

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
STATE VETERINARY BOARD
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING of THURSDAY, DECMEBER 14, 2006

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

Members present: Mark A. Basol, D.V.M., Chairman; Robert Bergman, D.V.M., Vice-Chair; Kristin Haas, D.V.M., Ronald Svec, D.V.M., Secretary, and Linda Johnston. 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 October 12, 2006 meeting as written, seconded by Dr. Haas. Approved.
3. Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to approve the following applicants for licensure:

Dowd, Emily, BVetMed
Flaherty, Colleen, DVM

Flynn, Hannah, VMD
Kahan, Mary, DVM

Jasmin, Bambi – we need verification of the passage of PAVE or ECFVG before licensure can be granted.

4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Follow-Ups**

The Board currently has 7 pending cases; 1 case to be closed and 1 case that is being screened out.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence - None to consider.**

6. **Continuing Education**

A. Dr. Sheryl Wilkins submitted a request for continuing education entitled, "Challenge Your Heart, Challenge Your Mind" for 16 hours. This was approved by the Board for up to 16 credits in scientific courses, but she can only obtain up to 4 hours per renewal cycle in practice management.

7. **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) - None to report.**

8. **American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)**

A. Dues of \$500.00 – approved to be paid.

9. **Strategic Planning**

a. Active Practice Requirement – Ms. Johnston moved, seconded by Dr. Haas that legislation be submitted in the Office Bill to take out the active practice requirement for initial licensure. Approved. It was determined that this would not effect a doctor if they were to try and become licensed on the basis of endorsement in another state.

- b. Discussion on Rules will be addressed at the Board's next meeting. The Board will discuss options for licensure on the basis of endorsement. One option would be to change the Rule to read, "holds a current license in good standing in another state, a territory of the United States or a Canadian province whose requirements are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter."

Another option would be: "The board may issue a license to an individual who is currently licensed or certified in another jurisdiction in good standing in a state whose licensing standards are not substantially equivalent to those under this chapter, provided the individual has been in active practice of no fewer than 3,000 hours during the three years immediately preceding application, and the Board determines that the applicant's experience provides assurance of competency in areas where the other state's licensing standards are not substantially equivalent to those of this chapter."

- c. Definition or rewording of clinical practice – Once the active practice requirement is deleted from the Board's rules, this may not be necessary to do.

10. Public Comment

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator