

## **IDAHO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

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Policy Name: **APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC LIAISON OFFICER**

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Purpose: To specify when another veterinarian Board member may act in the capacity of ad hoc Board Liaison Officer.

Policy: Idaho Code § 54-2105(6) provides that the veterinarian Board member serving the fifth year of appointment shall serve as the Liaison Officer and shall render advice to the Board, review and mediate complaints and perform other tasks assigned by the Board. On occasion a Liaison Officer may be presented with a personal or professional conflict of interest that precludes the officer from reviewing a particular disciplinary complaint. On other occasions the officer may be unavailable or unable, for whatever reason, to temporarily perform the functions of the office. On still other rare occasions the Officer may be technically available, but there exist good and sufficient reasons, in the sound judgment of both the Officer and the Board, why another veterinary Board member is more suited and appropriate to mediate or otherwise process a particular complaint.

To avoid delay and hindrance in the performance of its statutory duties, under any of the limited circumstances stated above, and only upon the specific request of the regularly appointed Liaison Officer, the Board may find it expedient and necessary to appoint another veterinarian Board member to act as the ad hoc Liaison Officer. Any appointment made under this Policy shall be temporary, shall be narrowly drawn to specifically address the circumstances warranting the appointment and shall expire when those circumstances no longer exist.

This policy becomes immediately effective upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.