

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 April 8, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:14 A.M.

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

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

Others Present: Ruth Limlaw; Dr. Linda Blythe and Dr. Rick Tubbs.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the February 11th meeting. Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting as presented. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

Drs. Linda Blythe and Rick Tubbs, representatives of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) attended the meeting. The NBVME was formed by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in the late 1940's. The NBVME consists of 13 members, who serve as its Directors. The members are appointed directly by the organization they represent.

Dr. Tubbs explained that the NBVME is a nonprofit, professional veterinary examination service that provides standardized examinations for use by government licensing agencies and other entities so that they can assure the protection of public and animal health and welfare by assessing professional competency. The NBVME's vision is to remain the recognized leader providing valid and reliable examinations for veterinary medicine.

Dr. Blythe explained that the NBVME is working on sending representatives to as many of the State licensing boards as possible in order to get feedback from members and staff regarding NBVME's services as part of their strategic planning to be the best testing service in the U.S.

Dr. Blythe also provided information on each of the examinations the NBVME offers. The Board members and OPR staff were encouraged to forward any comments or concerns they have, that were not addressed in the presentation, to the NBVME.

4. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders

- a. The Board considered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Andrew Mathers Krause, Docket Number 2009-96. Ruth Limlaw, Complainant, was present. Larry Novins presided for the Board. Edward G. Adrian was present for the State. Ms. Johnston made a motion, seconded by Dr. Svec, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. The Board voted to go into deliberative session at 9:44 A.M. and out at 10:07 A.M. The

question was called and the motion passed. Dr. Haas, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

5. Statute/Rulemaking

Redraft of the Rules - Tabled

6. Complaints/Follow-up cases

2009-288 – The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude this case without formal prosecution. The question was called and the motion passed. Dr. Haas, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

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

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

Liam A. Bisson, DVM. (Examination)
Emily K. Bond, DVM (Examination)
Jennifer M. McClellan, DVM (Endorsement)
Heath A. McNutt, DVM (Examination)
Kathy L. Murphy, DVM (Endorsement)
Devon A. O'Rorke-Wieneke, BVSc (Examination)

8. Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME)

9. Newsletter Topics!

The Board discussed its next Newsletter. Its plan is to get the next Newsletter out sometime this summer. Topics to be included are: online renewals, CVME audits and a reminder for licensees to keep an eye on the website for proposed changes to the Rules since the Board is currently working on redrafting them.

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence

The Board reviewed and approved the updated North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) State Letter of Agreement for Direct Approval of NAVLE Candidates. This agreement would change the previous process for approving candidates to sit for the exam.

Beginning with the fall 2010 testing window candidates seeking approval to sit for the NAVLE will apply directly through the NBVME by submitting the NAVLE Application for Candidates Seeking Licensure in Vermont. As a candidate is approved the NBVME will send them a NAVLE Bulletin of Information for Candidates along with an approval letter that outlines the testing process. Permits are sent to each candidate approximately five weeks before the testing window opens.

The NBVME receives scores from their testing vendor about four weeks after the testing window closes. Candidates are able to access their pass/fail status through the NAVLE score portal link on the NBVME's website, usually 24 hours of receipt of the NAVLE scores. Candidate's will

receive their official score reports by mail along with a notice that the official score report has been forwarded to the Vermont Board and that they should contact the Board for licensing information.

The Board agreed that allowing candidates to apply directly to the NBMVE would be beneficial to both the candidate and the Office. It was noted that the Board's contact information that is listed on the NAVLE Application for Candidates Seeking Licensure in Vermont should be updated to list Ms. Kemp's phone number rather than Ms. Preston's. Ms. Preston will review the agreement further prior to having it signed and returned to the NBVME.

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

The Board reviewed Dr. Haas' letter of resignation from the Board. Dr. Haas' participation on the Board has been invaluable and she will be missed. Dr. Haas recommended Dr. John Drexel Wheeler as her replacement.

12. Public Comment

13. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 8, 2010** at 9:00 AM. Additional meetings in 2010 are scheduled as follows: August 12th, October 14th and December 9, 2010.

14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Regulation