

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Unapproved Minutes
Meeting of July 8, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, D.V.M., Chairman; Ronald S. Svec, D.V.M., Secretary; Robert Bergman, V.M.D., Vice-Chair; Drexel Wheeler, D.V.M.; Terry York and Linda Johnston.

OPR Personnel present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant and BetsyAnne Wrask, State Prosecuting Attorney.

Others Present: Edith Greene, Esq.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the April 8th meeting. Ms. Johnston made a motion, seconded by Dr. Svec, to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2010 meeting as presented. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

4. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders

- a. The Board considered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Gertraud Hilde Matt, D.V.M., Docket Number 2008-319. Larry Novins presided for the Board. Prosecuting Attorney BetsyAnne Wrask was present for the State. Ms. York made a motion, seconded by Dr. Basol, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. The Board voted to go into deliberative session at 9:22 A.M. and out at 9:32 A.M. The question was called and the motion passed. Drs. Bergman and Svec recused and did not participate in this matter. A former Board Member was assigned to the case.
- b. The Board considered a Petition for Removal of Conditions in the matter of Robert M. Hicks, D.V.M., Docket Number M2009-86. Edith Greene, Esq. was present for the Respondent. Larry Novins presided for the Board. Prosecuting Attorney BetsyAnne Wrask was present for the State. The Respondent admits that he has not completed any of the conditions required pursuant to the February 13, 2009 Stipulation and Consent Order. The State and Investigative Team were opposed to removal of the conditions. The Board voted to go into deliberative session at 10:53 A.M. and out at 11:27 A.M. Based on the information presented and testimony heard, the Board accepted an amended Petition. Dr. Basol, Investigating member, did not participate in the vote. Attorney Novins will prepare an Order.

5. Statute/Rulemaking

Redraft of the Rules – Tabled

6. Complaints/Follow-up cases

7. The Board reviewed the following applicants for licensure and took action as indicated.

Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to formally approve the following applicants for licensure based on their completed applications. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Tamara E. Baroody, DVM (Endorsement)
Dava M. Cazzolli, DVM (Endorsement)
Carmen M. H. Colitz, DVM (Endorsement)
Kelly H. Crawford, DVM (Endorsement)
Julie DeCubellis, DVM (Endorsement)
Marielle MMC Goossens, DVM (Endorsement)
Abigail P. Lusardi, DVM (Examination)
Nancy A. Morris, DVM (Endorsement)
Corinne J. Wade, DVM (Examination)
Catherine A. Wohlberg, DVM (Examination)
Leslie A. Terzakis, DVM (Endorsement)
Jean A. Ennis, DVM (Endorsement)

The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Rebecca J. Banks. Dr. Banks is currently licensed in Wisconsin until December 14, 2011. Dr. Banks is not eligible for licensure on the basis of examination because she took and passed the NAVLE over two years ago therefore she must apply on the basis of endorsement. Pursuant to 26.V.S.A. §2424(a)(2) the Board, or Office of Professional Regulation on its behalf, shall, upon application and payment of the required fee, issue a license without a written national examination to a person who has met the continuing education requirements. Dr. Banks asked if there was a waiver of this requirement since she has only been licensed in Wisconsin since May 23, 2008 and is not required to complete CE there until December of 2011. The Board discussed the issue at length. The Board does not have the authority to waive the requirement. Dr. Banks must submit documentation of 24 hours of continuing education within the two years preceding her application to be eligible for licensure on the basis of endorsement. She will be advised of the Board's position and any other information needed.

8. Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME)
9. Newsletter Topics!

The Board reviewed the draft Newsletter. Dr. Basol will prepare a Report from the Chairman. Dr. Wheeler will prepare a personal biography to include in the Newsletter. The Board voted to not include its policies in the Newsletter in their entirety but will mention that they may be found on the Web site. The Board voted to include the names of licensees who have been subject to disciplinary action. The Board's goal is to get the Newsletter out to licensees in August.

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence
 - a. The Board reviewed and noted the letter from the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) regarding the change to the 2010-2011 NAVLE State Letter of Agreement.

- b. The Board reviewed and noted the memorandum from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) regarding the proposed Bylaws change.
- c. The Board reviewed and noted the memorandum from the AAVSB regarding the resolution submitted by the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine.
- d. Other Miscellaneous correspondence was noted.

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

- a. The Board discussed its current policies. Ms. Preston suggested that the Board revisit its policies pertaining to alternative therapies. The Board reviewed an email exchange (May of 2010) from Kathy Finnie with the VVMA, a veterinarian and a chiropractor regarding the chiropractic protocol and whether it is required that the referring veterinarian be present during treatment. The Board agreed that pursuant to its 1998 policy as long as the veterinarian is making the referral and the requirements set forth in the policy are being met, supervision by the veterinarian is not required. The treatment cannot occur inside of the chiropractor's regular place of business where he or she sees human patients. Attorney Novins noted that the Alternative Therapies Policy adopted on July 23, 1992 is still in effect however the Policy and Protocol for Referral of Veterinary Patients to Licensed Chiropractors, adopted on January 15, 1998 supersedes the 1992 policy with respect to chiropractic treatment on animals. The Board's policies will be posted on the website.
- b. The Board reviewed the CE audit responses. Letters will be mailed to the participants regarding the Boards findings.

12. Public Comment

- 13. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 12, 2010** at 9:00 AM. Additional meetings in 2010 are scheduled as follows: October 14th and December 9, 2010.
- 14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Regulation