



MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Registered Veterinary Technician Committee October 20, 2009 San Diego, California

The Registered Veterinary Technician Committee (RVTC) held its fourth meeting of the 2009 calendar year on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, starting in the Rondoval Room, and then finishing in the Warner Board Room at the San Diego Zoo, in San Diego, CA.

1. Call to Order

Kim Williams called the public meeting to order on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 10:02 AM

Roll Call

Members: Kim Williams, RVT, Chair
Virginia Curtis, Public Member, Vice-Chair
Carol Schumacher, RVT
Craig Cornell, RVT
Richard Johnson, DVM (Absent)
Tom Kendall, DVM, Board Liaison

Staff: Susan Geranen, Executive Officer; Liz Parker-Smith, Administrative Analyst;

Legal Counsel: Shela Barker

Members of the Audience: Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, CARVTA Legislative Liaison; Jennifer Boyle, RVT, CARVTA, MDC; Susan Wegner, general public, Kerry Buitrago, RVT, San Joaquin Valley College-Fresno Instructor; Valerie Fenstermaker, Executive Director, CVMA; Dan Segna, DVM, Assistant Executive Director, CVMA

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion, Seconded, Passed (MSP)

A motion was made by Ms. Schumacher and seconded by Ms. Curtis to approve the minutes as revised from the RVTC meeting held July 21, 2009. The motion passed.

3. Examination Report

Ms. Parker-Smith gave the report noting that 109 candidates took the RVT Exam from 7/1/09 to 9/30/09 with an overall pass rate of 80%. Of the total number of candidates taking the RVT exam during that time period, 44 candidates qualified under the Limited Term Edibility Window (LTEW) candidates and of the 44, there was a pass rate of 81%. There have been 212 Limited Term Eligibility Window applications received to date with, 120 applications approved to sit for the Exam, 59 additional applications have been reviewed and required more information before they could be approved to sit for the Exam. Twenty-nine (29) LTEW applicants are now licensed.

Ms. Geranen thanked Linda Starr, Carol Schumacher, Craig Cornell, Dr. Tom Kendall, and Allison Nagao-Dutra, Board staff, for their time and extra effort in reviewing all of the LTEW applications. She also reported that LeeAnn Keer, Board staff, has sent out a request to each of the approved Schools asking for their candidate listings for the 2007 thru 2009 school year to work on correcting the School reports that are being reported.

Ms. Williams asked about the comments generated by the candidates after taking the exam. She was interested in determining whether there were any “incident” reports about the sites and, if so, had the problem(s) been addressed. Currently in California there are thirteen testing sites.

Ms. Ehrlich asked if there is still a 14 day waiting period to get the National testing results for the RVT's from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

Ms. Geranen reminded everyone that the LTEW applications need to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2009 to be accepted. Applications postmarked after that date cannot be accepted and will be returned.

4. Proposed Language for Mandatory CE for RVT's

Ms. Barker noted the need for changes on the Draft presented. On page 1 under Section 2086 (2) need to add “courses” between attending and complying and correct the section to read 2086.6, on page 3 under Section 2086.3 (a) 6th line put a space between application and shall, and on page 4 Section 2086.4 (a) delete extra period (.) at end of 1st sentence, and then add period (.) at end of 3rd sentence.

Mr. Cornell has concerns that the language is vague on page 2 Section 2086 (c) “shall submit proof of compliance” and also on page 5 Section 2086.5 (a) “contain information that is relevant to the practice of veterinary medicine”. Mr. Cornell also has concerns and questions, about who will be making these approvals.

Suggestions were made that we consider changing the language on page 3 Section 2086.1 (e) to read “video or audio presentations related to veterinary medicine and or related fields”.

Ms. Barker stated that she was unable to provide answer about courses verses self study, and she would make changes and provide revised language at the January meeting.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 Noon and reconvened in the Warner Board Room at 1:30.

5. Legislative/Regulatory Subcommittee Updates

A. RVT School Approval - Craig Cornell, RVT and Carol Schumacher, RVT

Mr. Cornell stated American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and California regulations are different and that he has questions about the AVMA standards for approving RVT Schools.

Ms. Ehrlich would like to see the language changed on page 3 under Section 2065 (g) and also (1) to reading “adequate” instead of using numbers. Also she has a question about language concerning AVMA verses CA approved School list citing that Western has changed to be on the AVMA list.

B. Student Exemption Proposal – Kim Williams, RVT and Richard Johnson, DVM (absent)

The RVTC discussed the logistics of the student exemption proposal and how it applied to candidates from AVMA approved schools verses candidates who qualify under the alternate route or as an out of state RVT. Concerns were expressed about the logistics of verifying and maintaining appropriate supervision for students outside a formal educational program.

Ms. Geranen will have the staff draft a letter to all of the schools clarifying the law in regards to the students performing RVT tasks.

Ms. Ehrlich volunteered to call New York State to check on their language for student exemption. She had read a portion of the New York State Practice Act, Section 6711-a concerning limited permits to engage in the practice of veterinary technology.

Ms. Boyle made a suggestion that the alternate route candidates earn their education hours and then once approved could then possibly have 6 months of clinical experience under an Immediate

Supervisor before testing. Ms. Geranen offered to draft language after looking into the New York state language for the January meeting.

6. Discussion Items

A. Proposed Legislation for 2010

RVT's on the Board, it was noted that 14 states currently have RVT's sitting on them along with three more states considering it.

B. RVTC Member Vacancy

Dr Johnson's term has expired as of 6/1/2009 but he is in his grace period. Staff has posted a notice on the web for applications from either a veterinarian or RVT and has notified the associations regarding the vacancy. This discussion is to be held over until the January meeting to determine how to handle the interviews for the position.

C. Transition of Exam from OPES to National Exam

Ms Geranen explained that the language the Board authorized to transition to on or after 01/01/2011 was approved by the Governor and will become effective on 01/01/2010.

7. Review of Upcoming RVTC Meeting Dates and Locations

A. January 26/27 – Sacramento, Board Office

B. April 20/21 – Liz to research the possibility of having the meeting in Palm Desert

C. July 20/21 – Sacramento, Board Office

Or July 26/27 - DCA Summit Meeting

8. Elections of Officers

The floor was opened for nominations. A motion was made by Ms. Schumacher to nominate Ms. Virginia Curtis for the office of Chair, which she accepted, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Cornell to nominate Ms. Carol Schumacher for the office of Vice-Chair which she accepted, the motion carried unanimously.

9. Agenda Items for January 2010 Meeting

- RVTC Vacancy
- Install of Officers
- Radiation Safety Training Language
- Language for Mandatory CE Proposed Regulations
- Transition of Exam from OPES to National Exam
- Update on Limited Term Eligibility Window
- School Approval Process and Reporting Requirements
- Student Exemption
- Proposed Legislation 2010

10. Comments from Public/Outside agencies/Associations

There were no additional public comments

11. Adjourn

There being no further business before the RVTC, a motion was made by Mr. Cornell, and seconded by Ms. Schumacher to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.