Reports?

Designated ethics supervisors must submit copies of notices of potential violations received and the corresponding determinations to the Attorney General for review by the state ethics attorney as part of the quarterly report required by the Ethics Act.

- Reports are due in April, July, October and January for the preceding quarter.
- A sample report may be found on the Department of Law's ethics website
- An executive director may file a quarterly report on behalf of the chair and combine it with his or her own report.
- If a board or commission does not meet during a quarter, and there is no other reportable activity, the DES shall advise Jenn Williams by e-mail at Jennifer.williams1@alaska.gov and no other report is required.

If the state ethics attorney disagrees with a reported determination, the attorney will advise the DES of that finding. If the ethics attorney finds that there was a violation, the member who committed the violation is not liable if he or she fully disclosed all relevant facts reasonably necessary to the ethics supervisor's or commission's determination and acted consistent with the determination.

How Does A DES or Board or Commission Get Ethics Advice?

A DES or board or commission may make a written request to the Attorney General for an opinion regarding the application of the Ethics Act. In practice, the Attorney General, through the state ethics attorney, also provides advice by phone or e-mail to designated ethics supervisors, especially when time constraints prevent the preparation of timely written opinions.

- A request for advice and the advisory opinion are confidential.
- The ethics attorney endeavors to provide prompt assistance, although that may not always be possible.
- The DES must make his or her determination addressing the potential violation based on the opinion provided.

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It is the obligation of each board or commission member, as well as the staff, to ensure that the public's business is conducted in a manner that is consistent with the standards set out in the Ethics Act. We hope this summary assists you in ensuring that your obligations are met.

Ethics Disclosure Form

CONFIDENTIAL
REQUEST FOR ETHICS DETERMINATION

TO: _____, Designated Ethics Supervisor

(Identify Your Department, Agency, Public Corporation, Board, Commission)

I request advice regarding the application of the Executive Branch Ethics Act (AS 39.52.010 - .960) to my situation. The situation involves the following:

☐ I have provided additional information in the attached document(s).

I believe the following provisions of the Ethics Act may apply to my situation:

- ☐ AS 39.52.120, Misuse of Official Position
- ☐ AS 39.52.130, Improper Gifts
- ☐ AS 39.52.140, Improper Use or Disclosure of Information
- ☐ AS 39.52.150, Improper Influence in State Grants, Contracts, Leases or Loans
- ☐ AS 39.52.160, Improper Representation
- ☐ AS 39.52.170, Outside Employment Restricted
- ☐ AS 39.52.180, Restrictions on Employment after Leaving State Service
- ☐ AS 39.52.190, Aiding a Violation Prohibited

I understand that I should refrain from taking any official action relating to this matter until I receive your advice. If the circumstances I described above may result in a violation of AS 39.52.110 - .190, I intend that this request serve as my disclosure of the matter in accordance with AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Division, Board, Commission)

(Position Title)

(Location)

Designated Ethics Supervisor: Provide a copy of your written determination to the employee advising whether action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220, and send a copy of the determination and disclosure to the attorney general with your quarterly report.

Ethics Disclosure Form

Receipt of Gift

TO: _____, Designated Ethics Supervisor, _____
(Agency, Public Corporation, Board,
Commission or Council)

This disclosure reports receipt of a gift with value in excess of \$150.00 by me or my immediate family member, as required by AS 39.52.130(b) or (f).

1. Is the gift connected to my position as a state officer, employee or member of a state board or commission?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Can I take or withhold official action that may affect the person or entity that gave me the gift?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If you answer "No" to both questions, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is "Yes," or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.)

The gift is _____

Identify gift giver by full name, title, and organization or relationship, if any:

Describe event or occasion when gift was received or other circumstance explaining the reason for the gift:

My estimate of its value is \$ _____ The date of receipt was _____

☐ The gift was received by a member of my family. Who? _____

If you checked "Yes" to question 2 above, explain the official action you may take that affects the giver (attach additional page, if necessary):

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Division)

(Position Title)

(Location)

Ethics Supervisor Determination: ☐ Approve ☐ Disapproved

Designated Ethics Supervisor*

(Date)

**Designated Ethics Supervisor: Provide a copy of the approval or disapproval to the employee. If action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220, attach a determination stating the reasons and send a copy of the determination and disclosure to the attorney general with your quarterly report.*

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DIVISION Occupational Licensing	SECTION Licensing		

REQUEST FOR REGULATIONS: Then a board/commission requests a change in its regulations, the board/commission should explain, on the record during a properly noticed public meeting, the reason for the change and give detailed information on the change requested. The staff person responsible for the meeting minutes is also responsible for relaying the board/ commission's request to the regulations specialist through a draft copy of the minutes, plus any other information that explains the board/commission's request.

The regulations specialist will provide a draft copy of the requested changes in the regulations. It may be necessary to consult with the Department of Law on the board/commission's authority to make the changes requested. It may also be necessary for the board/commission to provide additional information in its intent before the regulations changes are drafted.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULATIONS CHANGES: Once a board/commission has reviewed the draft of proposed regulations and agreed on the working of the proposed changes, the board/commission should state on the record whether it intends to hold a public hearing on the regulations. The responsible staff should give a draft copy of the minutes to the regulations specialist and provide the date, location, and time of the public hearing, if applicable.

The regulations specialist will prepare and distribute the public notice, including providing a copy of the notice and regulations to all board/commission members and the affected staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULATIONS: All notices of proposed regulations include an opportunity for the public to give written comments on the regulations and a specific invitation for comments on the cost of the proposed regulatory action. The board/commission is obligated to seriously consider all written comments, and oral comments of a hearing is held, before taking final action on the regulations. To be considered, written or oral comments must be submitted as instructed in the public notice.

The public notice also includes a deadline for submitting written comments. This deadline is strictly enforced, and letters received after the deadline will not be forwarded to a board/commission for its consideration. Written comments must be received at the address given in the public notice by the deadline date; the postmark date is not considered.

Comments received by phone will not be considered as written comments. The division will accept faced comments. Staff should inform anyone submitting oral comments outside of the public hearing that the comments will not become a part of the record of the regulations project.

Comment letters should be addressed to the regulations specialist. **If a staff member other than the regulations specialist receives a letter commenting on proposed regulations, the letter should be given to the regulations specialist immediately.**

At the close of the public comment period, the regulations specialist will compile the written comments and provide then to staff for distribution to board/commission members. The board/commission chair should ensure that all members have carefully considered the public comment letters before the board/commission takes action on the regulations.

REGULATION HEARINGS: If a board/commission chooses to hold a hearing on proposed regulations, the information about the public hearing must be included in the original or a supplemental notice of the proposed regulations. Hearings are usually held in conjunction with a regularly-scheduled meeting of the board/commission, and are always recorded. A board/commission may choose to use teleconferencing sites for the regulations hearing.

If a board/commission has not given notice of public hearing, the board/commission may not accept any oral comments on the regulations. If the board/commission accepts oral comments without having given notice of a public hearing, the board/commission is required to give supplemental notice and hold a hearing at a later date to allow other interested parties to give oral comments.

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The board/commission chair often presides over the hearing. The general principle for conducting a regulations hearing is fairness. The board/commission may impose a time limit on commenters, but each commenter must be treated equally.

Staff should provide a sign-in sheet at the beginning of the hearing for those who plan to give oral comments.

FINAL ACTION BY THE BOARD/COMMISSION ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS: After carefully considering the written comments, any oral comments if a hearing was held, and discussing the costs of the proposal, the board/commission may take final action on proposed regulations. The board/commission's final action must be taken during a properly-noticed public meeting.

The board/commission may adopt the regulations as proposed, amend and adopt the regulations, or take no action on the regulations. If the board/commission amends the regulations beyond the summary of proposed changes it has given during the public notice process, the board/commission must give additional notice before adopting the regulations. It is important for the board/commission to explain the reason for its actions on the record. This is not only helpful in the preparation of the final draft of the regulations, but it is also important during the review of the regulations by the Department of Law and in case of a legal challenge to the regulations.

The record of the meeting should include how the board/commission considered the public comment in its deliberations. Also, the board/commission chair or other board/ commission member must make a statement on the record indicating how the board/commission gave special consideration to the cost to private persons. The board/commission must discuss the costs to private persons on the record, even if no comments on costs were submitted or if there are no apparent costs.

The board/commission's final action must be in the form of a motion that is passed.

The staff person responsible for the minutes of the meeting is also responsible for giving a draft copy of the minutes to the regulations specialist as soon as possible after the meeting.

FINAL REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS: After a board/commission has adopted regulations, the regulations specialist will prepare the proper paperwork and submit the project to the Department of Law for final review. If approved by the Department of Law, then the project is sent to the Lieutenant Governor's office for filing.

The regulations specialist will notify board/commission members and affected staff of the effective date of approved regulations.

Maiquis, Jun C (CED)

From: Pat Anderson - AKVMA <execdir@akvma.org>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Regulations and Public Comment (CED sponsored)
Subject: AKVMA Comments Re: Section 12AAC 68.215
Attachments: 05-24-2021-AKVMA-VCPRcommentstoBOVE.pdf

Importance: High

Good Morning Ms. Zinn,

I have attached written comments re: the veterinarian-client-patient-relationship for the proposed regulations to Section 12AAC 68.215.

Please let me know that you received the comments. We thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Re: Section 12AAC 68.215. Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship

Dear Ms. Zinn,

On behalf of the Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association (AKVMA), I would like to thank the board of veterinary medical examiners and commend all the hard work that has been put into a very thorough and comprehensive definition of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) as defined in section 12 AAC 68.215 of the veterinary professional regulations. In addition, the AKVMA thanks you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulations. We are requesting some additional language be included in the regulations to ensure clarity of the regulations for a VCPR.

In the first paragraph of the definition of a VCPR, it states that the veterinarian or "an associate of the veterinarian" can establish a VCPR. We suggest clarification that the associate is another veterinarian in the veterinarian's practice by rewording the sentence as follows: "A veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists if the licensed veterinarian or an associate veterinarian in the same veterinary practice of the licensed veterinarian with access to the medical records:". Without clarification, it lends to some ambiguity as to whether a non-veterinarian or veterinarian outside the practice could establish a VCPR on behalf of a veterinarian or whether the associate has access to the patient's medical records.

In section e, the inclusion of the emergency clause for our remote patients allows practitioners to help some of the most isolated and vulnerable patients while protecting the critical importance of a physical exam. The paragraph goes on to require that the veterinarian be a licensed Alaskan veterinarian which means one that is inherently familiar with the challenges of serving the rural bush communities. This is a critical component of paragraph e and we are very supportive of these efforts. At the conclusion of clause e however, it would be beneficial to reiterate that all the other requirements listed in establishing a VCPR are still applicable i.e., in the emergency clause the exemption is only for the initial physical exam. It is important to establish a precedence that medical

records must be maintained and that the other requirements of the state of Alaska's VCPR should still be strictly adhered to.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the proposed regulations. AKVMA appreciates the diligence and great work that has been put forth by the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'McKayla Dick', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Dr. McKayla Dick
President of the Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association

Maiquis, Jun C (CED)

From: Dr. Ashley Morgan <AMorgan@avma.org>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Regulations and Public Comment (CED sponsored)
Cc: Dr. Ashley Morgan
Subject: Re: Section 12AAC 68.215. Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship
Attachments: AK BOVE VET_Minutes_2021_03.pdf; AVMA letter AK BOVE re VCPR 052421.pdf; VET Regs-0421.pdf

Good afternoon, Ms. Zinn,

We'd like to submit comments per the attached letter in response to the proposed new section outlining the requirements for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship in regulation by Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners. Please let me know if you have any questions and I appreciate confirmation of receipt of these comments.

Warmly,
Ashley

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May 24, 2021

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Re: Section 12AAC 68.215. Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship

Dear Ms. Zinn,

On behalf of our more than 97,000 members, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) joins the Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association (AKVMA) in extending our thanks and appreciation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners for the hard work in defining the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) and attention to concerns we expressed during earlier comment periods.

Upon review of the current draft, we would like to see language in the first paragraph of the VCPR definition clarifying that the 'associate of the licensed veterinarian' is another veterinarian licensed in the state of Alaska who works within the practice with the veterinarian who initially established the VCPR. This associate veterinarian should also have access to the patient's medical records. We suggest clarification that the associate is another veterinarian in the veterinarian's practice by rewording the sentence as follows: "A veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists if the licensed veterinarian or an associate veterinarian in the same veterinary practice of the licensed veterinarian with access to the medical records:". Without clarification, it lends to some ambiguity as to whether a non-veterinarian or veterinarian outside the practice could establish a VCPR on behalf of a veterinarian or whether the associate has access to the patient's medical records.

We want to specifically note our support for the inclusion of the emergency clause for remote patients in section e. This allows practitioners to help some of the most isolated and vulnerable patients while protecting the critical importance of a physical exam by a veterinarian licensed in Alaska. We ask that language be added to clarify that all other requirements, such as record keeping, listed in establishing a VCPR are still applicable under this provision.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to add our perspective to the conversation on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Janet D. Donlin, DVM, CAE
Executive Vice President and CEO

**Comments on: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE
BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

This notice has no comments.

Zinn, Sher K (CED)

From: Lund, Ilsa M (CED)
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 9:45 AM
To: Zinn, Sher K (CED)
Subject: FW: Veterinary Regulations Comments from Bert Gore, DVM #45
Attachments: Bert Veterinary Regulations.docx

Sorry, I didn't see these before I just emailed you. Thank you for your prompt response. Should I let Mr. Gore know that he needs to resubmit them to the regulation email?

Thank you,

Ilsa Lund

Ilsa Lund
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Please visit our [COVID-19 information page](#) to read the guidance document. This guidance for licensees and facilities should be straightforward and self-explanatory. However, if you still have questions, please email your programs email or license@alaska.gov.

From: crosswind@matnet.com [mailto:crosswind@matnet.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Lund, Ilsa M (CED) <ilsa.lund@alaska.gov>
Subject: Veterinary Regulations Comments from Bert Gore, DVM #45

Bert Gore comments on Veterinary Regulations. Attention: Mrs. Lund

Berton A. Gore, D.V.M.

P.O. Box 666

Palmer, Alaska 99645

crosswind@matnet.com

20th May 2021.

Attention: Mrs. Lund

Subject: Veterinary Regulations:

Ilsa.lund@alaska.gov

Dear Ms. Lund,

Like a college student with a term paper due I have put this off to the last minute. I would like to make comments, tell stories and hope the board of examiners will not go back and take my license retroactively. My comments/objection to the new section 12 AAC 68.125 and 12AAC 68.990 (6), are as follows.

