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Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine - Minutes

MONDAY, April 9, 2018 8:30AM to 1:00 PM MDT

Idaho State Department of Agriculture Building
2270 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise, ID 83712
Lower Conference Rooms 1&2

In attendance: Jody Rockett, DVM – Liaison Officer
Matt Dredge, DVM – President
Billy Maupin, DVM – Vice President
Robert Pierce, DVM – Member
Jeff Heins, DVM - Member
Kathy Simpson - Public Member
Jeremy Brown – Executive Director
Cindy Hedge – TRS II
Roger Gabel, Deputy Attorney General, Board Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 8:35AM by Dr. Matt Dredge, Board President.

1. *Review and approve minutes from January 12, 2018 board meeting:* Motion by Dr. Heins to approve minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Kathy Simpson. Motion passed.
2. *Miscellaneous business updates (Brown)*
 - a. *Executive Order 2017-06 Licensing Freedom Act:* The deadline for the review of our occupational licensing requirements is July 1, 2018. The office was provided a template of questions that we have been working on. Jeremy has talked with the Board of Pharmacy's about its licensing and regulatory processes and will be using some of those techniques to review our process. Jeremy would also like to add a statistical analysis comparing our VPA and the other Idaho medical boards and select western state's Veterinary Practice Acts. A subcommittee was formed during this year's legislative session to review the responses from the boards.
 - b. *BOVM Legislative Service Audit:* Legislative Services Office will conduct their three year audit of our board beginning on April 12, 2018.
 - c. *IVMA update:* Jeremy has attended and spoken at two of the IVMA meetings. IVMA members worked with our board to allow work to go forward with a new database that will allow on-line renewal and CE tracking. Jeremy reports that Dr. Ard chairs the newly formed professional relations committee which is responsible for mediating disputes

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between veterinarians. Dr. Heins chairs the wellness committee. This committee supports IVMA members dealing with emotional and physical wellness issues. After discussion, Dr. Heins indicated that to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest that he will likely resign from or at least put his membership or participation in the IVMA Wellness Committee on hold while he is a member of the Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine.

- d. *Board Meeting Teleconferencing:* Jeremy suggested teleconferencing board meetings when agenda items are less than four hours and do not involve reviewing applications or hearings. The board would be notified at least one month ahead of time to avoid potential scheduling conflicts.
- e. *Legislative Interim:* Jeremy will make time between legislative sessions to build relationships with committee members and continue to work with the IVMA.

3. *Report on 2018 legislative session: (Gabel and Brown)*

Jeremy reported on S1316, H623 and Board of Pharmacy fee structure changes:

- SB 1316 addressed payment of attorney and investigative fees. This bill will become law effective July 1, 2018. The law states the prevailing party of an administrative proceeding between a licensing authority and a licensee shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Our board currently has an alternative to formal discipline in place which could cause some confusion about who prevails in an administrative proceeding.
- H623 originated from an Administrative Hearing Officer Interim Committee and was written to update processes of the Administrative Procedure Act with regards to concerns over due process, conflicts of interest and impartiality in contested administrative proceedings. The bill passed the House on a vote of 47-23. Our board partnered with the Idaho Board of Nursing and submitted a joint memorandum to the Senate Judiciary & Rules committee and the Governors office expressing our concerns regarding this bill. The bill died in committee.
- The Board of Pharmacy passed legislation which removed the fees for Veterinarian Drug Technicians and Veterinary Drug Outlets, and decided against a fee increase for Prescriber Drug Outlets.

Roger reported on H611 and S1298:

- H611 addressed added transparency to the open meeting law. This bill will become law effective July 1, 2018. The law requires meeting agendas to be posted electronically, if the governing entity has an online presence. The law also requires that action items have to be clearly stated on the agenda. Changes to action items listed on the agenda after the start of a meeting must be declared an emergency and be justified and reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- S1298 is nicknamed 'Rap Back' and addresses criminal background information on licensees. The law would have provided the service of automatic notification to the licensing agency if the licensee was arrested. The bill died in committee.

4. *Discussion: Language change on AAVSB VTNE website: (Rockett)*

Jody discussed a discrepancy between the language on the AAVSB website and what students are currently being told. Jody proposed the following language be updated on the AAVSB website:

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- ❖ The Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine reviews and determines VTNE eligibility for AVMA accredited veterinary technology program students who have completed 88% of program curriculum and are considered in good program standing. Applicants utilizing this pathway must be Idaho residents or currently attending an AVMA accredited program in Idaho.

Dr. Pierce motioned this language be added to the AAVSB website. The motion was seconded by Kathy Simpson. The motion carried. The office will contact AAVSB and advise them of the change.

5. *COHE update: (Hedge)*

Cindy reports the COHE committee will meet on April 17, 2018. The committee still has a vacancy in East Idaho. Annual certification training will be held on April 18 at the Idaho Humane Society and April 26 in Pocatello. Seven people will train in Boise and eleven people will train in Pocatello.

6. *Discussion: Telemedicine rule making Language: (Gabel and Brown)*

Dr. Maupin and Jeremy met and reviewed language currently in the practice act. Dr. Maupin stated that we could do a better job of disseminating information to veterinarians concerning meeting record keeping standards. Dr. Maupin feels the rules need to be changed and not the law regarding telemedicine. Roger is concerned with how the word 'seen' would be interpreted and suggested that a more specific definition of what 'seen' means in the practice act. Dr. Maupin and Jeremy will work on drafting a policy statement, refer it to Roger for review and have it distributed to board members to define specific words, veterinarian responsibility, and record keeping expectations. Board members would be expected to come to the June meeting prepared to discuss the proposal and make recommendations for moving forward.

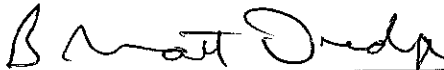
7. *Update: Online licensing software (Brown)*

Jeremy reported customization of the database is in the final stages. Jeremy provided a short demonstration of the system and a brief summary of what is left to do. The office is working closely with the ISDA's IT and fiscal departments to integrate the new system and have it in operation by May 1, 2018.

8. *Open forum for public comment:*

There was no one present for public comment.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.



B. Matt Dredge, DVM, President

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Jody Rockett, DVM, Liaison Officer

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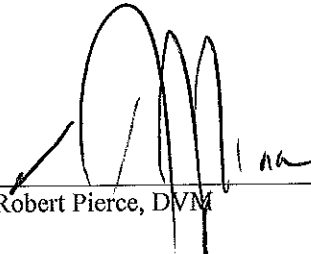
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William J. Maupin, DVM, Vice-President

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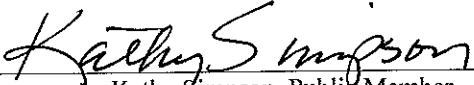
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