

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building
Second Floor Conference Room
Open Session Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2021, Amended 2/25/2021

Dr. Dewayne Rahe called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members in attendance: Dr. Chris Bean; Dr. Tom Burkgren; Dr. Dewayne Rahe; Mrs. Ann Werner, and Dr. Curtis Youngs. Also present were Dr. Jeff Kaisand, DVM, Executive Secretary and Ginny Eason, staff. Mr. Jacob Larson, Assistant Attorney General attended by telephone.

Guest(s) attending by telephone

Jenny Dorman, Legal Counsel, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Executive Director, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Youngs moved to approve the amended agenda for the January 28, 2021, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Bean. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment (Public comment period is open and limited to two minutes)

Dr. Wheeler, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, spoke to the Board Members and guests regarding several bills currently in legislation. The bills Dr. Wheeler mentioned is concerns the Statute of Limitation regarding Malpractice and proposed legislation for amending Chapter 169.20 Veterinary Assistants. Dr. Wheeler also asked the Board Members their opinion on the proposed bill for unlimited continuing education for on-line learning? Concern was expressed regarding this issue and the Board Members requested Dr. Wheeler email a copy of this proposed bill to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine office to distribute to the Board Members, Dr. Kaisand, and Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General. Dr. Wheeler stated this is for all licensing boards in the state of Iowa.

Dr. Wheeler stated members of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, the veterinary community, students and staff at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine ~~regarding the priority of the COVID vaccine distribution~~ are unsure where their profession is placed for receiving the vaccine. Dr. Wheeler asked if there has been any discussion by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine or by Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship if Phase 1b includes the veterinary profession. Dr. Wheeler stated there has been talk among the state Veterinary Medical Associations regarding veterinarians administering the COVID vaccination. Currently the states of Connecticut and Colorado are allowing veterinarians to administer the vaccine.

Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes

It was stated several changes to the Open Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020, were needed in the following sections:

Correspondence

Mia Cary, DVM, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) ~~sent an email regarding a recommendation~~ requested that DEI training be required for continuing education credits for veterinarians. The Board Members discussed Dr. Cary's request for DEI training as a requirement for continuing education. The Board Members will accept DEI continuing education that has been approved by RACE or by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine but will not mandate the training. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine will consider DEI courses or meeting seminars as long as the course or meeting is submitted to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine for review on the continuing education application form and approved by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. The DEI courses or seminars will be considered as management continuing education credit.

Dr. Youngs moved to approve the amended Open Session Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported on a Foreign Animal Disease Vaccination Pilot Program Plan with several workshops leading up to a table top exercise partnered with the USDA. This program has gone very well.

Dr. Kaisand reported on the African Swine Fever Packer Workshop that was hosted by the USDA with the packers. There are weekly conference calls with the task force and the state veterinarians are moving forward with the program.

Dr. Kaisand reported on the Emergency Manager Coordinator position and the department is currently conducting interviews.

Dr. Youngs thanked Dr. Kaisand for working towards protecting Agriculture in Iowa. All Board Members concurred and thanked Dr. Kaisand.

Dr. Kaisand stated the swine industry is working towards a program similar to the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certification program the poultry industry uses.

Dr. Rahe reported on an 84,000 head sow confinement being built in China. Concern was expressed if a foreign animal disease outbreak occurred at that site the devastation would be insurmountable.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Rahe asked Dr. Wheeler about the malpractice bill. Dr. Wheeler stated the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association is opening Iowa Code Chapter 169. The malpractice bill proposed would go from five years to two years statute of limitations. Dr. Kaisand stated the department added the proposed bill for the veterinary assistant's certificate would expire after three years and would make this comparable to the veterinarians.

Dr. Rahe asked the Board Members to review Iowa Code Chapter 169 for additional changes that should be discussed at the February 25, 2021, Board Meeting. Dr. Rahe asked the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association to review Chapter 169 and to speak with Dr. David Schmitt and Dr. Ken May as well for their suggestions for changes to Chapter 169.

Dr. Rahe asked Dr. Wheeler to email the proposed bills for Chapter 169 to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine office for distribution to the Board Members.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson stated Ms. Addison Loes, Second Year Law Student will be an intern this semester with the Attorney General Office.

Board Member Report

No report

Correspondence

American Association of Veterinary State Boards announced the completion of the Standards and Policies for PAVE Veterinary Technicians.

Veterinary Technician National Examination scores for the testing window December 1, 2020 – December 15, 2020, ~~was~~ were received and discussed by the Board Members.

Sue Mears, R.Ph emailed an inquiry ~~question~~ regarding medications being used and dispensed that has exceeded the manufacturer's stated expiration date. The Board Members directed Dr. Kaisand to respond to Ms. Mears' inquiry and to cite Iowa Administrative Rules Chapter 811.12.3(5) 12.3(5) Drugs or medications which have expired shall be removed from current inventory and shall not be dispensed or sold. Expired drugs or medications shall be disposed of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson the proposed rules for Veterinarians for Licensure by Verification; Veterinary Technicians for Registration by Verification, and Veterinary Technicians for Registration through Work Experience. The rules were published on January 21st for public comment and once the date has closed any public comments will be brought to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine for review, consideration, and final approval.

5297C Administrative Rules Chapter 12, "Standards of Practice." The proposed rule did not receive any comments.

Dr. Youngs moved to approve the proposed amended subrule 12.4(2) Patient Records as published. Motion was seconded by Dr. Burkgren. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kaisand spoke with Dr. Grooms regarding the European Boards of Veterinary Specialists (EBVS) and asked if he was going to submit proposed language for rulemaking. Dr. Grooms contacted the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and inquired if the EBVS is recognized by the association and they are not recognized by the AVMA.

Dr. Youngs apologized to the Board Members he is in the process of pulling all the information together and will provide this to the Board as soon as possible.

Mr. Larson presented the proposed rulemaking Fee Schedule for Veterinarians to the Board Members to include the \$50 fee for Veterinary Application by Verification.

Dr. Youngs moved to proceed with proposed rulemaking 811.6.2 to include the application fee for Veterinary Application by Verification. Motion was seconded by Dr. Bean. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Rahe participated in the Telemedicine Webinar by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and stated the webinar was very good. The veterinarian needs to be licensed in the state the animal is located. The definition the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine has for Veterinary Client Patient Relationship states not by electronic means. Discussion should be held for the companion animals versus livestock and poultry Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. Veterinary practices that work with food animals are to continue face-to-face visits. The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association position statement refers to current law. There is appears to be a need for telemedicine and the Board could work towards changing Code Chapter 169.

Mrs. Werner spoke about a large feedlot in Nebraska that uses veterinarians in Canada to consult with health issues by telemedicine and sending photos of the livestock.

The Board Members discussed the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship by electronic means and would this or should this be allowed? If the veterinarian is not licensed in Iowa, ~~and generally speaking~~ the Board refers to a criminal prosecutor.

Virtual meetings and earning continuing education credits will continue to stay on the monthly meeting agenda. The Board Members stated the virtual meetings have to be approved by RACE or by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine for the continuing education credit hours to be accepted at renewal of the veterinary license or veterinary technician registration.

Dr. Youngs moved to go into Closed Session (closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or ~~continued receipt of federal funds~~ and 21.5(1)(d) to discuss the contents of a licensing examination or whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings if the governmental body is a licensing or examining board). Motion seconded by Dr. Burkgren.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Bean, aye; Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Rahe, aye; Mrs. Werner, aye; Dr. Youngs, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:58 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:31 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Youngs moved to close cases 20-014a; 20-014b; 20-015; 20-016; 20-017; 20-018, and 20-019. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Veterinary Licensing / Veterinary Technician Registration Applications per HF2627

The licensing applications are on the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine website and each application will then be revised and updated to include the code and rule requirements.

Continuing Education

The continuing education applications were reviewed by the Board Members for approval.

Randy Wheeler, DVM	Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Virtual Winter Conference (2.10-12.2021)	19	1	20
Amelia Dohlman	Arterial Pressure Variation and Goal Directed Fluid Therapy (1.11.2021 Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine)	1		1
Amelia Dohlman	Anesthetic Considerations with Balloon Pulmonary Valvuloplasty (12.14.2020 Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine)	1		1
Amelia Dohlman	Acute hemorrhage and transfusions (2.8.2021 Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine)	1		1

Dr. Youngs suggested a reminder letter be mailed to Ms. Dohlman and calling her attention to the continuing education application is to be submitted no later than 45 days prior to the date of the conference or presentation.

Linda Kahler, DVM submitted a request for consideration for continuing education courses by World Association for Veterinary Dermatology. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine is requesting Dr. Kahler complete the continuing education application that is on the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine website, provide a list of specific courses and course work information, specific duration of each course she is interested in enrolling, the qualifications of each presenter, and each course must be identified as scientific or management.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Dr. Youngs moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Dr. Bean. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary