

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
STATE VETERINARY BOARD
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING of THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, D.V.M., Chairman; Secretary; Robert Bergman, D.V.M.; Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc, Kristin Haas, D.V.M., Ronald Svec, D.V.M. and Linda Johnston. Absent: Eveleen Cecchini.

OPR Staff Present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel and Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator.

2. Dr. Svec made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 11, 2005 meeting as written, which was seconded by Dr. Bergman. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to approve the following applicants for licensure: Fariello, Suzanne, DVM; Homuth, Heidi, DVM; Murtaugh, Robert, DVM; Savidge, Christine, DVM and Sheets, Megan, DVM. Approved.
4. A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard regarding VE04-0904, Robin Solomon. Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Dr. Haas, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.
5. **Closing Reports:** None presented.
6. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**
 - A. The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence. No action was required.
7. **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME)**

Correspondence was noted. No action was required.
8. **Other**

- A. Christopher Winters, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation came before the Board stating that the renewal fees need to be raised in order delete the operating and fund deficits. He noted that the fee for renewals has not been raised since 1994. With the fees remaining at \$195 the board is projected to have an operating deficit for the current license period. Without a fee increase, this operating deficit is projected to grow in the next license period (2006-2007). The board also has a fund deficit in the professional regulatory fee fund. If no action is taken, this fund deficit is projected to be \$32,000 by the end of the next license period. The professional regulatory fee fund cannot continue to carry this fund deficit indefinitely. To address the operating and fund deficits it is recommended that the Board raise renewal fees from the current \$195 to \$250. If this fee change is made in the 2006 fee bill, it will provide an operating surplus and begin to pay down the fund deficit. Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to raise the renewal fees as recommended. Approved.

Mr. Winters also stated that in the future the Office will be looking at the possibility of raising the fees for initial application.

9. **Strategic Planning**

- a. Active Practice Requirement – Dr. Basol, with Board approval, will be submitting to the VVMA to put in their newsletter, asking licensees to respond to what their thoughts are regarding an active practice act requirement. He will also add a statement letting licensed Veterinarians know that an increase in renewal will be occurring.
- b. Vet Techs – At this time, the Board will table discussions regarding the regulation of Vet Techs.

10. Public Comment

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator