

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
STATE VETERINARY BOARD
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING of THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, D.V.M., Chairman; Ronald S. Svec, D.V.M., Secretary; Robert Bergman, V.M.D.; Kristin Haas, D.V.M. and Heather Hoisington; Absent: Eveleen Cecchini.

OPR Staff Present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator.

2. Ms. Hoisington made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 9, 2004 meeting as written, which was seconded by Dr. Bergman. Motion passed unanimously.

3. The following applicants attended the meeting for an interview to complete the licensure process and become licensed in Vermont: John Eustis, DVM and Rodney Goebel, DVM.

The Board went into executive session at 9:55 a.m. and out at 9:58 a.m. Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to approve all the applicants for licensure. Approved.

4. The Hearing regarding Dr. John Paeplov was postponed until the Board's June meeting.

5. **Continuing Education:**

- A. Dr. Anne Basilwich e-mailed the Board asking if online courses would be accepted for continuing education credit. It was determined that the way the Board's rules currently read, online courses are an acceptable way to obtain continuing education credit for all 24 hours required. However, the Board hopes that licensees would obtain some of the required continuing education credits through classroom style workshops. It would require a rule change to allow only a certain amount to be online.
- B. Becky Roberts e-mailed the Board asking if Vermont accepts continuing education credit to be earned through journals. The Board stated that up to 8 hours can be used for continuing education through journals.
- C. Robin Bergen e-mailed the Board regarding providing continuing education courses in the topics of Ethics and Recordkeeping. The Board stated that VIN is trying to get courses started in these areas and they should contact them directly.

6. **Closing Reports:**

VE07-1004 – Tabled

VE03-0804 – Tabled.

VE05-0904 – Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to close this case. Approved.

VE11-0105 – Dr. Haas moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to close this case. Approved.

7. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

- A. The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence. No action was required.

8. **Other**

- A. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to discontinue the personal interview unless otherwise noted in the policy. Approved. Dr. Haas will write a letter from the Board which will be added to the packet of information that is given to all new licensees. The Board will review all applications before licensure is issued.

The Board Policy is entitled, "Examinations on Vermont Laws and Statutes", dated March 10, 2005, and states:

"The Board has concluded that its general practice of requiring applicants to appear in Montpelier for an in person interview, while informative and helpful, can be very inconvenient for people who must travel long distances. With otherwise qualified candidates, the interviews do not afford an objective reliable means to determine the competence of applicants.

The Board feels that the information that it imparts to applicants can be provided in a manner which does not inconvenience them. Also, licensee familiarity with statutes and rules governing the profession can be assured in a less burdensome manner.

Therefore, except in cases of change in practice focus where such an interview is to determine competence, the Board will cease requiring applicants to appear before it for an interview prior to licensure. The Board will require that all applicants certify on the application forms and renewal forms that they have read and are familiar with the statutes and rules governing the practice as a veterinarian in Vermont in effect at the time".

- B. The Board would like to review all current policies that are in place.

9. **American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Correspondence**

- A. A DVD was sent to the Board about AAVSB's PAVE program. Dr. Basol will review.

10. **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Correspondence – none to note.**

11. **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME)**

Diane was requested to contact them to request sample tests of the Species Specific Examinations.

12. The National Board Report was reviewed.

12. **Strategic Planning**

- a. Active Practice Requirement
- b. Discussion of Rules
- c. Renewal

- d. Newsletter: Dr. Svec will draft a section regarding recordkeeping. Dr. Basal will draft a section regarding the Board's policy on continuing education.

Other suggestions for the Newsletter were:

Bio on each member of the Board;
Interest in becoming a Board member;
Proposed Legislation;
Disciplinary action;
Statistics out of Annual Report for the past 4 years;
CEU;
Interview Policy;
Question and Answer Section;
Controlled Drugs.

13. Public Comment

14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator
Office of Professional Regulation