

Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
**STATE VETERINARY BOARD**  
**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**MEETING of THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 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., Heather Hoisington; Absent: Eveleen Cecchini.

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

2. Dr. Bergman made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 29, 2004 meeting with the following correction: Attorney Larry Novins was not present, which was seconded by Dr. Svec. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Budget – Ms. Preston reported that the Business Office is trying to get these ready for Board review. This will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting to determine if fees need to be raised.
4. The following applicants attended the meeting for an interview to complete the licensure process and become licensed in Vermont:

Julia Carter, DVM  
Diane Gildersleeve, DVM

Yoanna Maitre, DVM  
B. Murrell-Liland, DVM

The Board went into executive session at 10:30 a.m. and out at 10:32 a.m. Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Svec, to approve all the applicants for licensure. Approved.

5. **HEARINGS/STIPULATIONS**

Julia Smith, D.V.M. came before the Board for the Preliminary Denial of her license. Her license was originally denied based on 26 V.S.A. § 2424(3) which provides as a prerequisite for licensure by endorsement that the applicant "has actively practiced clinical veterinary medicine for 3,000 hours during the three years preceding application. Because Dr. Smith has not practiced clinical veterinary medicine for 3,000 hours during the three years preceding her application for licensure in Vermont she does not meet the requirements for licensure on the basis of endorsement. The Board affirms its original decision to deny licensure.

6. **Continuing Education:**

- A. USDA-Veterinary Services, "Johnes Disease Veterinary Certificate Program" for 6 credits. The Board approved this course for 6 hours of continuing education credit.
- B. Vermont Agency of Agriculture, "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy/Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy Update and Training Wetlab" for 3 hours. Diane was requested to contact Dr. Johnson regarding the presenters of this course.

7. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

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

8. **Other**

- A. Julia Smith, D.V.M. – Her application for licensure was reviewed. It was determined that her application would be preliminarily denied by the Board on the basis of examination and endorsement. She has not completed 3000 hours of practice within the previous 3 years, so therefore, cannot apply on the basis of endorsement per Board Rule.. She completed the National examination over 3 years ago, so therefore, cannot apply on the basis of examination per Board Rule.

- B. Dr. Basol moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman to have the Office of Professional Regulation submit the following changes in its law to Legislation:

Section 2411(c) Board members shall be appointed for five-year terms by the governor in accordance with sections 129b and 204 of Title 3.

Section 2428, Licenses which have lapsed for four years or longer may be reinstated by showing successful completion of (national board licensing examinations) or licensed practice in another state sufficient to comply with the active practice requirements of 26 V.S.A. § 2424(a)(3).

Section 2412, A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for transacting business, and all action shall be taken upon a majority vote of the members present and voting.

The Board also approved the following policy:

**Amended Policy on AVMA Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics**

“The AVMA Principles of Veterinary Medicine Ethics can provide guidance to the Vermont State Veterinary Board as it is called upon to determine the meaning of the statutes and rules governing the profession, as well as determining unprofessional conduct. It is the policy of this Board to refer to the principles for guidance when possible.”

This policy was adopted September 9, 2004.

These changes were approved unanimously by the Board.

- D. Paul Ezatoff sent an e-mail regarding the use of VetCentric, Inc. for filling prescriptions and the appearance of a "kick back". The Board referred this question to Attorney Novins, who replied to Mr. Ezatoff that the Board has taken no specific action on use of VetCentric. The Board may soon be adopting a policy of referring to the AVMA ethics guidelines for guidance in questions of unprofessional conduct. The AVMA may have a position on the matter which might inform the Board should the issue come before it formally.
- E. Elections were held. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Haas, that the officers stay as they currently are. Approved.
- D. The Board discussed whether an interview will continue to be required. This will be discussed further at the Board's December 9, 2004 meeting.

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

10. **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Correspondence**

- a. During its November 2002 meeting, the AVMA Executive Board approved a Council on Education recommendation "for production of an educational presentation on veterinary school/college accreditation to be used in assisting veterinary state licensing board members and others, to understand the accreditation process better". This has been completed and a CD ROM is available. The Board requested that a copy of this be sent to them.

11. **Strategic Planning**

- a. Newsletter

12. **Public Comment**

13. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator  
Office of Professional Regulation

