

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
STATE VETERINARY BOARD
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING of THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

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

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 February 5, 2004 meeting as presented, which was seconded by Dr. Bergman. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Hearings/Stipulations

At 9:10 a.m., the Board considered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Docket Number VE14-0203, Randolph Frantz, D.V.M. Neither the Respondent, nor his Attorney were present. Robert Backus, Esq. was present for the State. Larry S. Novins, Esq. presided for the Board. Dr. Haas recused herself from these proceedings because she is employed by the Respondent. Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Svec, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Motion passed.

4. Budget – Ms. Preston reported that with the current expenditures and receipts, the Board should be fine. If the Board expects something to come up that would require a substantial amount of money, such as rulemaking, it should notify Ms. Preston.

5. The following applicants attended the meeting for an interview to complete the licensure process and become licensed in Vermont:

Corrine Brown, D.V.M.
Tracy Doherty, D.V.M.
Lisa Kiniry, D.V.M.

Jane O'Donnell, V.M.D.
Aaron Wey, D.V.M.
James Tiede, V.M.D. Renewal

The Board went into executive session at 10:30 a.m. and out at 10:40 a.m. Ms. Hoisington made a motion, seconded by Dr. Svec, to approve Dr. Kiniry's for licensure pending receipt of evidence that she graduated (5/23), to approve Dr. Tiede for reactivation of his license, and to approve all other applicants for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

6. COMPLAINTS

The Board reviewed and acted upon the following Reports of Concluded Investigation.

VE03-1003 – Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to accept the I-Team's recommendation and close this case without charges. Approved. Dr. Svec, Board Investigator, did not participate in the vote.

VE04-1003 – Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to accept the I-Team's recommendation and close this case without charges. A few minor changes will be made to the report to add clarification. Approved.

VE05-1003 – Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to accept the I-Team's recommendation and close this case without charges. Approved. Dr. Svec, Board Investigator, did not participate in the vote.

VE06-1003 and VE07-1003 – Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to accept the I-Team's recommendation and close this case without charges. Approved. Dr. Basol, Board Investigator, did not participate in the vote.

VE08-1203 – Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to accept the I-Team's recommendation and close this case without charges. Approved. Dr. Basol, Board Investigator, did not participate in the vote.

7. Continuing Education:

- A. USDA-APHIS – Veterinary Services requested approval for 4 hours of continuing education credit for "Equine Symposium and NEUSAHA for 18 hours. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to table this request for more information as to what the session entailed and how it pertains to the practice of veterinary medicine. Approved.
- B. Greater Burlington Academy of Veterinary Medicine requested approval for 2 hours of continuing education credit for a course entitled, "Commonly Asked Questions Associated with Laboratory Abnormalities with Dogs and Cats." Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to approve this course. Approved.
- C. Veterinary Learning Systems requested approval for 12 hours of continuing education credit for "Essentials in Critical Care." This course is for technicians and since technicians are not regulated in Vermont, the Board did not take action on this request.
- D. AdvanStar Veterinary Health Care requested approval of a CE course. Since they have applied for, and are awaiting approval from RACE, no action was required by the Board.

8. Miscellaneous Correspondence

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

9. **Other**

- A. Amir Rosenbaum, D.V.M. attended the meeting to discuss his application for licensure with the Board. The Board reviewed his credentialing from Canada and noted that he does hold an ECFVG certificate, but does possess a Certificate of Qualification issued by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. The Board went into executive session at 11:02 a.m. and out at 11:10 a.m. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to approve Dr. Rosenbaum for licensure based on the fact that he has met the qualifications under Board Rule 2.4(2). Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Douglas Huber, D.V.M. submitted a renewal application for reactivation of his license. Does he need to sit for the Board's examination? The Board noted that Dr. Huber is currently licensed in other states. The Board concluded that since his license was not "suspended" as required by statute (26 V.S.A. § 2646), re-examination is not required. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to approve reactivation of Dr. Huber's license as submitted. Approved.
- C. The letter from Members of Dodgerslist was tabled until the Board's next meeting.
- D. The Board reviewed and noted Dr. David Lamb's e-mail in response to Ms. Preston's inquiry of the proposed rules hearing that took place in 1999.
- E. Attorney Novins updated the Board regarding procedures for disciplinary hearings, and review of stipulations and consent orders.
- F. Election of Officers. Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to nominate Dr. Basol as Chair of the Board. Approved. Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to nominate Dr. Bergman as Vice-Chair of the Board. Approved.

The Officers are as follows: Mark Basol, D.V.M., Chairman
Robert Bergman, Vice-Chair
Ronald Svec, Secretary

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

- a. AAVSB sent the Board an e-mail asking if there were any problems with licensees taking too many promotional courses toward continuing education credits. The Board stated that this is not a problem because the number of promotional courses accepted is addressed in the Board's rules.

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

- a. Correspondence noted.

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

- a. A survey was submitted to the Board. Question one asked if the Board was in favor of adding board certification in an AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organization as an option for completing Step 4 of the ECFVG certification program. The Board said, no, they are not in favor of this because it would force the Board to authorize practice in areas beyond the applicant's demonstrated competence. The Survey then asked if Board certification were added to Step 4 of the ECFVG certification program, would the Board issue specialty or restricted licenses to those veterinarians who complete the ECFVG program through board certification. Again, the Board's response was no.

13. **Strategic Planning**

What's next? The Board tabled discussion of topics to be addressed at future meetings.

14. **Public Comment**

15. Meeting dates for the 2004 are scheduled as follows: **Thursday, July 29th, September 9th and November 4, 2004.**

16. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator
Office of Professional Regulation