



Thursday, July 30, 2009

9:00 – 5:00 PM

Or until completion of business

Department of Consumer Affairs

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Jeff Neidich, President

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*Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda. Please note that all times indicated and the order of business are approximate and subject to change.*

Executive Officer

Antonette Sorrick

Executive Staff

Susan Cox

Legal Counsel

Albert Balingit

AGENDA

Open Session:

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call (J. Neidich/T. Candela)
2. President's Welcome (J. Neidich)
3. Ethics Training (A. Balingit)
4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2009 (J. Neidich)
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Legislative Committee Report (T. Scott)  
SB 250 (Florez) – Dogs and Cats; Spaying and Neutering  
  
SB 389 (Negrete McLeod) – Retroactive Fingerprint Submission  
  
SB 475 (Padilla) – Annual School Renewal Payment to the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind  
  
SB 638 (Negrete McLeod) – Sunset Review Process

H.R. 734 (Rep. Towns, Edolphus – NY-10) – Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act of 2009

SJR 6 (Lowenthal) – Resolution in support of H.R. 734 (position)

b. Outreach and Education Committee Report (J. Neidich, T. Candela)  
Web site Update

Assistance Dog Day

Stakeholder Meet and Greets/Events Update

Strategic Plan Review

Future Outreach Efforts

c. Budget Committee Report (T. Candela, B. Barragan)  
SB 475 (Padilla) – Annual School Renewal Payment to the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind

d. GDA, GDB, GDD positions on SB 475 and Statements of Intent (A. Sorrick)

6. GDB presentation – Oregon Pilot Project – Two Week In-Residence Training Versus Current Four Week Requirement (K. Kelly)

7. Practice Task Force (A. Sorrick)

Regulatory Items

Section 2276 - Amendment decreasing the number of hours required for first time and repeat guide dog students.

Section 2282.1 (Required Training for Guide Dogs) - Whether the required training for guide dogs needed to be addressed or amended to be current with standards of practice.

Statutory Items

Business and Professions Code, Section 7210.7 (In-Home Training)

- a. To allow schools to provide in-home training regardless of the guide dog users' experience and even to first time users.
- b. To delete the requirement that allows in-home training only for special circumstances.
- c. To clarify that the statute allows Board licensed out-of-state instructors to provide in-home training in the state of California and to clarify that out-of-state instructors need not be employed by a Board licensed guide dog school.

Additional Code Section Relating to Definition of Professional Competence, Negligence or Appropriate Professional Conduct.

8. Regulatory Hearing (A. Balingit)  
Section 2286 (Continuing Education Requirement for Guide Dog Instructors)
9. Letter to Out-of-State Schools, Fact Sheet to Consumers & Consumer Organization Response (A. Sorrick)  
Follow up Services – How to Address Ambiguities in the Guide Dog Act
10. Eye Dog Foundation Update (A. Sorrick)
11. Executive Officer's Report (A. Sorrick)
  - Budget Report
  - Inspection Update
  - Examination Update
  - DCA Report
12. Election of Officers
13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
14. Meeting Calendar and Location
15. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
16. Adjournment