When I received my veterinary license in 1969, there were about 8 vet clinics in Alaska. If you want I can name them and the lead vet in each. Of those only 2-3 of us worked on large animals and I was the only one who worked on dairy cows, pigs, sheep and goats. The other two vets worked on horses because they were worth money and were considered companion animals. FYI companion animals are members of the family and have a high dollar emotional value.

Sometime back in the 70's a cattleman on an Aleutian island, maybe Chirikof, Sitkinal, Sitkaletic, called me and said he had separated his young heifers from the herd and was moving them to the mainland. Somehow, one of the wild island bulls made it into the corral and bred most of the heifers. FYI island bulls have been out there running wild since the Russians used the islands as a penal colony. They cattle have morphed into livestock with large heads and shoulders for fighting. This is not a good genetic trait when young heifers are bred for the first time. The reason being is the calves large heads and shoulders won't pass thru the birth canal. Most likely the heifers will need a C-Section or they will die in labor. He continues by saying is there anything you can give me that will cause the heifer to abort? Yes, I have injectable medicine that will do that. It takes about 10 cc per injection. I sent him enough DES to treat his animals. Did I have a patient client relationship?? NO.

He called me about a year later thanked me for helping him out and said he lost only 2 or 3 heifers so either the medicine worked or the bull was shooting blanks. Does this match your definition of patient client relationship??

How many times did I receive calls like this, Doc I flew into Northway, Tok, McGrath, etc. I have clients on a hunt, camping trip or rock hounding trip. One of my horses has a nose full of porcupine quills, or a horse fell and cut its leg real bad, or the horse ran a staub (limb of a tree 2-3 in in diameter into its shoulder, chest or??? If I fly into Palmer can you leave whatever I need with Mr? I dispensed over the years tetanus antitoxin, injectable antibiotics, suture needles, suture material, betadine wound scrub and a host of other medications. How would that fit into your new rules??

How many times I sent tranquilizers, anesthetic, suture materials, vaccines, syringes, and medications to an RN in Copper Center for dogs and cats, couldn't be counted if you used all your fingers and toes.

The one call I received on a satellite phone probably ended in disaster. The call went something like this, "Doc how far can cows swim?" I'd never given that much thought so I said Why?? Someone replied we have about 25 head of cattle on a barge. All was well until the wind suddenly came up and the waves are breaking over the side of the barge and if we don't kick them off we will all go down together. I told them to open the gate and let the cows swim for it. I don't know about the cattle but the barge didn't sink and everyone lived.

So if you were in my shoes during these events would you say sorry we haven't established a client patient relationship and I can't help you so sorry!

My next gripe is 12 AAC 68.990. It states a veterinary medical facility means blah blah blah and says.. but it shall not include the premise of a veterinary client! This is the worst idea yet.

Let's note here I will be 78 in about 4 weeks. I wouldn't mind being retired if the new vets would go out to farms and get some mud and manure on their hands, boots and clothes! Most Recently I had a call about 5 am. The guy said my cow had a calf it's alive and well but her guts are hanging out. Should I shoot her? No she has a prolapsed uterus. I can give her an epidural/spinal nerve block and with luck put her all back together in about 2-3 hours. There is no way you can lift up a 1500lb cow and bring her to a vet hospital. The fix has to be done on the farm. And as I read your new regs that won't fly. WE can expand this to include calving in cattle. The call is Doc my cow is having a calf and three legs are sticking out but I can't see the head can you come out??? Doc my cow just had a calf and she can't get up. If it's her first calf it's obturator paralysis. If it's calf 2 thru 8 she has hypocalcemia and needs IV CMPK with Dextrose. My cow is bloated and looks like she will explode how soon can you get here. Doc I need to have 50 cows checked for pregnancy...done by a manual rectal exam. Doc when can you come out and dehorn 25 calves. Doc when can you come out and vaccinate and deworm my herd of cattle, sheep, hogs, and goats. Doc I had 2 cows die last night can you come out and do a necropsy to see why they died? I could give more examples but you get the idea. If you don't work on the clients premise a lot of animals will not receive veterinary care. This part of the proposed regs is unacceptable.

In conclusion I will be honest but I won't be brief. All of these regulations are designed to protect the small animal veterinarians bank account. Nothing here in these regs improves animal care only vet clinic profits. The regulations are designed not to improve animal health/care but to improve cash flow at small animal veterinary clinics. I'm glad I went to vet school in the 1960's. We were taught to do your

best to help all Gods creatures. If you do that the satisfaction of helping animals is greater than any monetary reward you will receive. I truly believe that!

If the tech savvy neighbor girl stops by tomorrow I will forward the pictures of the most recent cow uterine prolapse complete with before and after pics. You probably don't want to see them before lunch.

Stories and opinions from an old veterinarian, quite possibly the oldest living veterinarian in Alaska

Bert Gore DVM License #45

Class of 1968

Department of Commerce Community, and Economic Development
Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Summary of All Professional Licensing
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures

Board of Veterinary Examiners	FY 14 FY 15 Biennium			FY 16 FY 17 Biennium			FY 18 FY 19 Biennium			FY 20 FY 21 1st - 3rd QTR	
Revenue											
Revenue from License Fees	\$ 34,545	\$ 145,200	\$ 179,745	\$ 34,450	\$ 238,630	\$ 273,080	\$ 57,225	\$ 292,515	\$ 349,740	\$ 59,170	\$ 283,395
Allowable Third Party Reimbursements								282	282	92	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 34,545	\$ 145,200	\$ 179,745	\$ 34,450	\$ 238,630	\$ 273,080	\$ 57,225	\$ 292,797	\$ 350,022	\$ 59,262	\$ 283,395
Expenditures											
Non Investigation Expenditures											
1000 - Personal Services	33,073	44,244	77,317	54,917	47,791	102,708	54,210	72,143	126,353	80,036	56,622
2000 - Travel	2,089	2,700	4,789	3,343	2,031	5,374	1,911	2,938	4,849	2,622	-
3000 - Services	1,629	3,929	5,558	1,756	3,487	5,243	3,020	6,531	9,551	8,052	4,424
4000 - Commodities	35	68	103	26	68	94	15	-	15	-	-
5000 - Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Investigation Expenditures	36,826	50,941	87,767	60,042	53,377	113,419	59,156	81,612	140,768	90,710	61,046
Investigation Expenditures											
1000-Personal Services	57,251	25,790	83,041	18,751	16,688	35,439	20,155	29,916	50,071	47,598	42,542
2000 - Travel										-	-
3023 - Expert Witness	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3088 - Inter-Agency Legal	78	5,566	5,644	11,046	-	11,046	-	-	-	956	5,210
3094 - Inter-Agency Hearing/Mediation	-	-	-	3,714	-	3,714	-	-	-	-	1,693
3000 - Services other								147	147	73	16
4000 - Commodities								-	-	-	-
Total Investigation Expenditures	58,829	31,356	90,185	33,511	16,688	50,199	20,155	30,063	50,218	48,627	49,461
Total Direct Expenditures	95,655	82,297	177,952	93,553	70,065	163,618	79,311	111,675	190,986	139,337	110,507
Indirect Expenditures											
Internal Administrative Costs	18,449	17,392	35,841	23,848	25,550	49,398	26,122	31,843	57,965	32,469	24,352
Departmental Costs	13,743	18,592	32,335	15,319	18,427	33,746	17,549	23,702	41,251	19,403	14,552
Statewide Costs	9,945	9,766	19,711	5,758	7,010	12,768	8,304	10,634	18,938	16,815	12,611
Total Indirect Expenditures	42,137	45,750	87,887	44,925	50,987	95,912	51,975	66,179	118,154	68,687	51,515
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 137,792	\$ 128,047	\$ 265,839	\$ 138,478	\$ 121,052	\$ 259,530	\$ 131,286	\$ 177,854	\$ 309,140	\$ 208,024	\$ 162,022
Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)											
Beginning Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 108,829	\$ 5,582		\$ 22,735	\$ (81,293)		\$ 36,285	\$ (37,776)		\$ 77,167	\$ (71,595)
Annual Increase/(Decrease)	(103,247)	17,153		(104,028)	117,578		(74,061)	114,943		(148,762)	121,373
Ending Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,582	\$ 22,735		\$ (81,293)	\$ 36,285		\$ (37,776)	77,167		(71,595)	49,778
Statistical Information											
Number of Licenses for Indirect calculation	651	734		784	946		880	937		937	
Additional information: • Fee analysis required if the cumulative is less than zero; fee analysis recommended when the cumulative is less than current year expenditures; no fee increases needed if cumulative is over the current year expenses * • Most recent fee change: Fee change FY19 • Annual license fee analysis will include consideration of other factors such as board and licensee input, potential investigation load, court cases, multiple license and fee types under one program, and program changes per AS 08.01.065.											

Department of Commerce Community, and Economic Development
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Appropriation Name (Ex)	(All)
Sub Unit	(All)
PL Task Code	VET1

Sum of Budgetary Expenditures	Object Type Name (Ex)		
Object Name (Ex)	1000 - Personal Services	3000 - Services	Grand Total
1011 - Regular Compensation	58,278.07		58,278.07
1014 - Overtime	757.48		757.48
1023 - Leave Taken	6,438.93		6,438.93
1028 - Alaska Supplemental Benefit	3,896.54		3,896.54
1029 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Benefits	327.12		327.12
1030 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Contribution	3,393.40		3,393.40
1034 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Cont Health Reim	2,299.93		2,299.93
1035 - Public Employee's Retirement Sys Defined Cont Retiree Medical	787.73		787.73
1037 - Public Employee's Retirement Sys Defined Benefit Unfnd Liab	7,150.48		7,150.48
1039 - Unemployment Insurance	95.75		95.75
1040 - Group Health Insurance	19,661.75		19,661.75
1041 - Basic Life and Travel	30.52		30.52
1042 - Worker's Compensation Insurance	591.11		591.11
1047 - Leave Cash In Employer Charge	1,295.63		1,295.63
1048 - Terminal Leave Employer Charge	877.87		877.87
1053 - Medicare Tax	901.99		901.99
1062 - GGU Business Leave Bank Contributions	57.57		57.57
1063 - GGU Business Leave Bank Usage	-		-
1069 - SU Business Leave Bank Contributions	17.04		17.04
1077 - ASEA Legal Trust	87.83		87.83
1079 - ASEA Injury Leave Usage	12.27		12.27
1080 - SU Legal Trst	22.49		22.49
1970 - Personal Services Transfer	(7,816.94)		(7,816.94)
3000 - Training/Conferences		250.00	250.00
3001 - Test Monitor/Proctor		-	-
3045 - Postage		16.20	16.20
3046 - Advertising		179.65	179.65
3088 - Inter-Agency Legal		8,271.92	8,271.92
3094 - Inter-Agency Hearing/Mediation		1,692.60	1,692.60
3085 - Inter-Agency Mail		932.15	932.15
Grand Total	99,164.56	11,342.52	110,507.08

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

Sec. 44.62.310. Government meetings public.

(c) The following subject may be considered in an executive session:

- (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity;
- (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion;
- (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential;
- (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.

MOTION WORDING:

"In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c), I move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing (select the appropriate statutory citation for the situation):

- (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity; *OR***
- (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; *OR***
- (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; *OR***
- (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.**

**Board staff is requested to remain during the session *OR*
Board only to remain during session."**

Staff will then state "The board is off the record at _____(time)."



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PROBATION REPORT

DATE: May 20, 2021

TO: Board of Veterinary Examiners

THRU: Amber Whaley, Senior Investigator

FROM: Michele Hearn, Investigator

Digitally signed by
Michele Hearn
Date: 2021.05.21
07:49:22 -0800

SUBJECT: Probation Report for the June 2, 2021 Board Meeting

The following is a complete list of individuals on probation for this Board. There is currently **one (1)** individuals being monitored on probation. **zero (0)** were released from probation since the last report. Individuals **non-compliant** or on **“hold”** with their probation are noted next to **“**”** with explanations listed below

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Probation Start</u>	<u>Probation End</u>
John Van Sciver	2021-000347	03/09/2021	03/09/2022

SPECIAL NOTES:

- None

END OF REPORT



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 17, 2021
TO: Board of Veterinary Examiners
THRU: Greg Francois, Chief Investigator
FROM: Dawn Bundick, Investigator
RE: Investigative Report for the June 02, 2021 Meeting

The following information was compiled as an investigative report to the Board for the period of February 25, 2021 thru May 17, 2021; this report includes cases, complaints, and intake matters handled since the last report.

Matters opened by the Paralegals in Anchorage and Juneau, regarding continuing education audits and license action resulting from those matters are covered in this report.

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<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Violation Type</u>	<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Status Date</u>
VETERINARIAN			
2020-000571	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/24/2020
2020-000575	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/24/2020
2020-000577	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/24/2020
2020-000579	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/24/2020
2020-000581	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/24/2020
2020-000582	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/24/2020
2020-000583	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/24/2020
2020-000584	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000585	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000586	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/25/2020

2020-000590	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000591	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000592	PDMP Violation: Failure to Register	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000593	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000594	PDMP Violation: Failure to Register	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000595	PDMP Violation: Failure to Register	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000597	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/25/2020
2020-000603	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/26/2020
2020-000604	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/26/2020
2020-000608	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/26/2020
2020-000609	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/26/2020
2020-000610	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/26/2020
2020-000614	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/29/2020
2020-000615	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/29/2020
2020-000616	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/29/2020
2020-000618	PDMP Violation: Failure to Other (miscellaneous)	Intake	06/30/2020
2020-000620	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/30/2020
2020-000621	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/30/2020
2020-000622	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/30/2020
2020-000623	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/30/2020
2020-000624	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	06/30/2020
2020-000627	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	07/01/2020
2020-000629	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Intake	07/01/2020
2019-001340	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Complaint	04/15/2020
2019-001342	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Complaint	11/26/2019
2020-000537	PDMP Violation: Failure to Register	Complaint	06/21/2020
2020-000661	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	08/04/2020
2020-000989	Practice beyond scope	Complaint	10/29/2020
2020-001115	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	12/14/2020
2020-001121	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	12/14/2020
2020-001135	Unethical conduct	Complaint	12/18/2020

2021-000323	Unlicensed practice or activity	Complaint	04/21/2021
2019-000223	Unprofessional conduct	Investigation	07/16/2019
2019-000397	Unprofessional conduct	Investigation	07/16/2019

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

2021-000260	Unlicensed practice or activity	Complaint	04/19/2021
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Closed - 14

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Violation Type</u>	<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Closure</u>
VETERINARIAN				
2019-001341	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000570	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000580	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000588	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000596	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000598	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000599	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000600	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000605	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000617	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000626	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2020-000628	PDMP Violation: Failure to Query	Closed-Complaint	03/03/2021	No Action - No Violation
2017-001281	Negligence	Closed-Investigation	03/16/2021	License Action

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

2021-000409	Unlicensed practice or activity	Closed-Intake	05/14/2021	Other (See Abstract)
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END OF REPORT

Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
Summary Prepared for Board of Veterinary Examiners
May 2021



This report contains summary data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Data is provided as a courtesy for the board and is intended to be used for informational purposes only.

Notices

- The new Apriss contract started April 1st. Updated user manuals and dispensation guides will be uploaded soon to pdmp.alaska.gov.
- License integration is tentatively scheduled to go live on June 15th. Need to upgrade the specifications to include the newly created license types.
- The Awareness and Feedback Questionnaire is in development and will be available in June

Registration (changes since January noted)

Portal (Professional license system)

Number of licensed Veterinarians: 401 (includes 5 Temporary Permits)
Number of PDMP Veterinarian registrations: 320
Number of Veterinarians with DEA registrations: 332
Number of Veterinarians directly dispensing: 66
Compliance rate (DEA and PDMP registrations): 96%

AWARxE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 350

Use – Review Compliance

Federally Scheduled II – III controlled substances, over a three-day supply (some specialties omitted)

Q4 2020: 1.42% - 211 dispensations; 3 searched

Q1 2021: 2% - 300 dispensations; 6 searched

MME Use (Q4 2020/Q1 2021)

Number of patients treated with over 90 MME: 4 (same)

Number of patients treated with over 120 MME: 2 (decrease of one patient)

Number of patients treated with dangerous combinations (benzodiazepines and opioids): 7 (30% decrease)

Delinquent Reporters

Providers who directly dispense are required to report daily. A letter clarifying the status of the providers who indicated they are directly dispensing has been provided to staff. When the next compliance report is generated in July 2021, a list of delinquent reporters will be sent to the board staff with sample letters from the Board of Pharmacy.

Recommendations

- Encourage increased reviewing of clients, including the use of authorized delegates
- Issue periodic reminders to licensees on mandatory reviewing and reporting
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations
- Encourage licensees to verify their user roles and specialties in AWARxE to improve the accuracy of prescriber report cards
- Develop a plan for communication with licensees about delinquent reporting

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Summary Prepared for Board of Veterinary Examiners
May 2021



Contract Updates

- A Communications Module allowing provider-to-provider communication within the PDMP will be launched soon. The quick start guide is complete, and instructions will be in the updated AWARxE user manual. Launch date TBD.
- We were recently notified of additional grant funding available to purchase the Provider Outlier Module. This module will identify prescribers whose prescribing habits could potentially have negative repercussions on their patients.
- We are discussing the Delinquent Reporting Notice with the states who have implemented the system and are anticipating enabling this feature once license renewals have completed. This enhancement will send notices to providers when at least one day of reporting is missed.

MME Use

Q4 2020/Q1 2021

The CDC recommends that primary care clinicians should reassess evidence of the benefits and risks to the individual when increasing dosage to greater or equal to 50 MME/day and avoid increasing to greater or equal to 90 MME/day when possible due to an increased risk of complications. The CDC also recommends avoiding concurrent benzodiazepine and opioid prescriptions, given the high risk of adverse drug-drug interactions, specifically respiratory depression and death.

CDC checklist for prescribing opioids -

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PDMP_OpiodPrescribeCDC_06.2018.pdf

CDC guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain -

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PDMP_OpiodPrescribeCDCPain_2018.10.pdf

Provider Type	# Providers Prescribing at Least Once	# Providers Who Reviewed 0 Patients	# Providers Prescribing >90MME	# Providers Prescribing >120MME	Dangerous Combo	
					Benzo Opioid	Benzo Opioid Carisoprodol
DEN	329	55% (181)	7% (23)	3% (9)	26% (84)	0
MED	1093	22% (235)	14% (151)	14% (150)	35% (384)	2% (21)
NUR	537	19% (100)	11% (59)	7% (35)	24% (130)	2% (10)
OPT	5	80% (4)	0	0	0	0
PA	336	18% (61)	17% (58)	11% (38)	27% (92)	2% (6)
VET	191	71% (135)	2% (4)	1% (2)	4% (7)	0



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April 10, 2021

Representative Wool,
State Capitol Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801
Re: HB 91 "Controlled Sub. Data: Exempt Veterinarian"

Dear Representatives,

The Board of Pharmacy "the board" has collaborated with the Board of Veterinary Examiners since 2017 to address challenges, opportunities, and solutions to effective veterinary use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The board engaged in discussion with the Board of Veterinary Examiners in 2020 regarding the previous PDMP exemption bill, HB 184, appended for reference. As with the previous bill, the board upholds their neutral position for HB 91. In addition to quarterly reports, providing availability for questions at regularly scheduled board meetings, and sharing communication templates and strategies, efforts to provide guidance to the Board of Veterinary Examiners include:

Document	Topics	Date
Responses to Board of Veterinary Examiner's FAQs	Registration, reviewing, and reporting	12/2017
Template	Veterinary Rx reporting	08/2018, 03/2019, 05/2020
Veterinary challenges, solutions, outcome/feedback	Registration, reviewing, and reporting	05/2019
Data submission field standards	Veterinary Rx reporting	09/2019
FAQs for veterinarians	Registration, reviewing, and reporting; differentiating human vs. animal Rx	05/2020
Compliance for veterinarians (with assistance from Department of Law)	Registration, reviewing, and reporting	07/2020
Decision tree	Reviewing, including for veterinary Rx	07/2020
Mock letter to Board of Veterinary Examiner licensees	Registration, reviewing, and reporting	07/2020
Video	Zero reporting	07/2020

Should this bill pass, the board will continue to collaborate with veterinarians to strategize a response to the ongoing opioid crisis. In the event this bill does not pass, the board will continue to encourage compliance through regulatory changes to 12 AAC 68 to clarify prescription review of client information. In addition, the board notes the following:

- Secure prescription review history of client data meets the confidentiality standards in 12 AAC 68.100.
- Review of prescription data in the PDMP does not violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Thank you,

Richard Holt, PharmD, MBA (Chair)
Alaska Board of Pharmacy



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March 11, 2020

TO: Honorable Dave Talerico
FROM: Alaska Board of Pharmacy
DATE: March 11, 2020
RE: Neutral Position to HB 184

CC: Glenn Hoskinson, Special Assistant, DCCED
Laura Carrillo, Executive Administrator, Board of Pharmacy

On behalf of the Alaska Board of Pharmacy, we would like to express our appreciation for the legislative efforts put forward to improve patient safety. The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) serves as a valuable tool in both influencing judicious prescribing and dispensing practices and supporting law enforcement efforts to protect the health and safety of the public.

While we agree with and support the PDMP as a centralized mechanism to which providers across health care professions can reference when assessing appropriate patient care, we acknowledge that there are some challenges associated with the PDMP when it comes to veterinary practice.

Dr. Bergartt, with the Board of Veterinary Examiners, presented those challenges to the Board of Pharmacy at our February 7, 2020 meeting and we found in summary that their two largest hurdles to overcome were that they:

- 1) found it difficult to understand how to determine who the lawful owner of the pet may be in order to query the PDMP database; and
- 2) did not know what to do with the queried owner data as it is not within their scope of practice to evaluate human medications.

The board made several inquiries to Dr. Bergartt, including:

- 1) how other states mandate the use of their PDMP database by veterinarians as not all states have granted exemptions;
- 2) whether the board of veterinary examiners has any data regarding diversion cases or the number of animal cruelty cases before and after the use of the PDMP became law to assist in evaluating whether there have been noticeable differences;
- 3) whether there were other efforts underway to expand education by requiring continuing education; and
- 4) what the responses were from the other prescribing boards.

At that time, Dr. Bergartt did not have the data or answers to the board of pharmacy inquiries. As a result of not having a complete picture of information, the 6 members of the board that were present at the February 7, 2020 meeting unanimously voted to remain neutral on HB184 at this point in time. The board of pharmacy looks forward to the continuing discussion and possibility of getting further data and answers to our inquiries to make a more informed decision.

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Insert Name Here – Licensing Examiner

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2022

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Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
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Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

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<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$0.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

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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

Describe "Other" (break out all sections):

Total Estimated Cost: **\$0.00**

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

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

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

#2 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

#3 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

#4 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

#5 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
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<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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

#6 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

#7 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2022 (continued)

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Resources ☐ Examinations
☐ Membership ☐ Training ☐ Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$0.00

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

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Resources ☐ Examinations
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Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$0.00

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

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Resources ☐ Examinations
☐ Membership ☐ Training ☐ Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$0.00

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

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Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

☐ Not Applicable

Cost Per Event: \$0.00

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:

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

☐ Not Applicable

Cost Per Event: \$0.00

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:

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

☐ Not Applicable

Cost Per Event: \$0.00

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:

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Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

☐ Not Applicable

Cost Per Event: **\$0.00**

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:

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

☐ Not Applicable

Cost Per Event: **\$0.00**

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 2022 Fiscal Requests

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

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Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2022

☐ **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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Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2022 (*Continued*)

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Regulation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2022

☐ **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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Regulation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2022 (*Continued*)

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Part I

FY 2021's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

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Goals and Objectives (continued)

Part I (continued)

FY 2021's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

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Goals and Objectives

Part II

FY 2022's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

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

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Part II (continued)

FY 2022's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

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

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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit:

Board Sunset Date:

Audit Recommendation:

Action Taken:

Next Steps:

Date Completed:

Audit Recommendation:

Action Taken:

Next Steps:

Date Completed:

Sunset Audit Recommendations (continued)

Audit Recommendation:
Action Taken:
Next Steps:
Date Completed:

Audit Recommendation:
Action Taken:
Next Steps:
Date Completed:

Audit Recommendation:
Action Taken:
Next Steps:
Date Completed:

Sunset Audit Recommendations (continued)

Audit Recommendation:
Action Taken:
Next Steps:
Date Completed:

Audit Recommendation:
Action Taken:
Next Steps:
Date Completed:

Audit Recommendation:
Action Taken:
Next Steps:
Date Completed:

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Hal Geiger Public Member	Juneau	Mar 01, 2016	Mar 01, 2024
Chris Michetti	Anchorage	Mar 01, 2018	Mar 01, 2022
Scott Flamme	Fairbanks	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 01, 2023
Denise Albert	Denali Park	Mar 01, 2020	Mar 01, 2024
James Hagee Board Chair	Trapper Creek	Apr 22, 2013	Mar 01, 2020

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Narrative Statement

The Board of Veterinary Examiners met seven times during FY20:

- October 4, 2019- In Anchorage
- November 26, 2019- Teleconference
- January 10, 2020- Teleconference
- February 24, 2020- Teleconference
- March 23, 2020- Teleconference
- April 27, 2020- Teleconference
- June 2, 2020- Teleconference

Current Board Members are:

- Rachel Bergartt, DVM, Chair- Juneau
- Hal Geiger, PhD, Public Member- Juneau
- Chris Michetti, DVM- Anchorage
- Scott Flamme, DVM- Fairbanks
- Denise Albert, DVM- Denali Park

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

The Board works with the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional 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 COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges to the State, the nation, and the world. At the Board's April and June meetings, the Board discussed best practices and guidelines for licensees and subsequently published that information to our website, as well as published interpretation of the Governor's mandates and how they applied to the practice of veterinary medicine. Dr. Rachel Bergartt, attended the COVID-19 Boards Chairs weekly meetings beginning on March 30, 2020 and continued to participate in the weekly meetings through the beginning of May, bringing back relevant information to the Board of Veterinary Examiners (BOVE) and sharing how the BOVE was advising licensees about best practices with the Board's Chairs group. Also, the Board posted information on coronavirus guidance for pet animals.

Coronavirus legislation, SB 241, gave authority to the Boards to pass emergency regulations or issue policy statements regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Law educated the BOVE on the emergency regulation process, and the BOVE subsequently issued a policy statement related to waiving continuing education credits and audit for the 2020 license renewal cycle due to the shutdown of conferences and travel nationwide because of COVID-19. The Board also published information on the telemedicine business registry, as SB 241 promoted telemedicine, but did not waive the business registry requirement. The Board also reviewed our current jurisdictional licensing exam practice and courtesy license application process and determined that our process was already effective to operate unchanged during the pandemic. We also removed the requirement for a notary for application materials during the ongoing pandemic.

FY 2020 Narrative Statement (continued)

The Board continued to monitor and comment on legislation relevant to the practice of veterinary medicine, mindful of our duty to protect the public. This legislative session was particularly busy as our Board was involved in testifying in support of and educating legislators regarding proposed veterinary exemption from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (HB 184). Drs. Flamme and Berngartt were elected to speak publicly for the Board, including directly to legislators, regarding PDMP exemption. The broad points of BOVE support for the bill centered around ineffectiveness of protection of the public in any meaningful way through veterinary participation in the PDMP, human privacy concerns, and fiscal concerns. However, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the legislative session was cut short and HB 184 never made it out of committee. We anticipate renewing the legislative educational effort after the November 2020 elections in preparation for the 2021 Legislative session. Notably, due to all of the problems in administration of the PDMP, the Board of Pharmacy, in charge of administering the PDMP, did not oppose HB 184 making veterinarians exempt from the PDMP.

The Board also commented upon HB 242 which was a proposal to standardize prescribing practice by milligram morphine equivalents (MME). There was no veterinary exemption in the proposed legislation, and standardization of prescription by MME for veterinarians is grossly inappropriate, as our profession treats everything from mice to moose and all species in between. Again, due to the COVID 19 pandemic legislative shutdown, HB 242 never made it out of committee either.

The Board spent a considerable amount of time focusing on the legal and practical aspects of the PDMP with a multitude of meetings with Division staff and PDMP staff. Dr. Berngartt attended a Board of Pharmacy meeting (February 7, 2020) to provide information about current challenges to the veterinary profession regarding PDMP implementation and to dialogue directly with the Board of Pharmacy so as to seek their input in mediating these challenges. At this meeting, the Board of Pharmacy voted on the record to non-oppose veterinary exemption from the PDMP. Additionally, Drs. Flamme and Berngartt attended a remote “town hall” meeting regarding the PDMP put on by the Alaska Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Berngartt spoke regarding clarification of licensee discipline. The Board has also worked with Department of Law and the Division regarding necessary training for Board members and licensees. The PDMP will be an ongoing focus for the Board, with upcoming regulations projects and evolving disciplinary matrixes for non-compliance.

