

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Wallace State Office Building  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Open Meeting Minutes  
February 24,2022

Dr. Dewayne Rahe called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members in attendance: Dr. Tom Burkgren; Dr. Dewayne Rahe; Dr. Yuko Sato, Mrs. Ann Werner, and Mr. Will Yoder. Also present were Mr. Jacob Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Guest(s)

Dean Dan Grooms, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine  
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Dan Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers Association  
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association  
Katherine Tsiakkirou, DVM

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the agenda for the February 24, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

None

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the amended Open Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report.

Dr. Kaisand was invited by the USDA to assist in the Dominican Republic with the African Swine Fever issue that is plaguing the country. The USDA did pay for his trip and all his expenses related to the trip. African Swine Fever is still circulating through the country; there is a lot of pressure from the higher level of the federal agencies for the USDA to assist the Dominican Republic; \$500 million was appropriated for indemnity and some of that funding is to be used in the Dominican Republic. Other difficulties the USDA faced is offering a foreign country indemnity money and all the levels and required for approval in the federal government, but the USDA has no regulatory authority in the Dominican Republic; getting the money to the correct individuals and structuring that process so it doesn't disappear before it is provided to the producers; trying to work through the infrastructure testing and that good surveillance is being conducted. This is similar to what the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship goes through during a Foreign Animal Disease outbreak; knowing where all the farms and/or producers are located; making sure surveillance testing is being conducted on those farms; knowing where the disease

is located and where it is not located. Dr. Kaisand reported up until the time he left on January 18<sup>th</sup> it was believed African Swine Fever was in the backyard producers and not a commercial producer issue. While Dr. Kaisand was there a commercial producer tested positive in a 1,900 head sow farm. Dr. Kaisand reported most of the positives are in the central and north central sections of the country. There is a 10,000 head sow farm in the eastern section of the country. The producers range from poverty level to high end level properties. Other factors that must be considered, is the country has seven international airports. Dr. Kaisand reported backyard farms that were depopulated and described the poverty he saw had liquids from the house being pumped out into the streets and running into gutters, contaminated water, the country raises a lot of rice and many irrigation systems which may all connect with one another.

From a disease standpoint, one of the facilities that was shown was a Haitian camp and the way they raise hogs in small wooden shacks and wooden buildings along drainage ditches. A facility that had approximately 200 head of hogs that were contaminated had died before the authorities were able to reach that facility to depopulate. The hogs were pushed to the back of the property where the drainage ditches are located. Dr. Kaisand made the observation that the Haitians were doing their laundry in the same area and possibly using the same water from the drainage ditches. The USDA-APHIS Team met with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) for the Dominican Republic. These positions are similar to the state's Secretary of Agriculture and State Veterinarian. A health bulletin was read from Haiti, and it stated that Haiti was having a continuous Anthrax outbreak. In the warning it stated that children should not be nursing from mammary glands of animals as this is how some of the Anthrax is being spread. The USDA-APHIS Team was going to Haiti the following week to start discussions regarding the African Swine Fever outbreak. Dr. Kaisand stated the hogs in Haiti is that country's source of income.

The Dominican Republic was becoming more responsive to putting into place an indemnity plan and started to work through the process but has not completed the process. The government is working on the disease response but has a long way to go before the plan will be in place. The check points along the roads/route may be provided the health papers but not the permit. Without the permit the truck would not be allowed to proceed any further until the proper paperwork is completed and in-hand. The Dominican Republic was allowing permitting of swine up to 21 days after the test for African Swine Fever.

There are numerous levels in the government and approval must be obtained at each level. The structure of their government is not uniform and the approach to disease management is much different than what we are used too. There are seven counties working together and putting funds into biosecurity at the airports and seaports. The laboratories in the Dominican Republic rotate the staff in for sample testing and for submitting to Plum Island. There were 132 positive samples since Christmas. Pork is their main protein. Dr. James Roth provided information during the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Winter Conference regarding the African Swine Fever virus and how long the virus can live in cured food, in the soil, and that the soft ticks are a vector for the virus.

The question was asked what the biosecurity was like on the return trip. Dr. Kaisand stated if dogs were involved in searches of the luggage that may have been in an area the traveler was not able to see as he did not see any dog working. Dr. Kaisand stated more effort is being made for biosecurity and containment. It is several years away before a vaccine will be available for the African Swine Fever.

Dr. Kaisand reported Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is being spread across the country by wild migratory birds. Several states have had positives in backyard flocks and commercial flocks.

Dr. Kaisand reported the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine has a budget balance of \$32,268.59 as of today's date. The Animal Industry Bureau is doing a major IT upgrade and finalizing the contract. If the new program works well, it is possible for the Veterinary Board to utilize the program and if not, then Dr. Kaisand is going to suggest to the Board to look at other ways to move the Board forward and becoming modernized in the computer era and the records are computerized and linked together.

### Chairperson Report

Dr. Rahe report Dr. Zach Adams, a 2021 graduate from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine is taking over Dr. Robert Bogan's practice in Blue Earth, Minnesota. Dr. Bogan advertised that he was going to give away his practice because he was unable to find anyone to buy his practice so he could retire.

### Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

### Board Member Report

Mrs. Werner spoke about a conversation her daughter relayed to her that she had with a local veterinarian. The county Mrs. Werner resides in is the number one cow/calf county in the state with a population of 28,000 cows and not including all the other domestic animals in the county. Mount Ayr (County Seat) has a veterinary practice of three veterinarians. One veterinarian is retiring and may not be seeing patients, one veterinarian wants to reduce his practice hours and the number of clients he/she sees. This veterinarian currently has approximately one-third of the clients and patients, and the younger veterinarian has approximately the other two-thirds of the clients and patients in the practice. The younger veterinarian mentioned he was getting worn out with the longer hours and no additional assistance. Mrs. Werner asked why the veterinary profession didn't have some type of position equivalent or parallel to Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner in the medical field. Dr. Burkgren stated he had conversations with two different veterinarians along the same topic and they mentioned the Lincoln Memorial's Veterinary Technology Program that is offering a four-year degree. One veterinarian referred to it as a veterinary assistant similar to a physician assistant. The other veterinarian asked the same similar question. The veterinarian asked how would the Board handle this? Dr. Burkgren stated the full board could not give a direct answer to the question as it would be something the full Board Members would have to discuss. The whole workforce of trying to hire veterinarians and veterinary technicians is bleak.

Dr. Sato spoke about a request from a reporter from the Iowa City Press Citizen and who also is a reporter for the Des Moines Register. The reporter wanted to speak about the 24-hour emergency services and the lack of veterinarian coverage. Dr. Sato stated she could not respond but offered to have them attend or call-in to the Board Meeting. The reporter stated due to the short turn around she elected not to call or attend and wrote an article that Dr. Rahe distributed for the Board Members to read. The Board Members discussed the dilemma the profession is going through right now.

## Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson spoke about SF 2212 about the Chiropractors wanting to be able to provide chiropractic services to animals. Dr. Rahe asked if the rule made it through the legislative funnel and the Board was told the rule did not make it through the funnel. Dr. Kaisand stated that sometimes items can be tagged onto other items and to just be aware that could happen. Dr. Burkgren asked if this would be contradiction to the Veterinary Practice Act. Mr. Larson stated it would be amending the Veterinary Practice Act and that it is not the practice of veterinary medicine, but the chiropractor would need a special certificate to perform chiropractic services on animals and there would be other requirements the individuals would have to meet to provide the chiropractic service.

Mr. Larson spoke about the number of rules the Board approved the past several months. The rule for emergency services is in limbo and waiting action from the Governor's office and Legislative Services Agency (LSA); the Valid Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship rulemaking was published February 9<sup>th</sup> and the Administrative Bulletin schedule to be effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. This will be going before the ARC hearing on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The ethics rules were scheduled to be published on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for final publication then go before the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) hearing.

## Correspondence

Dr. Sato spoke about the survey the University of Arizona College of Veterinary Medicine – Communications – Based Board Complaints. The survey was provided to Dr. Sato, and she stated the requested information goes back to 2016 which pre-dates her as a Board Member. Dr. Sato stated she had concerns regarding the questions and the responses being provided which would be a lot of effort to package the material than initially thought and stated she did not want to commit her time to this survey. The staff may not have the information available as it is presented now and be subjective information. Dr. Sato stated the survey is looking at the types of board complaints with a lot of subjectivity.

There would be a lot of staff time involved in researching and obtaining the information as it is not compiled as the survey is asking. The survey appears to have more communication type of disciplines and complaints. Dr. Sato will craft a response to the University of Arizona that Iowa will not be completing the survey as the data is not in the format they are requesting. Mrs. Werner stated most of the complaints the Board receives is miscommunication.

Katherine Tsiakkirou, DVM – Verification of Licensure/Registration Application. was reviewed by the Board Members. The application is not complete, and the educational component was discussed. The State Education Department / The University of the State of New York refuses to complete the form provided by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Instead, the licensing agency provides a letter for verification on their letterhead. However, that agency did not address the question regarding if they require minimum educational requirements for licensure. The Board had tabled the review of the application to the February 24, 2022, Board Meeting. A copy of the New York's Code and Rules regarding the educational requirements was provided for the Board's review. Mr. Larson stated the continuing education is not a requirement for the Verification of Licensure/Registration Application as originally thought. The State Education Department / The University of the State of New York did accept Dr. Tsiakkirou's education as provided in their letter of verification of licensure. Dr. Tsiakkirou stated she has a job with

Parkside Veterinary Clinic as soon as she has her veterinary license and will be able to start her veterinary duties. Dr. Burkgren moved to approve and grant the veterinary license to Dr. Katherine Tsiakkirou. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment communication regarding the increase in the NAVLE fee was reviewed by the Board Members. The agreement with the International Council for Veterinary Assessment will expire on April 30, 2024.

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 Dr. Burkgren.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Rahe, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Mrs. Werner, aye ; Mr. Yoder, aye     nay – 0. Motion passed at 11:01 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:17 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 21-017 and 21-031. Motion was seconded by Dr. Burkgren. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

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

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hour(s)
Tim Smith, DVM	USDA Animal Health 101 (2.22-24.2022 Ames, IA)	6		<b>6</b>
Michael Todd, DVM	Introduction of Merck Animal Health Intelligence (2.1.2022 Mt. Pleasant, IA)		1	<b>1</b>
Michael Todd, DVM	Changes in Cattle Vaccines (3.1.2022 Mt. Pleasant, IA)	1		<b>1</b>

Emily Tschida, DVM	Sled Dog Veterinarian Training Seminar (3.1-3.2022 Anchorage, AK)	16		<b>16</b>
Carrie Schwake	Crash Course in Radiology (4.19.2022 Ames, IA)	1		<b>1</b>
David Brown	Mental Health First Aid (Adult) (3.26.2022 Ames, IA)		7.5	<b>7.5</b>
Angie Gearhart, DVM	Recover CPR - The Theory and the Practice (3.30.2022; 4.1.2022; 4.21.2022 Des Moines, IA)	2 ea		<b>2 ea</b>
Sinisa Grozdanic, DVM	Ocular Complications of Systemic Diseases - from mild to catastrophic (30.28.2022 On-line)	2		<b>2</b>

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:18 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM  
Executive Secretary