

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 February 17, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 A.M.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, DVM, Chairman; Ronald S. Svec, DVM, Secretary; J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM and Terry York.

Ad Hoc Members present: Guy M. Catlin, DVM.

Members absent: Linda Johnston and Robert Bergman, VMD, Vice-Chair.

OPR Personnel present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Edward Adrian, State Prosecuting Attorney; Peter Comart, Unit Administrator; Carla Preston, Case Manager and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the December 9th meeting. Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wheeler to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting as presented. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders:

- a. A Summary Suspension hearing was held in the matter of Dr. Steven P. Sanford, Docket Number 2010-687. Larry S. Novins presided for the Board. Prosecuting Attorney, Edward Adrian presided for the State. The Respondent, Dr. Steven P. Sanford, and his Attorney were present. The Board went into deliberative session from 9:50 A.M. to 9:57 A.M. and again from 1:04 P.M. to 1:26 P.M. The Board denied the State's request to summarily suspend Dr. Sanford's license. The Chair, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.
- b. The Board considered a Motion to Modify Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Dr. Gene J. Courtright, Docket Number 2009-155. Larry S. Novins presided for the Board. Prosecuting Attorney Edward Adrian presided for the State. The Respondent was not present, however his Attorney was. Dr. Svec made a motion, Seconded by Dr. Basol, to accept the modified Stipulation and Consent Order. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Kristin Haas was the Investigating Member.

4. Guests/Reports: (None)

5. Case Managers Report:

Ms. Preston reported on pending and follow-up cases. There are currently 9 cases pending.

The Board considered the request for removal of conditions in the matter of Dr. Ben B. Dow, Docket Number M2009-245. Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to grant Dr. Dow's request for removal of conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Statute/Rulemaking:

The Board tabled its redraft of the rules.

7. Complaints/Reports of Concluded Investigation: (None)

8. Applications for Licensure:

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

Suzanne M. Sutton, DVM (Examination)
Sarah B. Simpson, DVM (Examination)

9. Continuing Veterinary Medical Education

Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to approve the following continuing professional education request. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

“114th Annual Meeting of the United States Animal Health Association and 53rd Annual Conference of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians” submitted by Kristin M. Haas, DVM, requesting approval for fourteen (14) hours of continuing professional education credit. The meeting was held November 11th through November 17th of 2010.

The Board reviewed the request for continuing professional education credit for **“Veterinary Track at the 10th International Herb Symposium”** submitted by the Veterinary Botanical Medicine Association, requesting approval for fifteen (15) hours of continuing professional education credit. The Board indicated that veterinarians, who attend the event and are seeking Board approval, must submit the Application for Approval of Veterinary Continuing Education Program individually.

The Board reviewed the courses submitted for approval by The Chi Institute. Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to approve any courses offered by The Chi Institute in acupuncture and alternative therapies for 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence:

a. The Board reviewed and approved the NAVLE State Letter of Agreement.

- b. The Board noted the February 6, 2011 letter from Stephanie J. Woolwich-Holzman, VMD, regarding concerns with the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE).
 - c. The Board noted the February 7, 2011 letter from Robyn Kendrick, Executive Director of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) providing an update on the RACE program.
 - d. The Board noted the January 5, 2011 letter from the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) regarding its 2010 Resolution 11.
 - e. The Board reviewed and noted other miscellaneous correspondence.
11. Other Business Introduced by the Board: (None)
12. Public Comment: (None)
13. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 14, 2011** at 9:00 AM.
Meeting dates for 2011 are as follows: June 9th, August 11th, October 13th and December 8th.
14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Regulation