Drs. Flamme and Geiger traveled to St. Louis to attend the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) annual meeting. Dr. Flamme was the voting delegate for Alaska and Dr. Geiger was the alternate delegate for Alaska. (Dr. Berngartt was also in attendance at the meeting as a member of the Regulatory Policy Task Force, not as an Alaska delegate.) Drs. Flamme and Geiger brought information back to the Board on topics such as but not limited to current challenges facing veterinary boards nationwide (such as regulation of telemedicine and corporate veterinary practice), top legal cases involving veterinary state boards, and the AAVSB Practice Act Model.

The Board has done considerable research on updating our regulations to include a definition of Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR). This is a major regulatory undertaking considering Alaska’s vast land mass and diverse public needs, telemedicine, and the Federal FDA Veterinary Feed Directive. We recently held noticed public comment (June 2, 2020) and received a great deal of public participation because this is such an important regulation, as it defines the legal relationship between a veterinarian, their patient and the client. The Board had a number of other regulatory projects that included updating application requirements to reflect current trends to improve ease of the application process.

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.

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2021

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
July 7, 2020	Teleconference	5	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$1,000.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$1,000.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
October TBD, 2020	Teleconference	5	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$1,000.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$1,000.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
January TBD, 2021	Teleconference	5	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$1,000.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$1,000.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2021 (continued)

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
March TBD, 2021	Teleconferenece	5	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$1,000.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$1,000.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
April TBD, 2021	Teleconference	5	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$1,000.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$1,000.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
June TBD, 2021	Teleconference	5	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$1,000.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$1,000.00

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
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):			
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2021 (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
Spring 2021- TDB	St Louis, MO	1	1 (alternate)

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

This travel is required to attend the AAVSB's Board Basics and Beyond Training. This training is invaluable for new board members or staff. Training includes walk through of terminology, Practice Act models, board authority, basic operations , conflicts of interest, etc.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
Net Total:	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,400.00

Non-Travel Budget Requests

☐ Not Applicable
 ☐ Resources
 ☐ Examinations
☒ Membership
 ☐ Training
 ☐ Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
Membership	AAVSB	\$500.00

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

The AAVSB provides many services to the board that are essential in the licensing process. Services include, but are not limited to, administration and transfer of national exam scores for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians, verifying license verifications and other licensing documents, and approving continuing education courses.

Summary of FY 2021 Fiscal Requests

Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$6,000.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$1,400.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$500.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	-\$1,150.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total Requested:	\$6,750.00

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Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2021

☐ **No Recommendations**

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

☒ **Recommendations**

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

- 1) Veterinary exemption from the PDMP, with profession-appropriate CE requirements to be placed in regulations specific to opioid use and monitoring in practice.
- 2) Statutory change to include oversight of “Veterinary Medical Facilities.”
- 3) Statutory change to include acceptance of “other foreign graduate assessments as the Board deems appropriate” for licensing of foreign graduates.

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Regulation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2021

☐ **No Recommendations**

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

☒ **Recommendations**

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

- 1) Continue to move forward with VPCR regulation.
- 2) Continue to move forward with telemedicine regulation.
- 3) Continue to move forward with PDMP regulation.

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2020's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

- 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.

Membership was maintained throughout FY2020 and Drs. Flamme and Geiger attended the national meeting in September, 2019.

- 2) Continue to implement, monitor, develop and review as necessary the jurisprudence state examination.

The Board has discussed the jurisprudence exam, particularly in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic. The method of administering the exam was deemed satisfactory regarding ease of access and timeliness.

- 3) Continue licensing veterinarians and veterinary technicians and continue monitoring continuing education hours.

The Board currently licenses veterinarians and technicians and has monitored CE hours.

- 4) Continue to review and evaluate current statutes and legislative proposals and develop new proposals as needed.

The Board has been very active in reviewing, evaluating, and commenting on proposals.

- 5) Resolve ongoing investigations/litigation in a timely fashion through direct involvement of the Board in the early review process.

The Board promptly responds to investigation requests. We have no current litigation issues.

- 6) Continue to update as necessary the Veterinary Handbook. A mailing of the Handbook will occur following a major revision.

The Board continues to evaluate the Veterinary Handbook. No revisions occurred in FY2020.

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Goals and Objectives (continued)

Part I (continued)

FY 2020's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

- 7)** Continue to pursue the mission and vision statements of the Board.

The mission statement is now read at the beginning of each meeting to set the tone for every meeting.

- 8)** Continue to review and evaluate current regulations for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and regulatory fees and develop new regulations as needed.

The Board is actively involved in developing new regulations to reflect the changing times especially considering telemedicine, the Federal Veterinary Feed Directive, and the intersection with the veterinary-client-patient relationship.

- 9)** Continue to monitor continuing education programs and requirements.

The Board actively monitors (and has posted) guidelines for licensees seeking CE approval of non-RACE approved programs.

- 10)** Continue to monitor budget as it pertains to the self-supporting fees.

The Board is actively involved in fiscal responsibility of determination of financial priorities, including judicious use of Division staff resources, Investigations resources, and Department of Law resources.

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Goals and Objectives

Part II

FY 2021'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.

Currently, the Board has enacted an emergency regulation regarding waiver of CE requirements for the 2020 renewal period. This will be reevaluated for 2021. Furthermore, CE requirements specific to include opiate education will be a focus for FY2021.
- 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. Continue to update as necessary the Veterinary Handbook. A mailing of the Handbook will occur following a major revision.
- 6) Continue to review and evaluate current regulations for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and regulatory fees and develop new regulations as needed.
- 7) The Board has struggled with crafting regulations related to the PDMP due to a lack of educational resources. Recently, (June 10, 2020), Dr. Berngartt met with PDMP staff, Regulations staff, Dept of Law staff and OLE Ilsa Lund to work on access to resources. The meeting was fruitful and resulted in DOL compiling applicable statutes and opinions and PDMP staff contacting Appriss to create a training video specific to veterinarians. The PDMP has also now invested money in the AWARxE interface to add an animal icon next to where animal prescription information needs to be input. These recent steps will hopefully improve the regulations process.
- 8) Continue to monitor continuing education programs and requirements.
- 9) Continue to monitor budget as it pertains to the self-supporting fees.

Fiscal responsibility is of paramount importance to the Board. The Board will need to address issues relating to a significant increase in investigatory fees resulting from PDMP alleged violations, despite the well-known problems with the PDMP. The Board will develop a resolution to convey continued investment in and ownership of our budget. Current challenges also include a suspension of scheduled fee increase due to COVID 19 financial impact.
- 10) Continue to pursue the mission and vision statements of the Board.

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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: 3/18/2016
Board Sunset Date: 6/30/2025

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: Board chair, Dr. Bergartt, authored the narrative sections of this report and reviewed with OLE Ilsa Lund.

Next Steps: n/a

Date Completed: 6/25/2020

From: Lainie Franklin
To: [Lainie Franklin](#)
Subject: AAVSB Items for your next Board agenda
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 6:14:03 AM
Attachments: [AAVSB Topics to Discuss.pdf](#)

Happy Monday!

As you prepare for your upcoming Board meeting, we've assembled all the recent action items into one packet for you. This will make it easier for you to share with your Board for discussion and action during your meeting. Topics include:

- Cannabidiol Guidelines (*discussion/possible action*)
- Call for Resolutions (*discussion/possible action*)
- Call for Topics (*discussion/possible action*)
- Call for Nominations (*discussion/possible action*)
- AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference (*discussion*)
- CE Tracking & Auditing (*fyi/action*)
- VTNE Scheduling Update (*fyi*)
- AAVSB COVID-19 tracking (*fyi/action*)

Dates to Remember

April 22 – 23, 2021 – **AAVSB Board Basics & Beyond** (virtual)

May 5, 2021 – Deadline for comments on Draft Cannabidiol Guidelines

May 5, 2021 – Deadline for proposed resolutions

May 7, 2021 – Deadline for Call for Topics

Spring 2021 – Registration opens for **AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference**

June 3, 2021 – Deadline for proposed AAVSB leadership nominations

September 30 – October 2, 2021 – **2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference**, Denver, Colorado

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lainie Franklin

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Mark Your Calendars!

[2021 AAVSB Board Basics & Beyond](#) – April 22 – 23 (Virtual)

Registration is open!



AAVSB Member Board Topics for Discussion

April – June 2021

Save These Dates

April 22 – 23, 2021	AAVSB Board Basics & Beyond (virtual)
May 5, 2021	Deadline for comments on Draft Cannabidiol Guidelines
May 5, 2021	Deadline for proposed resolutions
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Submit Comments on Cannabidiol Guidelines *(discussion/possible action)*

The AAVSB Regulatory Policy Task Force (RPTF) Cannabis Subgroup has drafted Recommended Guidelines for CBD Use on Companion Animals for the AAVSB Member Boards to provide guidance to veterinarians on the use of Cannabidiol (CBD) products in the practice of veterinary medicine. Throughout this process, the RPTF reviewed materials and data related to CBD products and drafted the attached guidance.

Your comment on the drafted guidance is the next critical step in the process.

The draft AAVSB Recommended Guidelines for CBD Use on Companion Animals can be found on pages 4 - 7. Submit your comments [here](#) or to seaster@aavsb.org by **May 5, 2021**.

Call for Resolutions is open *(discussion/possible action)*



Call for Topics is open *(discussion/possible action)*

The AAVSB Conference Committee invites you to submit topics for consideration for the Annual Meeting & Conference. Topics are due by **May 7, 2021**. See page 11 for the Call for Topics document.

Nominations for the 2020-2021 Leadership Year are Now Open *(discussion/possible action)*

The AAVSB Nominating Committee asks that your Board review the updated “Call for Nominations” document and use the online form at www.aavsb.org/nominations for submissions. Information was updated in March noting eight open positions. Nominations are due **June 3, 2021**. See pages 12 - 22 for the Call for Nominations packet.

Annual Meeting & Conference *(discussion)*

Registration will open in late Spring for the 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference in Denver, Colorado.

- **AAVSB Committee members *(fyi)***
As in the past, the registration fee is waived for those people serving in a role with an AAVSB Committee, and reasonable expenses are covered (see AAVSB Travel Policy on pages 23 - 24).
- **Delegate Funding Program *(discussion)***
- Utilizing the AAVSB Funded Delegate Policy, your Board can send a Voting Delegate and an Alternate Delegate. The registration fee is waived, and reasonable expenses are covered (see Delegate Funding Program on pages 25 - 27). Delegates will elect officers, vote on Bylaws and Regulation changes, and provide valuable input into the direction of your association.
- **NEW – Legal Counsel Funding Program *(fyi)*** To encourage Member Board attorneys to attend the AAVSB Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors has approved a Legal Counsel Funding Program (see pages 28 - 30) whereby the registration fee is waived, and reasonable expenses are covered. Once registration is open, the Program will be limited to the first ten Member Boards that submit a written request. If more than ten Member Boards respond, others will be placed on the waiting list and contacted as room is available.



CE Tracking & Auditing (fyi/action)

Let RACetrack do the work of CE Management:

- A new, free CE tracker with your needs in mind
- Allows veterinarians and veterinary technicians to record CE coursework in a centralized database
- Licensees can access their records anytime and efficiently send information directly to your Board or Council
- Quickly verify CE and license renewal information



Notify racetrack@aavsb.org to set up a time for a one-on-one demonstration of the RACetrack for the Member Boards suite. During this demo, AAVSB CE Services staff can show you the system with your licensees who have already set up RACetrack accounts.

AAVSB RACetrack staff can also supply you with wording and graphics to utilize for promotion in your newsletters or other licensee notifications. Remember, this is a FREE service for your licensees and, as with any AAVSB service, included in your member dues.

Email CE Services staff at jznidarsic@aavsb.org to begin utilizing the new AAVSB RACetrack program for your Board or Council.

VTNE Scheduling Updates (fyi)

The AAVSB has provided updates to exam candidates, jurisdictions, and program directors on the VTNE administration and application changes due to the coronavirus pandemic. Check <https://www.aavsb.org/news/article/81> for the latest updates.

AAVSB Covid-19 Resources (fyi)

The AAVSB continues to assist you, your licensees, and the public in tracking the various changes boards have made during the pandemic. See <https://www.aavsb.org/news/article/83> for the latest updates. Please submit updates from your Board office as they occur to efranklin@aavsb.org.

Invite the AAVSB to Attend One of Your Board Meetings (discussion/possible action)

We visited your board in the past but would be happy to return in-person or virtually to update your current board members on the new programs and services of the AAVSB. Email Lainie Franklin at efranklin@aavsb.org to schedule a visit.

