

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, First Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2023

Dr. Yuko Sato, Interim Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sterling Meyer and Dr. Scott Shuey. Also present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Absent

Dr. Tom Burkgren
Mr. Will Yoder

Guest(s)

Christine Bean, DVM (by telephone)
Amy Fertig, DVM
Ben Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers
Megan Koehler, It Takes a Village Rescue (by telephone)
Lora Wright, Iowa Farm Bureau

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the amended agenda for the September 28, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Chris Bean spoke to the Board Members thanking them for opening the Iowa Code Chapter 169 regarding direct supervision of veterinary technicians and assistants. Dr. Bean reported nine (9) percent of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association members responded to the survey that was sent to the members.

Dr. Bean also asked the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine to take into consideration the large and small animal practices and the differences between the two types of practices when reviewing and writing new rules. The large animal practices would have more indirect supervision versus the small animal practices having direct supervision over the veterinary technicians or assistants. Dr. Bean also stated that small animal practices are different from the animal shelters that handle small animals, especially in euthanasia situations (concerning controlled drugs).

Ms. Megan Koehler, It Takes a Village Rescue addressed the Board Members regarding the provision of veterinary services or who can provide or own these clinics. The vast majority of the animal shelters around the state of Iowa have spay/neuter clinics in their facilities due to the nature of the non-profit shelter that cannot be owned by a veterinarian or by anyone. Mr. Larson responded to Ms. Koehler's inquiry and asked that she submit her specific questions in writing to the Board so the Board can review and analyze to make sure the Board does not misinterpret the inquiry. Mr. Larson also mentioned to Ms. Koehler that she should also seek legal counsel so she could be advised of her rights, responsibilities, and requirements of what you can and cannot do as well. Dr. Kaisand stated

that under the Animal Welfare Rules it is required that dogs and cats are spayed or neutered prior to being adopted. When you mentioned spay and neuter clinics are you referring to individuals bringing in their own animals for the surgery? Ms. Koehler stated she is referring to a spay or neuter clinic that is owned or run by a shelter.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

It was stated a change to the Open Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2023, was needed in the following section:

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

Dr. Wheeler stated the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting and Field Day is September 28-29, 2023, at Scheman Building, Ames, Iowa.

Board Member Report

The pigs did not have lesions when they were checked in but were showing the lesions and sloughing at the hooves after they returned home.

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the amended Open Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2023. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's financial status is \$205,589.31. Dr. Kaisand stated there will be adjustments due to the end of the fiscal year and beginning of the new year.

Dr. Kaisand stated he attended the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board Meeting on September 27th and reported there are 2,785 licensed veterinarians and 689 registered veterinary technicians. The veterinary technicians will renew their registrations November 1 – December 31, 2023. They are on a three-year renewal, the same as the veterinarians. Dr. Shuey asked if Dr. Kaisand would be able to provide the number of accredited veterinarians in the state and he replied he has access to the Federal database that has that information.

Dr. Kaisand reported Dr. Burkgren is recovering nicely from surgery.

Chairperson Report

No report

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson reported on the Report by the Governor for the Boards and Commissions. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine is delegated to having a farmer on the Board as a public member. If the Board would like to make a formal recommendation this must be on the agenda. The Board Member can do this separately as well but needs to make it clear that the Board Member is not representing the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Shuey stated after reviewing 40 plus complaint cases that are not food animal related it would be better to have a veterinarian or non-veterinarian be primarily involved with agriculture to sit on the Board. This should be a specific agenda item to discuss for the October Board Meeting to reach out to the Governor's office regarding this before it is introduced to the legislature.

Board Member Report

No report

Correspondence

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards Veterinary Technician National Examination Scores for July 15, 2023-July 31, 2023, and August 1, 2023- August 15, 2023, were reviewed and accepted by the Board Members.

Petition for Waiver

Heartland Veterinary Partners submitted a petition for a waiver regarding Iowa Administrative Code 811-8.5 Supervision. The Board Members tabled this for a future Board Meeting. The Board has 120 days to act on this petition.

This petition could make the rural veterinary shortage worse. Ms. Meyer reported the American Association of Swine Veterinarians embraced the American Veterinary Medical Association statement saying using telemedicine as a follow-up but must initially see the patient in person.

Dr. Kaisand will contact the American Association of Veterinary State Boards to find out how many states have approved telemedicine and how many months from initial patient examination to patient examination by telemedicine has been allowed by rule. The veterinarian must have a valid license and have established a veterinarian/client/patient relationship. The Board would also like to know the different state's definition of Direct Supervision and Indirect Supervision. Dr. Kaisand is requested to report back by the October Board Meeting.

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

Ms. Melinda Brandner made application for a Veterinary Technician Registration by Endorsement. The Board Members reviewed the application. Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Veterinary Technician Registration by Endorsement. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Tiffany Leach made an application for Endorsement by Board Specialty Veterinary License. The Board Members reviewed the application. Ms. Meyer moved to approve the Endorsement by Board Specialty Veterinary License application. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated the rules will be published mid-October and would be effective November 8, 2023.

HF670 was discussed. Rules will need to be established for veterinary technicians and assistants. The rules will need to be submitted to the Administrative Rules Committee (ARC) by January 1, 2024. The Board will reach out to the stakeholders, Iowa State University, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association for assistance in drafting the rules that need to be polished at the December Board Meeting for the January 1, 2024, submission to ARC.

The EO10 analysis and revised rules have been submitted to the Governor’s office. A public hearing will be scheduled during the October 26, 2023, Board Meeting.

Dr. Shuey hosted a Round Table that Secretary Naig participated in at Dr. Shuey’s clinic. The discussions were very good, and the attendees discussed complex issues.

Dr. Shuey moved to go into the Closed Meeting Session pursuant to Iowa code section 21.5(1)(a) to review complaint files where investigative information required by section 272C.6(4) to be kept confidential and 21.5(1)(d) to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. Motion seconded by Ms. Meyer.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Sato, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:46 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 11:40 a.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close cases 22-043; 23-020, and 23-022. Motion seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

The continuing education applications were reviewed by the Board Members for approval. Item 12 on the application is a requirement that must be completed for each application.

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hrs.
Meredith 't Hoen, DVM	Emergency and Critical Care Updates: Pain and Pain Scoring (10.17.2023 Ames, IA)	1		1
Meredith 't Hoen, DVM	Emergency and Critical Care Updates: Start with the Heart (12.5.2023 Ames, IA)	1		1
Jeff Kaisand, DVM/ Steve Hulsizer	IowaFADefense - Veterinary Training for Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Response (10.4.2023 Ames, IA)	3		3
Carrie Schwake	Upset Clients and when to involve a Veterinary Social Worker (10.24.2023 Ames, IA)		1	1

Stephen Poduska, DVM	EIVA Fall Meeting (10.18-19.2023 Cedar Falls, IA)	9	3	12
Tim Smith, DVM	Fundamental Skills for Program Diseases (9.5-7.2023 and 12.5-7.2023 Virtual)	6 per program		6 per program
Deb Coleman	Signs of Parturition and Recognizing a Dystocia and LA Clinical Skills Refresher (11.7.2023 or 11.9.2023 Ames, IA)	2		2
Josiane Cristina do Carmo Silva	Veterinarian Calf Specialist College (11.1-3.2023 Sioux Falls, SD)	17		17

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Sato adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
 Executive Secretary
 Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine