

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main St, 3rd Floor, City Center, Montpelier, VT 05602
Approved Minutes
Meeting of October 10, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M.

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

Member(s) absent: Linda Johnston, Public Member

OPR Personnel present: Ronald Klein, Executive Officer and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: Russell Ansanelli and Dr. Kristin Haas

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting. Ms. York made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yankauskas, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

3. **Case Managers Report:**

Ronald Klein reported on current number of cases.

There are currently 9 pending cases. 3 are ready for closing (one report will be presented at the meeting today), 4 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 1 is under investigation and 1 has charges filed.

Report of Concluded Investigation 2013-474. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the report of concluded investigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. York. Motion passed. Dr. Robert Bergman was the Investigative Team member.

4. **Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME) Audit:**

A follow-up from the renewal continuing education audit for Dr. Betty Jo Black was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the education presented by Dr. Black. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yankauskas. Motion passed.

5. **Budget Report:**

Director Winters forwarded information to the Board regarding their fiscal budget. The Board is set to continue with the current fee schedule for the next year.

6. Russell Ansanelli addressed the Board regarding the current statute that addresses internationally educated Veterinarians. Mr. Ansanelli requested a waiver, not only for himself but for future applicants, regarding Title 26, Chapter 44, §2403(11) that states “a graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining and ECFVG certificate performing duties or actions under the direct on-premise supervision of a licensed veterinarian.” He is finding that licensed Veterinarians do not want to take him on as an intern because of the above statute as there are invariably times that the Veterinarian may need to leave while the intern is there and with the direct supervision requirement the intern can not proceed without the direct supervision of their supervising Veterinarian. After review with Board counsel the Board determined that they do not have the authority to grant a waiver of the direct supervision clause. Mr. Klein will respond to Mr. Ansanelli regarding this.
7. Mr. Klein reported on his recent trip to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) conference. Mr. Klein reported on proposed by-laws amendments which were voted down, various educational sessions, examination statistics, and legal issues that concern the veterinary medicine profession.
8. Election of Officers – Ms. York made a motion for Dr. Wheeler to be Chair, Dr. Yankauskas to be Vice-Chair and Dr. Canales to be Secretary. The motion was seconded by Dr. Basol. Motion passed. All nominations accepted their new Board positions.

Board Member Recruitment – Dr. Basol’s term will be expiring as of December 31, 2013. Mr. Klein spoke to the Board regarding the process of obtaining a new professional member. If anyone is interested in applying please contact the Governor’s office directly or the Office of Professional Regulation for instructions on applying.

9. **Public Comment:**

Dr. Haas addressed the Board as a representative for the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA). She wanted to share the following information from the VVMA executive Board:

- The VVMA is willing to forward any information the Board would like to distribute to the VVMA membership.
- The VVMA will notify their membership that Veterinarians are exempt from filing with the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS).
- The VVMA will not be requesting statutory changes for Board appointment qualifications through to Legislature.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 12, 2013** at 9:00 AM.
9. Dr. Canales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Yankauskas. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

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Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine

Handwritten signature of Ronald J. Klein, RPh in cursive script, underlined.

Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Officer
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine