

# Executive Officer's Report

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*The mission of the Veterinary Medical Board is to protect consumers and animals through development and maintenance of professional standards, licensing of veterinarians, registered veterinary technicians, and registered veterinary premises and diligent enforcement of the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.*

## Sunset Review.

The Board's final report was submitted to the Legislature on October 30, 2012, two days early – yea! At this time we have not yet received any feedback on the report. The tentative date for the Sunset hearing for the Board is Monday, March 18, 2013, before the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Committee in room 3191 beginning at 1 p.m.

The Sunset hearings are an opportunity for the Board to emphasize its need for resources and people by highlighting the backlogs and the negative impact on consumer protection when complaint processing is delayed significantly – all issues identified in the report. The Board will be doing another Budget Change Proposal this year and we need support from the Legislature in obtaining approval for additional positions and other resources.

## Succession/Workforce Planning

The work on the succession plan and workforce plan has begun. Judy Capaul, from CPS, the company that is doing the work on these plans, has been meeting with the EO and AEO and staff to develop the Board's succession plan. We have invited Ms Capaul to come to the January meeting to provide the Board with an update on the succession planning portion of the project and to answer any questions. We anticipate that ultimately, both the succession plan and the workforce study will help to support our requests for budget change proposals requesting additional positions and funding.

## Regulations

**RVT Regulations.** The proposed RVT regulations to further define the requirements for all schools in California including AVMA approved schools and programs are on the agenda for public hearing.

**VTNE Transition.** The regulations for the transition to the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) are up for discussion and if adopted, could be included in the next public hearing notice. Staff will be working with the Board's RVT Committee to develop concept language for approval of RVT programs offering curriculum for eligibility under CCR Section 2068.5 (alternate route) and will then send that language out to interested parties for comment and input prior to the proposed RVT Task Force meeting in March 2013.

**Disciplinary Guidelines.** The regulations are pending in the Board office and were delayed due to high workload and staffing shortages which were even more of an impact due to illness. The goal is to have that file down to DCA by mid-February.

**License Plate Regulations.** The program is now a reality! The plate orders and the associated funds have been transferred to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) so that production can begin. Board member Mancuso has been working with the Board's legal counsel so you have draft language for the January meeting and Kathy Mitchell from DMV will be at the meeting to answer questions.

## Enforcement

The Board Member Enforcement Training day is on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. so that all Board members can participate. We are looking forward to the training and we will allow time at the next couple of Board meetings for Diann Sokoloff, Supervising Deputy Attorney General and our Board Liaison, to come to the meeting and answer any questions that may come up between meetings. The training is focused on the discipline portion of the enforcement process so there may be additional training modules developed for future meetings that give the Board a full picture of the overall process.

**RVT Subcommittee**

The Board's RVT Subcommittee met in November to discuss RVT issues and recommended to the Board that an RVT Task Force meeting be scheduled in conjunction with the Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) to discuss several RVT issues including the proposal to develop regulations to regulate RVT programs offering the alternate route eligibility criteria as defined in California Code of Regulations (CCR) 2068.5. This recommendation is up for discussion in January.

**American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)**

The AAVSB is asking for input from the licensing jurisdictions on changes to the Practice Act Model (PAM) and on changes to the Bylaws. These are up for discussion. Also up for discussion is the election process and a request for nominations for officers.

The Annual Conference this year is in Kansas City, the home of the headquarters of the AAVSB. The conference dates are Thursday, September 19 through Saturday, September 21, 2013. It is always a wonderful experience and an opportunity for board members to interact with board members and staff from other licensing jurisdictions from other states, Canada, U.S. Territories. The information on cost of the conference will be out sometime in May 2013. The AAVSB does provide funding for a designated Board voting delegate, but other members who might wish to attend would have to cover their own costs.

**Item Memos in Meeting Information**

Please see individual memos for more detailed information on the items on the agenda.