

Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
February 10-11, 2003
Portland, Oregon
FINAL MINUTES

February 10, 2003

Present: Jo Ann Dewey (Chair)
Drs. Jonathan Betts, Martha DeWees, Leon Pielstick
Don Hagglund, Public Member
Lori Makinen, Executive Director
Dennis Chaney, Investigator

The February 10, 2003 meeting was called to order at 1:00 a.m. The Board went into executive session pursuant to ORS 192 to conduct new case review and investigative interviews. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

February 11, 2003

Present: Jo Ann Dewey (Chair)
Drs. Jonathan Betts, Leon Pielstick
Don Hagglund, Public Member
Lori Makinen, Executive Director
Dennis Chaney, Investigator

The February 11, 2003 meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. The agenda and draft November meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The Board welcomed Dr. Erwin Pearson, professor of veterinary medicine at Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Pearson's presentation, 'Licensing Problems in Veterinary Medicine and a Solution,' focused on the need for specialty licensing. Dr. Pearson suggests that, although veterinary students study all species, more than 50 percent of graduates practice on a limited number of species and are therefore not completely competent to practice on species outside their specialty or interest. Nonetheless, they are licensed to practice on all species. Medical knowledge increasingly expands, but the veterinary curriculum may not accommodate the need for additional subjects. Dr. Pearson identified a number of potential solutions, including:

- Adding a year to pre-vet requirements.
- Make veterinary school a five-year program.
- Offer limited licensure in particular species.

Dr. Pearson's suggestions to improve current practice standards included:

- Requiring periodic practical species-specific exams.
- ‘Grandfathering’ specialty license practitioners.
- Requiring a year of additional education to change or obtain a different speciality license.
- Coordinating educational opportunities between colleges that offer specialty instruction.

Dr. Pearson closed by urging the Board to consider alternatives that will ensure that veterinarians practice only on those species in which they have proven clinical competency.

The Board welcomed Dr. Andrew Clark, state veterinarian (Department of Agriculture). Dr. Clark informed the Board of problems with inconsistent dispensing and administration of West Nile Virus vaccine, e.g., veterinarians dispensing the vaccine without a valid VCPR and/or examination in violation of the Veterinary Practice Act and the Ft. Dodge sales contract. The Board reviewed recent Attorney General advice regarding definitions of relevant terminology. Dr. Pielstick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hagglund, to issue a statement to licensees informing them that a VCPR and exam is not required for dispensing and administering fully licensed vaccines. Following further discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Dr. Clark then initiated a teleconference with Ft. Dodge representative, Madonna Carlson, who reiterated the company’s sale and administration requirements, i.e., the vaccine may only be sold to and administered by veterinarians, and an AVMA-defined VCPR must exist. Dr. Clark said he would include this information with his agency’s next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.

Probation Review:

The Board considered the Stipulated Agreement and final order of Dr. Grant Maurer and directed staff and attorney to amend certain conditions.

The Board was informed by the investigator that Dr. Thomas Evans had met requirements for consideration of reapplication for licensure.

Discipline:

2002-0040—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Hagglund seconded, and the Board voted by majority to issue a proposed notice of discipline with a fine of \$1,000 to Dr. Richard Wiest for failing to perform examinations and maintain patient records of dispensing pharmaceuticals in violation of OAR 875-010-0060(12) and 875-015-0030(1).

2002-0041A—Mr. Hagglund moved, Dr. Pielstick seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to issue a proposed notice of discipline to Dr. Steven Myrin for failure to document a patient examination in violation of 875-010-0060(12) and 875-015-0030(1) and failure to supervise an intern in violation of 875-010-0050(2).

02-0059—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Hagglund seconded, and the Board voted by majority to issue a proposed notice of discipline/consent agreement and stipulated order with a fine of \$100 to Dr. Nicholas

Gowing for practicing veterinary medicine without a license (failure to activate license following expiration of intern permit) in violation of ORS 686.020.

02-0061—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Hagglund seconded, and the Board voted by majority to issue a proposed notice of discipline/consent agreement and stipulated order with a fine of \$100 to Dr. Troy Everson for practicing veterinary medicine without a license (failure to activate license following expiration of intern permit) in violation of ORS 686.020.

Pending cases: 2001-0029, 2002-0021, 2002-0028, 2002-00482002-0054, 2002-0056A&B, 2002-0059, 2002-0062.

Cases closed:

97-0027 and 97-0029. Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Hagglund and the board voted by majority to withdraw notices of proposed discipline against Dr. Rebecca Bozarth.

2002-0041B—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Hagglund seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Practice Act.

2002-0049—Dr. Betts moved, Dr. Pielstick seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Practice Act.

2002-0057—Dr. Pielstick moved, Mr. Hagglund seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Practice Act.

2002-0050—Dr. Betts moved, Ms. Dewey seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Practice Act.

2002-0051—Dr. Pielstick moved, Dr. Anderson seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Practice Act.

2002-0052—Dr. Betts moved, Dr. Pielstick seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Practice Act.

2002-0058—Mr. Hagglund moved, Dr. Pielstick seconded, and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Practice Act.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Makinen
Executive Director