MEMORANDUM

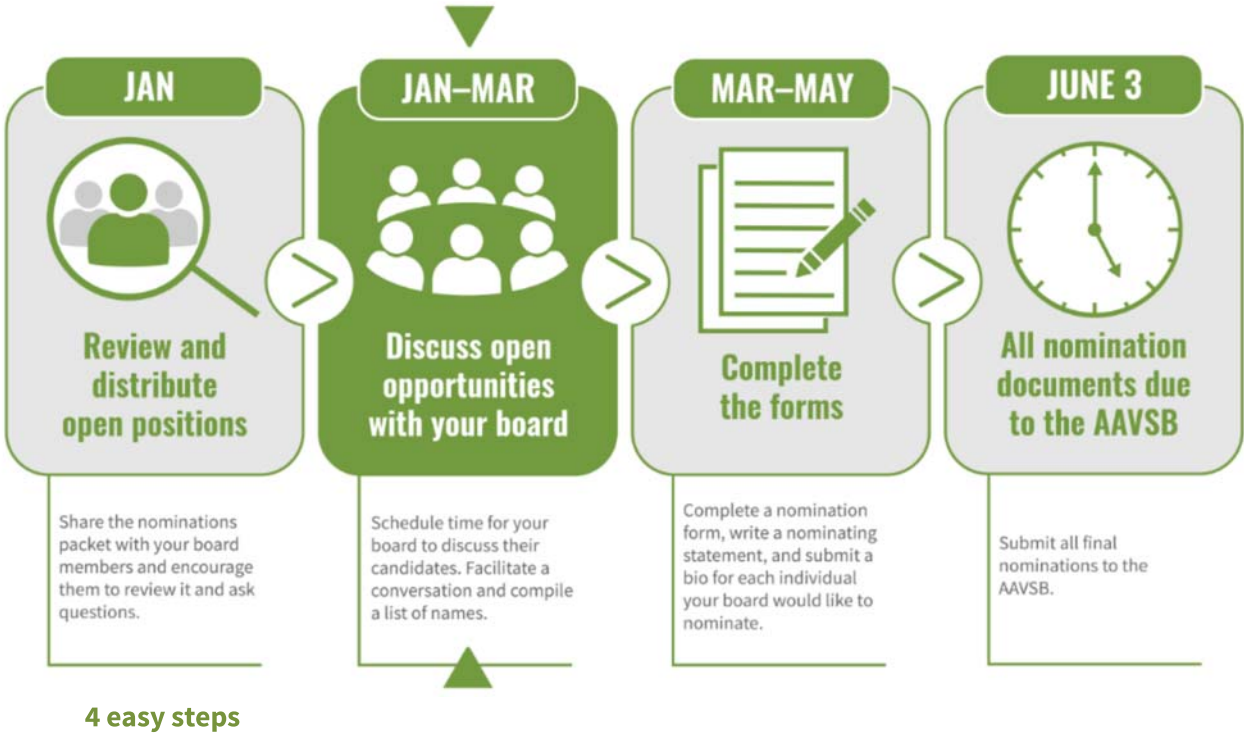
To:

From:

Date:

Subject: **Nominations Due June 3, 2021**

Please note: There are now 3 open positions for AAVSB Representations to the ICVA.



Packets must be received in the AAVSB office by June 3, 2020.



American Association of Veterinary State Boards **Updated Nomination Application for 2021-2022 Open Positions**

For information on Nominations submitted in 2020, please contact Daphne Tabbytite at dtabbytite@aavsb.org.

3 REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPLETED NOMINATION PACKET

1. Nomination Application (one for each nominee)
2. Biographical Information (2-page limit)
3. Statement from sponsor on rationale for the nomination

SUBMIT BY JUNE 3, 2021

ONLINE:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f9d2e5251f4743db93c74a082bfcdec0>

EMAIL: dtabbytite@aavsb.org

FAX: (816) 931-1604

MAIL: AAVSB

Attn: Nominating Committee
380 West 22nd Street, Suite 101
Kansas City, MO 64108

2021-2022 OPEN POSITIONS - **UPDATED**

Indicate the desired position(s)

President-Elect (1 position with a 3-year term)

Director (3 positions with 2-year terms)

Nominating Committee Member (1 position with a 2-year term)

ICVA Representative – Licensed Veterinarian (2 positions, one with a 2-year or one with a 3-year term)

ICVA Representative – Public Member position (1 position with a 3-year term)

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ State, Province or Territory: _____
Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Board Member (complete the following)

_____	_____	Yes or No
Board Administrator	Current AAVSB Board of Director	
AAVSB Associate Member	AAVSB Committee Chairperson	
Current ICVA Representative	Licensed Veterinarian in Public/Private Practice	
Delegate or Alternate Delegate (at the time of nomination)		

List year(s) nominee has attended the AAVSB Annual Meeting: _____

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Name of Member Board: _____
Name of Contact at Member Board: _____
Phone and Email of Contact: _____

→ **Return or complete online by June 3, 2021** ←



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American Association of Veterinary State Boards

1. Nominee Application (one for each nominee)
2. Biographical information (2-page limit)
3. Statement from sponsor on rationale for the nomination.

The following biographical information should be provided for each nominee. The information should not exceed two pages.

- Name
- Elected Position of Interest
- Education
- Specialties, if any
- Jurisdictions Where Currently Licensed, if applicable
- Work History
- Type of Practice/Employment (public, private or other; concentration)
- Member Board Experience and Roles Served
- Experience with the AAVSB and Roles Served
- Leadership Positions Held
- Other Affiliations



Information on Board of Directors Elected Positions for 2021 - 2022

CURRENT 2019 - 2021 AAVSB® BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OVERVIEW

RESPONSIBILITIES

EXPECTED TIME COMMITMENT – Approximately 150 hours per

BYLAWS SPECIFICATIONS (Article VII)



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American Association of Veterinary State Boards

Policies & Procedures: Travel

OVERVIEW

The AAVSB is committed to providing for *reasonable* travel expenses incurred while conducting Association business. This includes attending Association meetings and representing the Association at other functions.

As a non-profit organization, the AAVSB must be fiscally prudent at all times. Every effort should be made by those representing the Association or participating in Association activities to find the most cost-effective travel arrangements. The AAVSB reserves the right to decline payment of any expenses it considers outside the parameters of prudent spending.

This travel policy shall apply to the AAVSB Board of Directors, members of Association committees, task forces, and Association staff.

POLICY

1. Members of the Board of Directors, committees, task forces, and Association staff will be reimbursed for travel expenses while traveling on Association business.
2. Receipts must accompany requests for reimbursement for all expenditures over \$25.
3. When arranging for Association meetings, hotel accommodations shall be made using blocks of rooms for group rates. When travel is for other approved purposes, individual hotel accommodations must be made at the most reasonable rate. Additional persons sharing the traveler's room are the responsibility of the traveler.
4. Reimbursement will be made for guest room and taxes as well as other fees dictated by the contract with the hotel. Incidental expenses such as in-room movies, mini bar charges, laundry, or cleaning services will not be reimbursed.
5. Internet fees will be reimbursed, not to exceed \$15 per day.
6. In order to get the most economical rates, non-refundable airline tickets should be purchased at the earliest possible time, but in all cases no less than 14 days in advance of previously scheduled meetings. Travel insurance fees are the responsibility of the traveler. The AAVSB designated Travel Agent may be used to arrange air transportation. Checked bag fees will be reimbursed.
7. If air transportation will not be used, the AAVSB staff must be notified prior to travel. Alternate forms of transportation may be used instead of air transportation. For travel by personal vehicle, if the trip is less than 800 miles roundtrip, reimbursement will be at the current federal government rate for mileage. If a driving trip is more than 800 miles roundtrip, total reimbursement for driving will be capped at the amount equal to the lowest airfare available no less than 14 days prior to the travel date. Total reimbursable expenses subject to the cap for driving trips over 800 miles roundtrip may include mileage, tolls, parking, meals, and hotels in route. For forms of transportation used other than air or personal vehicle, the maximum amount reimbursed will be the cost of the alternative form of transportation or the lowest priced airfare available no less than 14 days prior to the travel date, whichever is less expensive.

8. If complimentary ground transportation is furnished through the hotel, it must be used for transportation to and from the airport and, if available, for any ground transportation in the area. If complimentary ground transportation is not available through the hotel, use of an airport shuttle service is encouraged. However, reasonable and necessary expenses for taxis, scheduled car pick-ups, and on-demand transportation including tips will also be reimbursed.
9. Automobile rental and fuel are reimbursable only if such expense is approximately equal to or less than public transportation charges for the entire travel period. This may be the least expensive alternative when the automobile is to be shared by a number of people. Rental cars should be returned with a full tank of gas. The purchase of the rental car agency's a Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) is required to protect the traveler and the Association financially from damage to the rental vehicle, loss of use, and diminished value.
10. Mileage at the federal government reimbursement rate will be paid to and from home and the airport or other mass transit point of departure. The cost of fuel will not be reimbursed as that is included in the mileage rate reimbursement.
11. Parking expenses for the days of the Association business trips will be reimbursed.
12. When not provided, reasonable costs for three meals per day will be reimbursed when accompanied by receipts. The cost of food should be kept comparable to what meal expenses would be if the costs were personal. Reasonable tips not exceeding 20% will be reimbursed for food service.
13. Reasonable tips for luggage service, transportation providers, etc., are reimbursable when itemized. Reimbursement is not provided for maid service tips.
14. The Association will not reimburse or directly pay participants for any special activities that may take place during a meeting, such as sightseeing tours.

PROCEDURES

An AAVSB Expense Statement must accompany requests for reimbursement. Unless the AAVSB has pre-arranged certain accommodations, receipts for air travel, hotel, ground transportation, rental cars, parking, and meals must be provided or the expenses may not be reimbursed.

Requests for reimbursement should be made as soon as possible, but in all cases, within 60 days of the date that the expenses were incurred. Reimbursement for expenses not substantiated within 60 days of the date that the expenses were incurred are considered taxable income to the individual and will be included in year-end tax reporting on Form 1099 issued to the individual.

The Association will make reimbursement as soon as possible.

Adopted by the AAVSB Board of Directors in July 2001; Revised & Approved March 2006, September 2007, January 2010, September 2010, January 2015, June 2015, January 2016, and February 28, 2018.

American Association of Veterinary State Boards

Policies & Procedures: Delegate Funding Program

OVERVIEW

The Board of Directors of the AAVSB is dedicated to the goal of full participation by the Member Boards in the Delegate Assembly at each Annual Meeting. Therefore, the Board of Directors commits to providing for *reasonable* travel expenses incurred to fund two participants who meet the qualifications of Delegate or Alternate Delegate from each Member Board to attend the AAVSB Annual Meeting and participate in the Delegate Assembly. Having two funded individuals from each Member Board could make it possible for a Board Member and the Executive Director to attend.

As a non-profit organization, the AAVSB must be fiscally prudent at all times. Those participating in the Delegate Funding Program are required to adhere to this policy, and the AAVSB reserves the right to decline payment of any expenses it considers outside the parameters of the guidelines set forth.

The Delegate Funding Program shall apply to one voting **Delegate and one Alternate Delegate** per Member Board. Per the AAVSB Bylaws:

Article III. Definitions. Section 7. Delegate. "Delegate shall mean a current member or Affiliate Member of a Member Board designated by the Member Board as its Delegate to the AAVSB Delegate Assembly."

Article III. Definitions. Section 8. Alternate Delegate. "'Alternate Delegate" shall mean a current member or Affiliate Member of a Member Board designated by the Member Board as its Alternate Delegate to the AAVSB Delegate Assembly."

POLICY

1. In order for participants to be eligible for the Delegate Funding Program, the participants' Member Boards must be in good standing with annual dues paid in full.
2. In order for participants to be eligible to utilize the Delegate Funding Program, the Delegate and Alternate Delegate must answer roll call and attend both days of the Delegate Assembly, must attend the Annual Meeting & Conference in its entirety, and are expected to attend the pre-conference session(s).
3. Annual Meeting registration fee for those participating in the Delegate Funding Program will be waived. Networking event is included for the participants. Networking event fees of any additional guests are the responsibility of the participants. As the AAVSB is unable to accept payments at the conference, payment for guests is required in advance.
4. Meeting registration includes breakfast and lunch during the meeting sessions as well as dinner at the networking event.
5. No reimbursement will be given for additional meals, snacks, and drinks including expenses for food and beverages consumed during the Delegate's travel.

6. Hotel accommodations include up to four (4) nights at the AAVSB designated hotel and the participants will be included on the AAVSB Master List, unless additional nights are required for travel reasons as determined by the AAVSB staff. Additional nights may be at the participants' expense and may be charged at the hotel rate based on the hotel's availability. The participants are also responsible for all additional hotel charges including hotel charges for additional persons sharing the participants' room.
7. Upon check-in at the hotel, participants are to provide a credit card for incidental expenses at the hotel. Incidental expenses such as meals, in-room movies, in-room internet fees (if applicable), mini-bar charges, laundry, or cleaning services will not be reimbursed.
8. Participants must utilize the AAVSB designated Travel Agent to arrange for air transportation. Participants should contact the AAVSB designated Travel Agent at the earliest possible time, but in all cases no less than 14 days in advance of Annual Meeting. Airfare is non-refundable and will be booked at the most economic rate. Participants will be reimbursed the fees for one checked bag. Upgrades and itinerary changes will not be reimbursed by the AAVSB.
9. If air transportation will not be used, participants must notify the AAVSB staff prior to travel. Alternate forms of transportation may be used instead of air transportation. For travel by personal vehicle, if the trip is less than 800 miles roundtrip, reimbursement will be at the current federal government rate for mileage. If a driving trip is more than 800 miles roundtrip, total reimbursement for driving will be capped at the amount equal to the lowest airfare available no less than 14 days prior to the travel date. Total reimbursable expenses subject to the cap for driving trips over 800 miles roundtrip may include mileage, tolls, parking, meals, and hotels in route. For forms of transportation used other than air or personal vehicle, the maximum amount reimbursed will be the cost of the alternative form of transportation or the lowest priced airfare available no less than 14 days prior to the travel date, whichever is less expensive. Parking at the hotel will be reimbursed if the participants drive a personal vehicle and use the self-parking.
10. If complimentary ground transportation is furnished through the hotel, it must be used for transportation to and from the airport and, if available, for any ground transportation in the area. If complimentary ground transportation is not available through the hotel, use of an airport shuttle service is encouraged. However, reasonable and necessary expenses for taxis and on-demand transportation including tips will also be reimbursed.
11. Mileage at the Federal government reimbursement rate will be paid to and from home and the airport or other mass transit point of departure.
12. Parking expenses at the home airport or other mass transit point of departure will be reimbursed up to the number of days of travel for the Annual Meeting.
13. No reimbursement for rental cars. Parking at the hotel for rental cars will not be reimbursed.
14. No reimbursement for other miscellaneous items to include tips.
15. Receipts for covered expenses must accompany requests for reimbursement for all expenditures over \$25. Receipts for all covered expenses are encouraged.

PROCEDURES

1. Candidates for the Delegate Funding Program must submit the standard AAVSB conference registration form and indicate in the designated area that they are requesting to be the “funded” Delegate or Alternate Delegate from their Member Board.
2. Staff will verify that the candidate’s Member Board is in good standing and that the candidate meets the definitions as stated in the Bylaws.
3. Upon confirmation, staff will provide the participants with contact information for the AAVSB designated Travel Agency and any further instructions.
4. An AAVSB Expense Statement must accompany all requests for reimbursement. See Item 15 above under Policy regarding required receipts.
5. Requests for reimbursement should be made as soon as possible, but in all cases, within 45 days of the time when the expenses were incurred. Expenses submitted after that date will not be reimbursed.
6. The Association will make reimbursement as soon as possible.

Adopted by the AAVSB Board of Directors on 02/16/2011; revisions approved by the AAVSB Board of Directors on 01/19/2013, 06/20/2015, 9/19/2015, 1/23/2016, 5/11/2016, 6/17/2016, and 2/28/2018.



American Association of Veterinary State Boards Policies & Procedures: Legal Counsel Funding Program

OVERVIEW

The Board of Directors of the AAVSB is dedicated to the goal of increasing the Member Board's understanding of the Association. The Member Board Legal Counsel Funding Program is intended to bring the legal counsel of a Member Board to the Annual Meeting & Conference to better understand the programs and services offered to members by the AAVSB. Therefore, the Board of Directors commits to providing for travel to allow a Member Board to send their legal counsel to the AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference to better understand the programs and services that are offered by the AAVSB to its members. The Legal Counsel Funding Program is limited to the first ten (10) Member Boards that submit a written request that is received by the AAVSB Headquarters.

As a non-profit organization, the AAVSB must be fiscally prudent at all times. Those participating in the Legal Counsel Funding Program are required to adhere to this policy, and the AAVSB reserves the right to decline payment of any expenses it considers outside the parameters of the guidelines set forth.

The Legal Counsel Funding Program shall apply to one attorney per Member Board that is the designated legal counsel for the Board.

POLICY

1. In order for participants to be eligible for the Legal Counsel Funding Program, the participants' Member Board must be in good standing with annual dues paid in full.
2. In order for participants to be eligible to utilize the Legal Counsel Funding Program, the participant must attend the Annual Meeting & Conference in its entirety and are expected to attend the pre-conference session(s).
3. Annual Meeting registration fee for those participating in the Legal Counsel Funding Program will be waived. Networking event is included for the participants. Networking event fees of any additional guests are the responsibility of the participants. As the AAVSB is unable to accept payments at the conference, payment for guests is required in advance.
4. Meeting registration includes breakfast and lunch during the meeting sessions as well as dinner at the networking event.
5. No reimbursement will be given for additional meals, snacks, and drinks including expenses for food and beverages consumed during the participants travel.
6. Hotel accommodations include up to four (4) nights at the AAVSB designated hotel and the participants will be included on the AAVSB Master List, unless additional nights are required for travel reasons as determined by the AAVSB staff. Additional nights may be at the participants' expense and may be charged at the hotel rate based on the hotel's availability. The participants are also responsible for all additional hotel charges including hotel charges for additional persons sharing the participants' room.

7. Upon check-in at the hotel, participants are to provide a credit card for incidental expenses at the hotel. Incidental expenses such as meals, in-room movies, in-room internet fees (if applicable), mini-bar charges, laundry, or cleaning services will not be reimbursed.
8. Participants must utilize the AAVSB designated Travel Agent to arrange for air transportation. Participants should contact the AAVSB designated Travel Agent at the earliest possible time, but in all cases no less than 14 days in advance of Annual Meeting. Airfare is non-refundable and will be booked at the most economic rate. Participants will be reimbursed the fees for one checked bag. Upgrades and itinerary changes will not be reimbursed by the AAVSB.
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14. No reimbursement for other miscellaneous items to include tips.
15. Receipts for covered expenses must accompany requests for reimbursement for all expenditures over \$25. Receipts for all covered expenses are encouraged.

PROCEDURES

1. The Legal Counsel Funding Program is limited to the first ten (10) Member Boards that submit a written request that is received by the AAVSB Headquarters prior to the published registration deadline for the Annual Meeting & Conference.
2. Upon receiving confirmation from staff, candidates for the Legal Counsel Funding Program must submit the standard AAVSB conference registration form and indicate in the designated area that they are requesting to be the “funded” Legal Counsel from their Member Board.
3. Staff will verify that the candidate’s Member Board is in good standing.

4. Upon confirmation, staff will provide the participants with contact information for the AAVSB designated Travel Agency and any further instructions.
5. An AAVSB Expense Statement must accompany all requests for reimbursement. See Item 15 above under Policy regarding required receipts.
6. Requests for reimbursement should be made as soon as possible, but in all cases, within 45 days of the time when the expenses were incurred. Expenses submitted after that date will not be reimbursed.
7. The Association will make reimbursement as soon as possible.

Adopted by the AAVSB Board of Directors on November 20, 2019.

Lund, Ilsa M (CED)

From: Jim Penrod <jpenrod@aavsb.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Lund, Ilsa M (CED)
Subject: AAVSB The Link - PREP Act expands to veterinarians and veterinary students



Dear Ilsa,

I want to make you aware of another change to the veterinary medicine community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new, seventh amendment to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act declarations expanded the pool of qualified personnel eligible to administer COVID-19 vaccines to veterinarians and veterinary students beginning March 11, 2021.

The amendment preempts any state law that would otherwise prohibit veterinarians or veterinary students who are a "qualified person" under the PREP Act from prescribing, dispensing, or administering COVID vaccines or other covered COVID countermeasures. Veterinarians and veterinary students are afforded liability protections in accordance with the PREP Act and the terms of the amendment from March 11, 2021, through October 1, 2024. Your state may have separate liability protections, along with separate requirements to qualify, and may or may not provide a legal defense.

For more information, please see the following provided resources:

[PREP Act Fact Sheet: Expanding the COVID-19 Vaccination Workforce](#)

[Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness \(PREP\) Act and Current Declarations and Amendments](#)

All questions regarding states or boards' responses to the seventh PREP Act amendment may be submitted to AAVSB Member Services Concierge Lainie Franklin at efranklin@aavsb.org for listserv distribution to all Member Board executive directors. We'd like to remind you that the listserv is an exclusive tool for Member Board executive directors to share information with one another efficiently, and it is not published to other parties.

Thank you,



James T. Penrod, CAE, FASLA

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From: Daphne Tabbytite <dtabbytite@aavsb.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Lund, Ilsa M (CED)
Subject: AAVSB 2021 Call for Nominations



Nominate Now!

Dear Ilsa,

Nominations for the 2021-2022 leadership year are now open. The AAVSB Nominating Committee asks that you review the Call for Nominations document found at www.aavsb.org/nominations and use the online form for submissions. **Please note: Nominations received last year have been carried over to this year.**

As you review the 8 open positions with your Board, you'll be able to identify members with interest in expanding their leadership skills and supporting yours and the other 61 veterinary regulatory boards which are members of the AAVSB.

Nominations are due Thursday, June 3, 2021.

Elections will be held at the 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference in Denver, Colorado from September 30 – October 2. Two delegates (one voting and one alternate) from each Member Board are eligible to have conference registration and reasonable travel expenses covered by participating in the AAVSB Funded Delegate Program.

If you have any questions regarding the nominating process, please contact [Daphne Tabbytite](#) by email or by phone at 1-877-698-8482, ext 223.

Thank you to all the AAVSB Volunteers!

Last week was Volunteer Appreciation Week. From the Board of Directors to each committee, task force, think tank, working group, and advisory council, the AAVSB volunteers are the lifeblood of its mission to support and advance the regulatory process for veterinary medicine.

The AAVSB has come a long way in the past 60 years thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Over the past year, they've put in countless hours in service to our community and protecting the public and for that, we are sincerely grateful.

Please take a moment to watch our volunteer thank you video.



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From: Jim Penrod, AAVSB Executive Director <jpenrod@aavsb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Lund, Ilsa M (CED)
Subject: Registration is Open: Regulating for a Vibrant Profession



Regulating for a Vibrant Profession Sessions for Education & Networking

Registration is now open for *Regulating for a Vibrant Profession*, a virtual conference hosted by the **International Veterinary Regulators Network (IVRN)**. The AAVSB invites you to join us starting June 7th for educational and networking sessions with fellow industry professionals from around the world.

The IVRN provides an opportunity to increase understanding of veterinary regulation worldwide, share experiences, think about common topics, and consider opportunities for a consistent approach on topics that transcend borders. The AAVSB invites you to participate in these discussions to raise the standard of veterinary medicine globally.

This event is free to attend—register using the links below.

AGENDA

June 7 **Leveraging Veterinary Teams in a Time of Shortage**
🕒 16:00 - 17:30 EST

This session will focus on better utilization of veterinary technicians/nurses and how a team effort can lead to improved services to the consumer. We will also pose the question if there is a need for additional training for veterinary paraprofessionals to take on tasks in under-served areas (expanded scope of practice).

[Register Now](#)

June 14 **Wellness and the Role of Regulators**

 16:00 - 17:30 EST

Veterinary wellness is a hot topic, but is it appropriate that regulators get involved? If so, what can we do? Join us to hear about the UK's Mind Matters Initiative, and learn which stress triggers you may be able to mitigate in your veterinary communities.

[Register Now](#)

June 21 **International Partnerships for Stronger Veterinary Regulation**

 16:00 - 17:30 EST

This session will go back to basics and consider the role of the Veterinary Statutory Body worldwide. It will ask “why should we” and “how can we collaborate” to strengthen veterinary regulation globally. With global needs coalescing, good systems and processes driving consistent professional standards will ensure veterinary services reliably meet societal expectations.

[Register Now](#)

July 12 **Networking Session**

 16:00 - 17:30 EST

This session is designed to introduce the new terms of reference that formalize the International Veterinary Regulators Network. Time to network in small groups with regulatory colleagues from around the globe will be a main focus.

[Register Now](#)

Sincerely,



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From: Carol Sparrow <CSparrow@aavsb.org>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:34 AM
To: Lund, Ilsa M (CED)
Cc: Nancy Grittman; Amy Farmer; Darla Wright
Subject: Veterinary Nurse Degree Recognition

Importance: High

Dear Lisa,

This is to follow up on the status of accepting the program title and degrees in an AVMA-CVTEA accredited Veterinary Nursing Program with the same standards as AVMA-CVTEA accredited Veterinary Technology programs.

When the AAVSB originally asked about this, your jurisdiction indicated, ***Veterinary nurse should be ok.***

The Exams staff have the list of AVMA-CVTEA accredited Veterinary Nurse programs and jurisdiction acceptance to reference when processing VTNE applications.

For the VAULT Basic and 1st Time License Transfer, the AAVSB staff do not verify if the educational degree is accepted by a specific jurisdiction. That is the responsibility of the licensee to verify before submitting a service. The service includes verifying credential history and exam scores.

Best regards,

Carol Sparrow

Program Manager – Exams

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2019-2020 TECHNICAL REPORT

North American Veterinary Licensing Examination International Council for Veterinary Assessment

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INTRODUCTION

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA®) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME®) work together to produce and provide the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE®) to assist the State Boards of Veterinary Medicine, the Canadian National Examining Board, and the individual Provincial Boards of Veterinary Medicine in assessing the practice competence of candidates for licensure as veterinarians. The primary objectives of the NAVLE are as follows:

- To provide a comprehensive, objective examination to state or provincial boards charged with the licensing of veterinarians;
- To protect the public by ensuring that veterinarians demonstrate a specified level of knowledge and skills before entering veterinary practice;
- To assess the professional competency of veterinarians in terms of their qualifications to enter practice;
- To provide a common standard in the evaluation of candidates that will be comparable from jurisdiction to jurisdiction;
- To contribute to the veterinary profession through the development of improved definitions of the relationship between knowledge and professional practice; and
- To facilitate interstate and interprovincial licensing reciprocity for practicing veterinarians.

The NAVLE is administered as a computer-based examination. It has replaced the National Board Examination (NBE: Part A) and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT: Part B) as the uniform licensing examination for veterinary medicine in North America.

The NAVLE has been developed through the cooperation of the state boards of veterinary medicine and is uniformly administered and scored under policies and procedures developed and approved by ICVA. Subject matter expertise is provided by ICVA committee members and item writers. ICVA has worked with the National Board of Medical Examiners ("NBME") in developing and supporting the NAVLE since its inception in the late 1990's. This report documents the development, administration, and psychometric analysis of the 2019-2020 NAVLE.

TEST DEVELOPMENT

For the 2019-2020 testing cycle, NAVLE test development proceeded according to ICVA/NBME established procedures. Specifically, the ICVA identified 29 veterinarians to write new items for the NAVLE. All writers were trained and/or had written items previously. NBME staff prepared item-writing assignments based on species, organ system, and competency codes. Writing assignments, including instructional materials and information about electronic submission, were prepared and distributed to 29 committee members in March 2018. A total of 845 items were submitted by 28 writers.

All items received from the committee members were edited and reviewed for technical flaws by NBME staff. Each author received his/her edited items for review and approval prior to inclusion in the meeting draft. A draft of edited materials was sent to the committee members for use at the item review meeting, which was held at the NBME offices on November 13-14, 2018.

At the item review meeting, the committee was divided into five groups: the canine group, feline group, exotics and public health group, food animal group, and the equine, camelidae, and cervidae group. A total of 848 new items were reviewed. Of the new items, 832 items were approved for addition to the pool. A list of item writers and reviewers is shown in Appendix A.

After the meeting, new items were updated by NBME staff and entered into the test item library. Multiple 300-item examination forms were generated by a test construction engine (TCE) using content and statistical constraints. Twenty-six participants, including ICVA board members, members of the ICVA's Assessment Development Committee (ADC), members of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), and recent veterinary graduates, met on April 9-10, 2019, to review the forms. Small groups of the committee reviewed complete forms for quality and content overlap and to ensure content equivalence. Approximately 5% of the items in each form were replaced to accomplish this goal. Following the meeting, NBME staff replaced the items and created updated forms. The list of participants for the form review meetings is shown in Appendix B.

After the forms were finalized, live and pretest items sufficient to prepare multiple French forms were sent to the Canadian National Examining Board for translation and proofreading. The final step in the test development process was creation of resource files for both the English and French versions of the examination for delivery by Prometric. Quality control procedures were implemented at each stage of the test development process to ensure that standards were being met.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

Pre-Administration

Seat Blocking: The NBME worked with the ICVA and Prometric to reserve seats at selected testing centers domestically and internationally. Data from the previous year were used to forecast the number of seats required for candidates during the 2019-2020 NAVLE cycle. Seats were reserved at international sites for both windows.

Eligibility Processing: The ICVA and the NBME processed eligibilities of 5,080 candidates for the November-December NAVLE, and of that group 5,012 candidates tested. For the extended April-September window (extended due to COVID-19 from the standard two-week window), 1434 were initially submitted, but due to COVID a number were withdrawn and deferred to the extended September-December window, leaving 1,283 candidates for the window and 1,147 tested. Special accommodations according to the ADA requirements were approved by ICVA and were processed by NBME for 243 individuals for the November-December NAVLE and 143 individuals for the extended April-September NAVLE.

Examination Summary

A summary of Prometric test center information from the November-December and April-September NAVLE is presented in Appendix C.

November-December 2019: Of the 5,012 examinees who tested in the November/December administration, the majority of the examinees (4,997) tested during the scheduled testing window between November 18 and December 14, 2019. Thirty-one examinees were granted eligibility extensions by the ICVA and 15 of those individuals tested after the official testing window closed. All examinees completed testing by December 20, 2019.

April-September 2020: Due to COVID-19 the April administration was extended through September 30th, 2020 to accommodate for individual accessibility and test site availability. Of the 1,147 examinees who tested in the April administration, 214 tested under the regular scheduled window between April 14 and April 26, 2020 and the remainder 933 tested under an extended permit.

Exit Survey Information

Examinees were asked to complete an optional post-test survey after completing the last block of examination items. Survey results for all examinees from the November-December and April-September NAVLE are presented in Appendix C.

SCORING AND ANALYSIS

Key Validation/Pool Review

Based on the results of an item analysis, live and pretest items were selected to be reviewed at the January 2019 pool review. After reviewing the items and their associated statistics, content experts had the opportunity to either keep, delete or re-key items from the NAVLE item bank. Once updated, the forms for the November-December 2019 and April-September 2020 administrations were built using banked items with psychometrically sound statistics.

Scoring Procedures

The test construction engine used to generate the test forms ensured that forms were as similar as possible in difficulty. However, because forms had different items, their difficulties varied to some small degree. Therefore, it was necessary to estimate examinee proficiency on a common scale using equating methods. This included a calibration of responses given by senior students of accredited programs taking the examination for the first time, under standard testing conditions.

These proficiency estimates were then translated into the reported scale scores that ranged from 200 to 800. The proficiency estimate corresponding to a minimum passing score had a scale score value of 425. Some licensing boards still list a two-digit number as the examination passing score in their rules and laws. To assist candidates of those licensing boards, their three-digit scores were also translated into the applicable two-digit, locally derived score.

Summary Statistics

Summary statistics describing the performance of candidates on the November-December 2019, the April-September 2020 and the two NAVLE administrations combined are shown in Tables 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3. These tables present the mean three-digit scaled scores and standard deviations for three primary groups:

1. *Criterion Group: senior students of accredited veterinary schools who took the NAVLE for the first time under standard testing conditions;*
2. *Non-Criterion Group: senior students of accredited veterinary schools who had previously taken the NAVLE or took the NAVLE with test accommodations or graduate veterinarians from accredited schools; and*
3. *Non-Accredited Group: graduates or senior students of foreign veterinary schools that are not accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education.*

Also presented in these tables is information about the number and percentage of failing candidates in each group.

Passing Standard

Original standards setting exercises were held in Philadelphia in January 2001. Nineteen panelists used a content representative set of items from one of the NAVLE forms administered in November and December 2000. Based on the results of these exercises, a passing standard of 425 on the reported three-digit score scale was set. Standards setting exercises were held periodically in alignment with assessment best practices, with sessions in 2004, 2008, 2011, and most recently in 2019.

As examinations like the NAVLE receive ongoing updates, the passing standard -- the amount of knowledge required for passing -- is also periodically evaluated through a standard setting exercise to ensure that it continues to be relevant, valid, and defensible. This exercise serves as a mechanism to generate evidence on item level of performance that corresponds with minimum competency, which is then used in establishing an appropriate pass/fail cut scores for the examination.

The most recent NAVLE standard setting process included three standard setting exercises held in Philadelphia between October and November 2019 and included a total of 31 judges. Each panel of participants was made up of 5-15 Subject Matter Experts with diverse demographic characteristics, geological location of practice, years of experience, and veterinary medicine area of focus.

Failure rates resulting from applying this standard to the current administration are presented in Tables 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3

SCORE REPORTING

Performance reports for candidates were generated by NBME and distributed to individual examinees, licensing boards and ICVA.

Table 1.1. Performance on November/December 2019 NAVLE by Examinee Group

	Mean Scale Score	SD Scale Score	Number of Examinees Failing	Percent of Examinees Failing	Total Examinees
Criterion Group	499	65	474	11.5	4122
Non-Criterion Group	447	64	179	34.0	526
Non-Accredited Group	396	69	238	65.4	364
Total Group	486	72	891	17.8	5012

Table 1.2. Performance on April-September 2020 NAVLE by Examinee Group

	Mean Scale Score	SD Scale Score	Number of Examinees Failing	Percent of Examinees Failing	Total Examinees
Criterion Group	463	61	57	25.0	228
Non-Criterion Group	443	50	203	33.5	606
Non-Accredited Group	412	70	169	54.0	313
Total Group	439	61	429	37.4	1147

Table 1.3. Performance on Both Administrations by Examinee Group

	Mean Scale Score	SD Scale Score	Number of Examinees Failing	Percent of Examinees Failing	Total Examinees
Criterion Group	498	65	531	12.2	4350
Non-Criterion Group	445	57	382	33.7	1132
Non-Accredited Group	403	70	407	60.1	677
Total Group	477	72	1302	21.4	6159

1. The Criterion group consists of senior students in accredited veterinary schools who took the NAVLE for the first time under standard testing conditions.
2. The Non-Criterion group consists of senior students of accredited veterinary schools who had previously taken the NAVLE or who took the NAVLE with test accommodations, or graduate veterinarians from accredited veterinary schools.
3. The Non-Accredited group graduates or senior students of foreign veterinary schools that are not accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education.

APPENDIX A**North American Veterinary Licensing Examination Item Writers/Reviewers for the 2019-2020 Examination Cycle**

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APPENDIX C

Test Administration Statistics	Nov-Dec 2019	April-Sept 2020
Eligible examinees (permits sent)	5,080	1,283
Examinees tested	5,012	1,147
Examinees with test accommodations	243	143
Number in Criterion Group	4,122	228
Percent in Criterion Group	81%	18%
Examinee Responses to Post-Test Survey	Nov-Dec 2019	April-Sept 2020
Received first choice of test site	92%	59%
Received first choice of test date	79%	34%
Traveled more than 50 miles to test site	8%	14%
Spent one or more nights away to take examination	11%	14%
No computer difficulties were encountered	73%	68%
Would recommend test site	43%	39%
No distractions in testing area, site, or outside site	51%	54%
Not enough time for test	13%	17%
Found test "very difficult"	27%	25%





Via email to: boardofveterinaryexaminers@alaska.gov

May 11, 2021

Ilsa Lund, Occupational Licensing Examiner
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RE: Veterinary Virtual Care Association

Dear Ms. Lund:

First, thank you for all you do for animal owners and the general public in your state. The dramatic increase in pet ownership and chronic shortages of veterinarians and veterinary technicians makes your job in 2021 even more challenging. Second, the twin demands of COVID-19 and generational shifts in pet ownership with Millennials and Generation Z's owning more than half of all pets in America has opened the door for veterinary practices to follow the 30-year lead of human healthcare in adopting telemedicine as a tool for quality pet care.

The Veterinary Virtual Care Association was formed by a group of leaders on April 29, 2020, during the early days of COVID, and now we are 32 sponsors strong with over 3900 members. Modeled after the American Telemedicine Association, we are a resource for practices to learn how to use virtual technology and improve public access to veterinary healthcare. Our sponsors cover a wide span of industry and the profession, and guide our Board through the VVCA Advisory Council. Please consider us your resource as well, and we are here to answer questions, share data and provide information to guide public policy in the telemedicine space. A quick visit to our website, www.vvca.org, will demonstrate how we can help. If you or your Board members have questions or are interested in different aspects of virtual care for veterinarians, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Executive Director, Ali McIntyre at ali@vvca.org or by phone: 503-819-9961.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Green, Co-Chair
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Mark L. Cushing, Advisory Council Chair



ATTENTION ALL U.S. SMALL ANIMAL CLINICS AND HOSPITALS

We need your help to develop a national estimate of antibiotic use in small animal practice.

By understanding how antibiotics are selected and used in dogs and cats, we can better understand the potential influence of antibiotic use on antibiotic resistance in practices and identify ways to support your region's veterinarians in their stewardship of antibiotics.

What does this research entail?

- The study design is a point-prevalence survey, which involves collection of information from several locations for one point in time.
- We will compile a single day of data from many clinics to establish a snapshot of national antibiotic use in small animal veterinary practice.

I want to help, but what exactly will I be getting myself into?

- **Mar–Aug 2021:** University of Minnesota (UMN) will conduct clinic recruitment and establish participation agreements. Participating clinics will receive training in data collection and will complete a facility survey about antibiotic use.
- **Aug 16–29, 2021:** Collect medical record data from a single day of practice during this date range.
- **Aug 16–Oct 31, 2021:** Wrap up data entry and complete a post-study survey.
- Conduct another single day of data collection in 2023.
- Total yearly commitment is expected to be 1 hour for an online training session, 1–5 hours for data entry based on patient caseload, and follow-up communication with UMN for data validation.

What data do you want us to collect?

- We will not collect any information about your clients or your veterinary staff.
- Your designated representative (veterinarian, veterinary technician, other staff) will collect patient signalment, primary visit reason and chief complaint, diagnostic tests and imaging conducted (if any), and any antibiotics that a patient is prescribed, administered, or currently receiving.
- Data will remain confidential.
- Data from all participating clinics will be compiled to establish a national estimate of antibiotic use in small animal medicine. Only dogs and cats will be included.

How will participation benefit my practice?

- Join with other clinics to establish a national antibiotic-use estimate in small animal practice. Through a point-prevalence approach, many hands make light work.
- Gain experience reviewing antibiotic use data, so that you can continue to track antibiotic use within your clinic and apply it to improve facility-level prescribing.
- Increase your awareness of antimicrobial stewardship practices and opportunities. Gain access to an online toolkit of antimicrobial stewardship resources and a free continuing education webinar.

How is this project funded?

- Funding for this project is being made possible by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through grant number 1U01FD007061-01. Individual participating facility data are not shared with FDA.

How can I find out more and ask questions?

- Please contact: Emma Leof Bollig, Program Manager, University of Minnesota: cavsnet@umn.edu.
- Additional information is also available at: <https://arsi.umn.edu/pps>.

From: Emma Bollig
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Subject: Opportunity for small animal clinics: Antibiotic use point-prevalence survey, dogs and cats
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ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE
AND STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE

Hello, Boards of Veterinary Medicine!

Our research team at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and Minnesota Department of Health is currently recruiting US small animal general and non-academic referral practices to participate in a [2021 national antibiotic use point-prevalence survey](#) in dogs and cats. Participants will be offered a free continuing education webinar.

We are asking for your help in distributing information about this study to your state's licensed board of small animal veterinarians and veterinary technicians. In Minnesota, we have worked with our Board of Veterinary Medicine to disseminate details about exciting initiatives like this, which has been effective in recruitment efforts.

As a brief overview of this study, data from a single day of clinical practice will be collected from all participating clinics for national-level aggregation and analysis. Data collected will include patient signalment, visit type (i.e., wellness, sick, recheck, procedure), chief complaint, diagnostic tests and imaging conducted, and antibiotics (drug, dose, duration, frequency, route) prescribed. No sensitive data is collected.

With minimal individual effort, together practices can make a big impact and help create the first national point-prevalence survey of antibiotic use in small animals in US non-academic practices.

Please let us know if you would be able to supply us with a list of practitioners to contact, or we would be happy to provide sample language for you to include in an email, newsletter, or other correspondence.

Many thanks for your assistance in advancing small animal antibiotic stewardship!

Jen, Amanda, and Emma

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At the request of licensing boards, the ICVA developed the Species Specific examinations to evaluate a veterinarian's knowledge in companion animal or equine medicine.

Available in multiple forms of each on-line examination, the 100 question multiple-choice exam can be used to assess a veterinarian's competency in disciplinary cases or as verification of competency for a veterinarian who is licensed in another jurisdiction. With an efficient score turnaround to the licensing board, candidates can be notified quickly.

The Species Specific exam was recently reviewed and revised and each form comes with an ICVA-recommended passing standard. Additionally, ICVA implemented options to allow **remote proctoring** for easier administration.



If you are interested in using the exam, please [contact the ICVA](#).

Learn More about the Examinations



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The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Professions, and Occupations has enhanced our online verification system. Our online system provides the official Colorado verification for professions regulated by our office and is updated in real-time.

The verification system is available to the public, at no charge, and can be accessed by visiting www.colorado.gov/dora/dpo and then click on Check A License. The system allows for individual verification searches, as well as the ability to download lists of professionals in specific fields. You can enter as much, or as little, information as you have available to search. The printable verification will provide information about the license* and licensee, the date the verification was generated, discipline information, and the Colorado state seal. The online system is the only primary source license verification system available for the above professions. Colorado will not complete state-specific forms or complete verifications manually.

As of March 14, 2016 our office stopped providing manual verifications (Letters of good standing) and or exam scores. Should the State Board you are applying with have questions, please have them contact our office by email or by calling 303-894-7800. You may also provide a contact name and email address so we may reach out to them as well.

Sincerely,

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Thank you!

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VETERINARY MEDICINE

Continuing Education E-Newsletter

April 23, 2021



Welcome to the premier edition of the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine Continuing Education E-Newsletter.

This newsletter will be produced twice a year and will announce exciting continuing education news from the College of Veterinary Medicine for veterinary professionals.

Below are short announcements about the topic areas. Announcements may contain a "read more" option, which will lead to additional details, and in some cases, offer a highlight video.

Please make note the **free upcoming Clinicians' Courses webinar series** starting this Thursday at 6 PM CST! More information about the free CE opportunity is included at the bottom of this newsletter. **[Preregistration is required.](#)**

You are receiving this email because you are a licensed veterinary professional or have otherwise subscribed. If you have questions, please reach out to the

Continuing Education Office at 405-744-7672. To unsubscribe from future e-newsletters, please click the unsubscribe option below.

Special Information for Alaska Veterinarians: The CE listed is in line with the Alaska [standards for continuing education](#), AS 08.98.050 article 3, 12 AAC 68.230 "accredited veterinary school." These offerings are not RACE approved.

The courses listed in this newsletter are accepted as CE by the Oklahoma Board.

However - most of these are webinars or online programs, and there may be limits on allowed online CE - please satisfy yourself regarding the requirements.

Please let us know what you think of the newsletter!

Submit Your Opinion

Online CE: Pain Management in Animals



2021 Opioid CE offered by CVM

This online course is brought to you by the OSU CVM and the Oklahoma Veterinary Board. This course is offered at a reduced rate due to funding support from the Veterinary Board. This course is offered as 2 CE, \$35.

For Oklahoma licensees, this course satisfies the full 2 hour requirement for the review of CDS laws and/or the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act including the 1 hour requirement for DEA registrants.

During this course, participants will attend recorded lectures with Dr. Stefano Di Concetto on "Pain Management in Animals – Opioid and Non-Opioid Alternatives."

To learn more, or to watch a video that introduces you to the instructor and highlights a few things from the course, click the "Read More" button below.

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Online CE: Mental Health needs in Ourselves, Colleagues and Clients



During this course, participants will explore the definitions of wellbeing, common signs of anxiety and depression in themselves and others, and identify possible ways to improve mental health and wellbeing. This course is offered as 1 CE, \$25.

This course is geared towards understanding aspects of wellness and mental health that are unique to the veterinary profession.

To learn more or watch an introductory video, please click the "Read More" link below.

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Online CE: Fall Conference 2020 Value Pack - Large Animal Topics



During this course, the attendees will participate in recorded sessions from Fall Conference, large animal topics. This is a special value package - 7 CE, \$140.

Generally **intended for those who did NOT attend Fall Conference, 2020**, or who did NOT attend the Large Animal Sessions.

NOTE: 3 of these sessions are duplicated in the Fall Conference Rodeo Stock listing. Do not enroll in this course if you have taken the Rodeo Stock course or attended these Large Animal Sessions at Fall Conference 2020. Duplicate credit not available, and participants are responsible for monitoring previously attended CE.

7 sessions recorded from Fall Conference, including Acute Bovine Deaths - Toxic Differentials, part 1 & part 2 (Dr. Morgan); Medical Causes of Poor Performance in Horses (Dr. Holbrook); Musculoskeletal Injuries in the Bucking Bull (Dr. Schoonover); Anesthesia and Pain Management in Rodeo Stock (Dr. Boileau); Sinus Topics in Rodeo Bulls (Dr. Streeter); and Revising Common Equine Ocular Diseases (Dr. Fentiman).

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Online CE: Dog Parks



During this course, participants will explore a recent dog park research study and discover how the findings impact veterinary medicine, clients and their canine companions. This course is offered as 1 CE, \$25.

The subject areas explored include: the parasitic risk of attending dog parks in Oklahoma and the US; the health risks of commonly encountered gastrointestinal (GI) parasites; and recommendations for preventing GI parasite infection when attending dog parks.

To learn more or watch an introductory video, please click the "Read More" link below.

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Online CE: Fall Conference 2020 Value Pack - Companion Animal Topics



Fall Conference Presents:

Common Alopecias in Small Animals - A Diagnostic Pathologist's Perspective

Giselle Cino, DVM, PhD, DACVP



Fall Conference Presents:

Major Pitfalls in Small Animal Fracture Repair and How to Avoid Them

Erik Clary, DVM, PhD, DACVS





This is a special Fall Conference value package. It is intended for those who did not attend Fall Conference. (4) CE - \$80.

During this course, participants will explore four online recorded sessions from Fall Conference including Clinical Alopecias in Small Animals, a Pathology Perspective; Major Pitfalls in Small Animal Fracture Repair and How to Avoid Them; Ferret Emergencies; and Pathology Cases, a Fast Paced Potpourri. This version is for those veterinarians licensed outside Oklahoma. DO NOT DUPLICATE.

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More CVM Online CE Courses

Check out the multiple CE Fall Conference Value Packs for Big Savings!

Course Title	Description	Price	Credits
2020 Opioid Abuse and Best Practice Prescribing: An OBND Perspective	Opioid Abuse and Best Practice Prescribing Course for Veterinary Professionals. Register using a desktop or laptop, and a Chrome browser.	\$25	1 credit
2021 - Opioid CE - Pain Management in Animals – Opioids and Non-Opioid...	Opioid CE for Oklahoma for 2021 - Pain Management in Animals - Opioids and Non-Opioid Alternatives for veterinary professionals. Register using a desktop or laptop, and a Chrome browser. For 2021...	\$35	
Dog Parks: Where Pets, People, and Parasites Collide	This course was adopted from a previously recorded Zoom webinar and PowerPoint, presented at Summer Seminar, in June of 2020. During this course, the students will explore a recent dog park research study...	\$25	1 credit
Fall Conference 2020 Companion Animal Series (NON Oklahoma Version)...	4 sessions from Fall Conference including Clinical Alopecias in Small Animals, a Pathology Perspective, Major Pitfalls in Small Animal Fracture Repair and How to Avoid Them, Ferret Emergencies, and...	\$80	4 credits

See All OSU CVM ONLINE CE

Free CE Webinars



Clinicians from the OSU CVM Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital will provide education and guidance on managing cases from their respective specialty.

Preregistration is required. All three sessions will be in the webinar format and delivered via Zoom. There is no charge for the webinar sessions. 1 credit of CE will be available for those who are able to attend a single session, 3 CE for attending all three.

Schedule:

- Critical Care in Small Animal Medicine, April 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. CST with Andreza Conti-Patara, DVM, MS, MBA, PhD
- Equine Infectious Disease Updates, May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. CST with Lyndi Gilliam, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM
- Backyard Poultry, May 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. CST with Joao Lemos Brandao, LMV, MS, DECZM (Avian)

Register for Clinicians' Courses Webinar Series

Onsite Online CE Technical Support



Oklahoma State University's College of Veterinary Medicine offers a new option to obtain CE units for veterinarians who face technological or connectivity challenges. For a limited time, veterinarians can schedule an appointment to visit the veterinary college in Stillwater for one-on-one online CE sessions. There is an additional fee for this service.

Until April 31, veterinarians can schedule an appointment on Wednesdays only from 8 a.m. to 5 pm. Limited appointments are available and registration is required.

COVID-19 protocols, social distancing and masks are required at all times.

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Summer Seminar



The 2021 OSU/OVMA Summer Seminar will be virtual this year. It will be held on June 18-19 with a new viewing option. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Boehringer Ingelheim (large animal) and Zoetis (companion animal), a limited number of online viewing seats are available for a Saturday Watch Party in Oklahoma City pending a minimum number of enrollments for this option (10 large animal and 30 companion animal) and no changes in pandemic directives. To learn more, please click the "Read More" button below, or click the "Register" button to the event website.

[Read More](#)

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Fall Conference Dates Announced

The dates for Fall Conference have been tentatively set for Friday, November 5, Saturday, November 6, and Sunday, November 7, 2021. At this time, face-to-face CE is planned.

Please check [the website](#) later for additional details!



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From: Nichols, Christine <christine.nichols@okstate.edu>
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Subject: FW: Free Clinicians' Courses - CE Webinars - The first one is this Thursday at 6 PM CST

Here is information on a free CE, with the first class starting Thursday. Preregistration is required. Is this something your veterinarians might find useful? If so, could you please share it?



VETERINARY MEDICINE



The Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine is offering a series of free Clinicians' Courses - CE webinars. The first course starts this week, Thursday, April 29, at 6 PM CST.

OSU College of Veterinary Medicine-Clinicians' Courses Webinar Series

Clinicians from the OSU CVM Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital will provide education and guidance on managing cases from their respective specialty. Preregistration is required. All three sessions will be in the webinar format offered via Zoom. There is no charge for the webinar sessions. 1 credit of CE per session will be available for those who are able to attend. Live attendance is required for CE. The webinars are not RACE approved, however, many states including Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Idaho, [Nevada](#), New Mexico, and South Dakota (and others) have approved the webinars as CE or indicated the courses meet their standards. To confirm your licensure state approval, contact us at vetmedevents@okstate.edu

Schedule:

- Emergency and Critical Care in Small Animal Medicine, April 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. CST with Andreza Conti-Patara, DVM, MS, MBA, PhD
- Equine Infectious Disease Updates, May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. CST with Lyndi Gilliam, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM
- Backyard Poultry, May 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. CST with Joao Lemos Brandao, LMV, MS, DECZM (Avian)

To register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xSh638uKRAmgoB_YjvMreQ

For more CE opportunities like this, visit: <https://vetmed.okstate.edu/continuing-ed/>

Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully,



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Hello Ilsa,

It was so nice to visit with you today, thank you.

As we discussed via phone, the College of Veterinary Medicine has various CE opportunities we would like to share with Alaska Veterinarians. It's my understanding our CE meets the standards for allowed CE, AS 08.98.050 article 3, 12 AAC 68.230 "accredited veterinary school."

We are currently working with several boards to develop and design online CE specific to the needs to the state, in areas such as communications and/or Opioid Abuse. It's important to us that we deliver quality CE that is immediately relevant and applicable to veterinarians in a cost effective manner. If Alaska has unique needs, please contact us, we'd love to work with your board to design a course specifically for Alaska veterinarians.

It is also part of the CE Office's mission to deliver free CE when possible. One free upcoming webinar series starts this Thursday, and is offered via Zoom. Here is the link for the series: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xSh638uKRAmgoB_YjvMreQ We'd love it if you or any of your board members would like to attend.

Additionally, if there is ever an opportunity to share our continuing education opportunities in a non-obtrusive way, such as a short announcement in your renewal newsletter, or on your listserv, please let us know. We'd love to reach your veterinarians in a respectful way, following board recommended guidelines.

Note: The majority of our CE, including our online at-your-leisure courses, are listed on our [CE website](#). Here is an example of one of our premier online courses, "[Pain Management in Animals – Opioid and Non-Opioid Alternatives](#)."

Thank you again for visiting with me.

I will include a copy of our spring newsletter via separate cover.

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Supreme Court rules in favor of Gov. Dunleavy in case over unconfirmed appointees

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The Alaska Supreme Court listens to oral arguments in a case on whether 94 of Gov. Mike Dunleavy's appointees remained valid after the Legislature failed to hold a joint session last year, in a Zoom call on Tuesday. On Thursday, the court ruled in favor of Dunleavy. (Gavel Alaska screen capture)

The Alaska Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that many of Gov. Mike Dunleavy's appointees were valid after the Legislature failed to meet on whether to confirm them last year.

The [ruling \(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Yg2zgHqYVv9Ahsb2x1TOVKZgIsKvd7Ce/view?usp=sharing\)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Yg2zgHqYVv9Ahsb2x1TOVKZgIsKvd7Ce/view?usp=sharing) reverses a Superior Court decision that the 94 positions had been vacated in December.

The court found that a provision of a longstanding state law is unconstitutional. That law says that when the Legislature fails to act on appointees, it rejects them.

The ruling came two days after the court heard oral arguments in the case between the governor and the Alaska Legislative Council.

In that hearing, Justice Dario Borghesan said the people who framed the state constitution appeared to view the joint session as a measure of how acceptable appointees are. And he questioned whether the Legislature failing to act indicated its position on appointees.

"How can that be squared with the framers' intent that the confirmation process really be the ultimate voice on the governor's appointees?" Borghesan asked the council's lawyer.

Kodiak Republican Senator Gary Stevens chaired the council last year. He said after reading the ruling that while his side lost, he's glad the court cleared up an issue related to the separation of powers between the Legislature and the governor.

"It's always good to get the Supreme Court's interpretation of the constitution," he said. "So now we know."

The Legislature didn't hold a joint session when it left Juneau early, after the

pandemic started. Stevens said he doesn't expect that will happen again.

The ruling comes less than two months after Juneau Superior Court Judge Philip Pallenberg ruled (<https://www.ktoo.org/2021/02/19/alaska-gov-dunleavy-didnt-have-power-to-extend-appointees-terms-judge-rules/>) that Dunleavy didn't have the power to keep the appointees after a deadline in December passed.

The Supreme Court ruling was two pages long. A full opinion explaining the court's position will be released later.

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12 AAC 68.310. VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. (a) Repealed 4/29/93.

(b) The board will, in its discretion, license a person as a veterinary technician who

- (1) submits a completed application on the form provided by the department;
- (2) pays the application and license fees established in 12 AAC 02.350;
- (3) has passed the examination required in 12 AAC 68.315;
- (4) documents the required education and training by providing

(A) official transcripts showing successful completion of a veterinary technician training program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association or the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; or

(B) employment verification forms completed by the supervising veterinarian verifying that the applicant has been working at least 700 hours a year for at least two of the previous three years immediately preceding the date of application, of which one year must be within this state; but a technician who is currently licensed in another state and meets the employment verification requirements listed in this subparagraph is not required to work for one year within this state;

(5) on a form provided by the department, submits three letters of professional reference completed by persons familiar with the applicant's education or training as a veterinary technician stating that the applicant is professionally competent, reliable, and worthy of confidence; at least two letters of reference must be completed by veterinarians licensed in this state or another jurisdiction; if the applicant graduated from a veterinary technician training program within the two years immediately preceding the date of application, letters of professional reference from instructors at the applicant's veterinary technician training program may be substituted for the letters of professional reference from veterinarians; a letter of professional reference must be sent directly to the department from the person completing the professional reference;

(6) submits any other documentation that the board determines is necessary to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section; and

(7) submits verification of licensure as a veterinary technician from each state where the applicant holds or has ever held a veterinary technician license.

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.080 AS 08.98.167

12 AAC 68.315. VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAMINATION. (a) The examination required for licensure as a veterinary technician is the Veterinary Technician National Examination sponsored by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

(b) An application for examination or reexamination must be received by the department at least 45 days before the date of the next examination. Applicants who fail the examination may retake the examination within one year from the date of their application. After the expiration of one year from the date of application, applicants who wish to retake the examination must reapply for it.

(c) An applicant for a veterinary technician license may apply to sit for the examination before meeting the requirements of 12 AAC 68.310(b)(4). However, before licensure, an applicant applying under 12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(A) shall show proof of graduation in the form of official transcripts, a certified copy of the applicant's diploma, or an official letter of verification of graduation sent directly to the department from the program recognized under 12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(A). If official transcripts were not previously submitted, official transcripts must be received by the department before examination scores will be released to the applicant applying under 12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(A).

(d) An applicant who applies to sit for the examination under (a) of this section and subsequently is unable to graduate from a program recognized under 12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(A) and sit for the examination is ineligible for a refund of the examination fees.

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State Holidays

Date	Holiday
01/01	New Year's Day
01/18	MLK Jr.'s Birthday
02/15	Presidents' Day
03/29	Seward's Day
05/31	Memorial Day
07/04	Independence Day (observed 7/5)
09/06	Labor Day
10/18	Alaska Day
11/11	Veterans' Day
11/25	Thanksgiving Day
12/25	Christmas Day (observed 12/24)
01/01/22	New Year's Day (observed 12/31/21)

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