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## BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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### Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine - Minutes

**FRIDAY, October 12, 2018 8:30AM to 2:00 PM MDT**

Idaho State Department of Agriculture Building  
2270 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise, ID 83712  
**Conference Rooms A & B**

*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  
Karen Sheehan - Deputy Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Leslie Hayes - Deputy Attorney General, Civil Litigation

Dr. Matt Dredge, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Dr. Dredge motioned the board, pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)(b), to amend the agenda for this meeting as follows: include as an agenda item consideration of the stipulation under BVM-19-09. The amended agenda was posted on the website on October 10, 2018, but less than 48 hours prior to the meeting start time. The motion was made so that the amended agenda would be effective and the stipulation could be considered as an action item at the meeting. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1. Review and approve minutes from June 8, 2018 board meeting:**  
Motion by Dr. Pierce to approve minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Kathy Simpson. Motion passed.
- 2. Proposed FY 2020 budget: (Brown)**  
Mr. Brown provided an overview of the proposed budget. Discussion held regarding a fee increase that would be effective in 2020.
- 3. Discipline in large practice/multi doctor environments: (Sheehan)**  
Ms. Sheehan addressed the question of board jurisdiction regarding its ability to discipline clinic owners if system error was the ultimate reason for the complaint. Ms. Sheehan advised there would always be minor exceptions but discipline generally goes against the direct actor (i.e. the employee veterinarian or technician). She looked at other states, as well as the AAVSB model act, and this issue has been addressed by requiring a

facility or premise permit with a managing veterinarian. The board would need to change language in the VPA. Dr. Dredge asked Ms. Sheehan to draft proposed language to bring to the next board meeting for discussion.

**4. Open meeting rules summary: (Sheehan)**

Ms. Sheehan provided guidance to the board on adhering to Idaho's open meetings law and cautioned the board about discussing board business in emails and text messaging.

**5. Interstate licensing options: (Brown and Sheehan)**

Dr. Pierce asked Mr. Brown to investigate interstate licensing options for veterinary licenses. Mr. Brown reviewed five western states' laws regarding reciprocity and/or endorsement of veterinary licensure. Mr. Brown explained reciprocity requires a formalized agreement with participating states, while an endorsement system does not require such agreements. Mr. Brown consulted with Ms. Sheehan and they presented a list of items to either retain or remove from the practice act to streamline the application process. Discussion followed.

**6. Open forum for public comment:**

There was no one present for public comment.

**7. eLITE system review: (Brown)**

Mr. Brown reported the programmer is still working with the fiscal department to allow information to pass between eLITE and the fiscal system. The platform is in place to bring a new website on line. The office hopes to have the new site operational by the first of the year. Dr. Heins suggested a popup window informing users their CE documents successfully uploaded.

**8. BVM 19-09 Stipulation review: (Hayes)**

Ms. Hayes reported Respondent pled guilty to a felony charge and is scheduled to be sentenced on October 23, 2018. Respondent agreed to and signed the stipulation. Dr. Maupin moved, in the matter of BVM 19-09, for the adoption of the stipulation of the parties, including the listed findings of fact, conclusions of law and proposed disciplinary resolution of the case. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. Executive Session (Hayes)**

Dr. Maupin motioned the board, pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(f), to convene in executive session to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently-likely litigation. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously. The board entered executive session at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Maupin motioned the board to adjourn the executive session and return to the open meeting. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board returned to the open meeting at 11:15 a.m. Dr. Pierce noted for the record that the board discussed pending litigation with its counsel during the executive session.

**10. Report on AAVSB meeting: (Brown and Pierce)**

Dr. Pierce attended a seminar regarding veterinarian testing. The goal of the testing is to make sure that graduates are competent. The current failure rate is 3-4%. Dr. Pierce questioned if the test was weeding out incompetent people or just a pass or fail exam. Dr. Pierce asked the seminar leader how the revenue from the tests is used. Mr. Brown reported the AAVSB is looking at a veterinary nurse initiative that would change the title of certified veterinary technician to veterinary nurse. Nurses are against the change. Dale Atkinson, AAVSB general counsel, covered jurisdictional issues and double jeopardy. Telemedicine continued to be discussed on a national level. Mr. Brown attended a seminar on boards working with state legislators and state governments.

**11. Legislative Items: (Brown)**

A. External Legislation in 2019:

1. Pharmacy drug donation rule

Mr. Brown reported he met with the Board of Pharmacy's executive director about legislation it is introducing which would allow drugs to be returned to veterinarians and donated to clinics and shelters.

B. Internal Legislation for 2020 legislative session:

The following items were proposed for possible legislation and negotiated rule making sessions for introduction during the 2020 legislative session:

1. Veterinary license renewal fee increase
2. Veterinary license verification fee removal
3. Time requirement for licensee after absence from active practice
4. Language updates to Veterinary Practice Act (correct gendered pronouns, remove statute for license increase for software)

**12. Updates from the Executive Director: (Brown)**

A. The Governor's office received three candidates for consideration to fill the Eastern Idaho vacancy on the board. The board is still waiting to hear from the Governor's office.

B. Dr. McReynolds has retired from the Committee on Humane Euthanasia (COHE). Dr. McReynolds recommended Dr. Janet Anders to fill the vacancy and she has accepted and submitted a resume.

C. Dr. Pierce motioned the board to accept Dr. Anders to fill the North Idaho vacancy on the COHE committee. Ms. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board is still looking for a representative from the east side of the State.

D. Mr. Brown attended a meeting to discuss how opioid shortages are affecting veterinary practice as well as potential drug use by veterinarians. The overriding focus of the discussion was that there is little to no data on how much, if any, of the drugs are misappropriated or if veterinarians are using the drug illegally. Mr. Brown will work with the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association (IVMA) to develop a survey inquiring into how often veterinarians run across these situations. Veterinarians do not have to sign a drug registry like human physicians; therefore, it is difficult to relate human medicine to veterinary medicine on this subject.

E. The suggested 2019 meeting dates for the Board of Veterinary Medicine are:

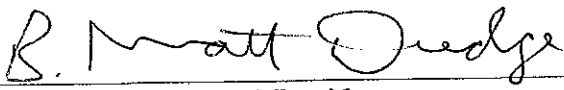
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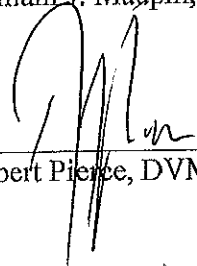
With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

  
B. Matt Dredge, DVM, President

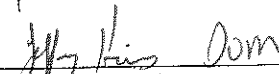
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William I. Maupin, DVM, Vice-President


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Robert Pierce, DVM


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Jeffrey Heins, DVM

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Kathy Simpson, Public Member

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Suzanne Cutler DVM

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