

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
December 29, 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, and Mr. Will Yoder. Also present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Absent

Mrs. Ann Werner

Guest(s)

Megan Carlson, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Jenny Dorman, Carney & Appleby Law Firm
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the amended agenda for the December 29, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Wheeler wished everyone attending the meeting Happy Holidays.

Dr. Wheeler asked the Board Members if the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board Members would be able to obtain continuing education credit hours for their meetings. The Board stated the Continuing Education Application would have to be completed and submitted with the appropriate documents for the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine to review the same as any other meeting requesting continuing education hours.

Ms. Dorman spoke to the Board Members regarding the Veterinary Technician Iowa Code Task Force dated December 28, 2022; these are draft changes to Iowa Code 169. Ms. Dorman stated changes to definitions; changes to veterinary auxiliary personnel; the scope of practice, and veterinary assistants and students is being proposed.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Sato moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2022. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's financial balance as of November 30, 2022, is \$41,103.37.

Dr. Kaisand reported there have not been any new cases of avian influenza for the past three-weeks. There were nine commercial flocks and two backyard flocks that tested positive. Most of the turkey sites should be completing the composting process. There are outbreaks in other states, and those states are slow to respond unlike Iowa's response time to the outbreaks.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren reported the FDA withdrew the guidance document regarding the valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship because of COVID. The guidance document established in May 2020 removed the requirement for the physical examination for timely visits to establish a valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship will be effective February 21, 2023.

Assistant Attorney General Report

None

Board Member Report

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

None

Correspondence

Morgan Guiffre - Vets to Pets House Call Service sent a letter to the Board proposing an amendment to the Valid Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship rule to include the ability to establish a valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship virtually via video-chat when indicated. Dr. Wheeler stated the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association is in line with the American Veterinary Medical Association and that a physical examination of the animal is needed.

Lola Michelin – National Board of Certification for Animal Acupressure and Massage (NBCAAM) sent a letter regarding acupressure and massage. In Iowa if an individual is diagnosing and treating an animal for a fee this would be a violation if the individual is not a licensed veterinarian.

Ms. Dorman stated the chiropractors are trying to legalize chiropractic treatment for animals. This was introduced to the legislature last year and was not successful in passing. It may be reintroduced this year, but it is not known at this point.

Veterinary Technician National Examination Scores 11/15-30/2022. The report is for the Board Member's information and no action is required.

Amy Martirosian (Gansemer), DVM – Clarification 169.4. The Board Members discussed Dr. Martirosian's inquiry and directed Dr. Kaisand to respond to her regarding each question:

- 1) Clarification of the terms "direction" and "supervision" used within the code. Does this mean that a licensed veterinarian needs to be directly watching over duties being performed, accessible within the clinic, or accessible via phone call?

Board's response: This is not defined in Code 169.4.

- 2) Is a foreign graduate allowed to prescribe non-DEA/regulated medications (i.e. treatment for ear infections, anal gland abscesses, etc.)?

Board's response: Direct supervision is required.

- 3) Under this code, is a foreign grad able to administer vaccinations including rabies?

Board's response: No only licensed veterinarians administer Rabies vaccinations.

Miscellaneous

None

Dr. Sato moved to go into the 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; Mr. Yoder, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:28 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 12:43 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 22-009, 22-022, 22-024, 22-028, 22-037, and 22-038. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

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

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hrs
Tim Smith, DVM	Virtual Fundamental Skills for Program Diseases (11/29-12/1/2022 Virtual)	6		6
Tim Smith, DVM	Program Disease Field Skills Courses (11/1-3/2022 Ames, IA)	22.5		22.5
Nicole McFarland	Abraham's Equine Clinic Equine Sum (10/21-22/2022)	11		11
Elle Terhaar	Practical Bovine Reproductive Ultrasound Course and Wet-lab (2/6-7/2022; Mid-September 2023; TBA October 2023 Osceola and Winterset IA)	9		9
Amy Tremain	Caring for Down Foals (12.6.2022 Ames, IA)	1		1
Jeff Kaisand, DVM Amanda Chipman	IowaFADdefense - Veterinary Training Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Response (1/11/2023 Sleepy Eye, M	3		3
Andrew Hennenfent, DVM	Disinfectants (1.11.2023 webinar)	1		1
Sue Hartmann, DVM	VMG-65 Fall Meeting 2022 (10.19-22.2022 Alabama)		7.75	7.75
Cyndy Bolsenga	Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Winter Conference (2.7-9, 2023 Altoona, IA)	45	18	63
Jennifer Stalley	2023 Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases Meeting (1.22-24.2023 Chicago, IL)	20.5		20.5

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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