

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2022

Dr. Tom Burkgren called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with the following Members present: Dr. Tom Burkgren, Dr. Yuko Sato, Dr. Scott Shuey, Mrs. Ann Werner, and Mr. Will Yoder. Also present were Mr. Eric Dirths, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Mr. Dirths provided legal counsel coverage for the Board in Mr. Larson's absence.

Absent

Mr. Jacob Larson, Assistant Attorney General

Guest(s)

Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Werner moved to approve the agenda for the June 30, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Ms. Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau thanked Dr. Burkgren for his participation in the rules committee meeting and to the Board Members for working with the stakeholders with the rule changes.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Mr. Yoder moved to approve the amended Open Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2022. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine has a cash on hand balance of \$35,889.77 in the account and the detailed report will be included monthly.

Dr. Kaisand reported there are three poultry premises still under quarantine in the state of Iowa. These premises still must be sampled for environmental testing and should be released soon. He reported there are several High Path Avian Influenza cases in the state of Washington.

Dr. Kaisand and Dr. Burkgren reported on a possible Foot and Mouth Disease detection in the United Kingdom. The testing of samples proved to be negative.

Dr. Kaisand reported the mileage rate for reimbursement to individuals using their own vehicle for state business was increased from \$.39 per mile to \$.50 per mile. The new rate is effective July 1, 2022.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren reported he met with the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) regarding the Emergency Rules. The meeting went well, and the stakeholders did a good job of explaining the issue to the committee members. The ARRC committee approved and passed the rule unanimously. Dr. Burkgren and Dr. Shuey will meet with the stakeholders in July to further discuss the valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship (VCPR) rule.

The rural veterinarians are having a difficult time hiring new veterinarians. It was stated individuals that were raised in an urban setting find it difficult adjusting to a rural and small-town life. The spouse of the veterinarian also has a difficult time trying to find employment with the demographics and economics of the area. The Board Members discussed the issue of the small number of large animal veterinarians compared to the number of individuals practicing small animal medicine. The large animal practice is physically demanding on the veterinarian and assistants.

Emergency services is no longer just an issue with the large animals and rural areas. The small animal emergency services are having issues staying in business.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Dirths introduced himself to the Board Members and guest. Mr. Dirths will be providing legal counsel coverage for Mr. Larson during his absence today.

Board Member Report

Mrs. Werner reported from the producer's viewpoint, the electronic identification device (EID) does not have the same retention rate as does the Bangs and silver tags. Mrs. Werner provided the retention rate collected from her cattle herd from 2012 – 2020.

Dr. Sato reported she attended an Avian Influenza Gap Analysis Meeting in Ames, Iowa June 14-15, 2022. The swine, poultry, and Public Health research groups and other groups that have grant sponsorship opportunities met. Each group had their own group discussions reviewing how science has advanced greatly with the reagents and isolates used in research. Dr. Sato reported Tetracore has developed a dry test for African Swine Fever that does not need wet reagents to conduct the test in the field. Dr. Sato also stated each country has its own requirements regarding vaccine usage and country-to-country requirements for imports and exports. Dr. Kaisand reported the state and federal officials have held discussions on vaccine usage. Dr. Kaisand stated using poultry as an example, the broilers' life span is shorter than the layers' life span. The poultry industry is split, and each area of poultry has different needs, and each state would have to approve the vaccine. It is more difficult to prove to other countries a negative status in animals that have been vaccinated versus the animals that have not been vaccinated.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Colin Tadlock provided a written summary of the Administrative Rules Review Committee meeting on June 14th. The Administrative Rules Review Committee approved the emergency rulemaking for the Board to address the VCPR/emergency services issue. The rule was filed following the meeting and became effective immediately. While the rule is in effect, this rulemaking will also be going through the usual public comment procedures. All comments are due on August 2, 2022. The Board would be able to adopt the final version of the rule as soon as August 17. Changes can be made to the rule but must largely be non-substantive (otherwise it will need to go back through a public comment period again). The final version of the rule can be effective as early as mid-late October.

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy amended their rule relating to compounded preparations distributed to veterinarians for office stock. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine would like to invite a representative from the Iowa Board of Pharmacy to a meeting to discuss the changes to their rule, how it applies to Iowa veterinarians, and whether the new rule is in conflict with AMDUCA, USDA and FDA guidance document 256?

Correspondence

Elizabeth Kolb, DVM submitted additional information for the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine to review for her request of obtaining continuing education hours for the human medical conference she wants to attend. The highlighted information provided by Dr. Kolb added to approximately 9.25 hours total. The Board Members discussed if this request is approved then the Board would be setting a precedence for other licensees to attend continuing education meetings or conferences that is not veterinary medicine. Each presentation session is seven minutes, and the discussion section of the meeting is seven minutes. The Board should consider the normal process of approving continuing education hours and how many hours were approved for the meeting. The second issue is whether to accept as a Board continuing education credit hours from a medical board which is normally not what the Board has approved. If the Board does approve this type of request, then the Board should set a policy, for example, limiting the number of non-veterinary CE hours it accepts during a triennium. The Board does need to be careful when stating case-by-case. If allowed one time then the Board must justify hereafter any submissions that are not veterinary medicine related. Dr. Burkgren asked for a motion to approve the request. The request died from lack of a motion. Dr. Kaisand will send notification to Dr. Kolb the Board did not approve her request for continuing education hours obtained at the 2022 Cardiovascular Innovations Conference.

Miscellaneous

Telemedicine, no changes to the current policy

Virtual Meetings, no changes to the current policy

Mrs. Werner moved to go into Closed Meeting 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 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 Mr Yoder.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Dr. Shuey, aye, Mrs. Werner, aye, and Mr. Yoder, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 11:12 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:21 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 22-002, 22-005, and 22-010. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

The continuing education applications listed below will be emailed to the Board Members for approval. Future continuing education applications will be emailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for review and discussion at that month’s Board Meeting.

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hour(s)
Tim Smith, DVM	Animal Health 101 (6.28 - 30.2022 Virtual)	7.5		7.5
Amelia Dohlman	Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (6.27.2022 Ames, IA)	1		1
Tim Smith, DVM	Virtual Fundamental Skills for Program Diseases (6.21-23.2022; 8.16-18.2022 Virtual)	6 ea		6 ea
Michael Todd, DVM	Laboratory Testing Now and the Future (7.5.2022 Mt. Pleasant, IA)	1		1
Carrie Schwake	Conflict Management and Ethical Communications (8.11.2022 Ames, IA)		2	2
Patricia Raythe, DVM	Domestic Poultry Field Virtual Training (5.16-320.2022 - Zoom)	26		26
Jessica Ward, DVM	LVMC House Officer Seminar Series (7.14.2022-7.20.2023 Ames, IA)	50 (1 hr ea wk)		50 (1 hr ea wk)
Randy Wheeler, DVM	Iowa Veterinary Medical Association 2022 Annual Meeting (9.29-30.2022 Ames, IA)	47.5	12	59.5

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

Dr. Sato moved to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary