

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Approved Minutes
Meeting of February 14, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 A.M.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, DVM, Chairman; J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Vice-Chair; Terry York, Public Member; Ryan Canales, MVB; Paula Yankauskas, VMD; and Linda Johnston, Public Member

OPR Personnel present: Carla Preston, Case Manager; Ronald Klein, Executive Officer and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: Pat Clark, Karen Bradley and Dr. Robert Bergman, VMD

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting. Ms. York made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yankauskas, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting as written. The question was called and the motion passed.

Dr. Basol welcomed Ryan Canales, MVB, as the new member of the Board replacing Dr. Bergman. Dr. Basol also presented Dr. Bergman with a certificate of appreciation for his service on the Board.

As Dr. Bergman was the previous Board Secretary a new one needed to be elected. Ms. York made a motion to elect Dr. Paula Yankauskas as the Secretary of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Basol. The question was called and the motion passed.

3. **Case Managers Report:**

Carla Preston, Case Manager, reported on current and follow-up cases.

There are currently 19 pending cases. 6 are ready for closing (reports presented at meeting today), 8 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 4 are under investigation and 1 has charges pending.

4. **Complaints/Reports of Concluded Investigation:**

Report of Concluded Investigation 2012-359 and 2012-360. Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to accept the report of concluded investigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wheeler. Motion passed. Dr. Bergman was the Investigative Team member.

Report of Concluded Investigation 2012-643. Dr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the report of concluded investigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Johnston. Motion passed. Dr. Bergman was the Investigative Team member.

Report of Concluded Investigation 2011-464. Ms. York made a motion to accept the report of concluded investigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yankauskas. Motion passed. Dr. Basol did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

Report of Concluded Investigation 2012-56. Ms. Johnston made a motion to accept the report of concluded investigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Canales. Motion passed. Dr. Basol did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

Report of Concluded Investigation 2012-368. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the report of concluded investigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. York. Motion passed. Dr. Basol did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

5. Chris Winters, Director of OPR, informed the Board that the Office is moving towards paperless licensure. What this currently means is at renewal time the Office will not be issuing paper licenses upon licensees renewing, whether renewal is done online or by form sent to the office. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the paperless licensure proposal from Mr. Winters. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yankauskas. Motion passed.

6. **Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME):**

The Board reviewed four requests for CVME credit.

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve the request from Kathy Murphy and Shannon Guy for “**Essentials of Animal Chiropractic**” for twenty-four (24) hours of Continuing Medical Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Basol. Motion passed.

Ms. York made a motion to approve the request from New England Alpaca Owners & Breeders Assoc. for “**Veterinary & Breeders Conference**” for seven (7) hours of Continuing Medical Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yankauskas. Motion passed.

Review of “**CVC Washington, DC**” was tabled until the Board is notified whether RACE approval has been obtained by Advanstar Communications Inc.. Aprille will notify Advanstar of the Boards decision.

7. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) correspondence – Mr. Klein received requests from NBVME regarding the current retake policy that is in place for Vermont applicants. Currently Vermont does not have a limit on the number of times an applicant can take the licensing examination. The Board wants the retake policy to remain as is. The Board requested Mr. Klein complete the letters of agreement and return to NBVME and NAVLE.

8. **Public Comment:**

The Board at their December 13, 2012 meeting indicated their intention to take up a question from the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) about shot clinics up at this meeting. The question posed was “Can other shots besides the rabies vaccinations be administered at rabies clinics?” The Board discussed the issue and

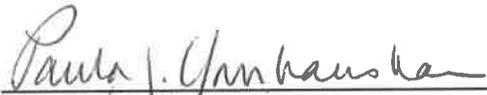
stated they would not give an opinion as to whether or not this was acceptable practice. The board stated they could act only on a disciplinary case presented to them.

Pat Clark, owner of a Gulliver's Doggie Daycare, addressed the Board with a couple questions requesting clarification on the Veterinarian/Client relationship. She wanted to know:

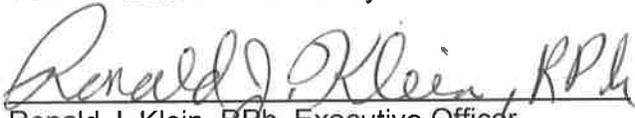
- Can a dog owner authorize, by waiver, a dog daycare veterinarian to administer a shot to the animal without the owner present?
- Does the Veterinarian/client relationship apply to non-prescription medications?

The Board responded that without a disciplinary matter in front of them they could not render an opinion in the absence of an actual discipline case. The board suggested Ms. Clark consult with legal counsel.

10. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11, 2013** at 9:00 AM.
11. Ms. Johnston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Canales. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:23am.



Paula J. Yankauskas, VMD, Secretary
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine



Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Officer
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