

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation on
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Unapproved Minutes
Meeting of February 11, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M.

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

OPR Personnel present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the December 10th meeting. Ms. Johnston made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting as presented. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

4. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders

5. Statute/Rulemaking

The Board reviewed and discussed House Bill 744. The Board has no objection to the proposed changes to 13 V.S.A. Section 351, definition of animals. The Board has no objection to the proposed changes to 13 V.S.A. Section 352, cruelty to animals.

The Board discussed proposed changes to its administrative rules. The Board discussed developing a jurisprudence examination on its statutes and rules as a prerequisite for licensure. The idea is still under consideration. The Board discussed reinstatement requirements for veterinarians whose licenses have been inactive for longer than five years. The Board also discussed whether it should include completion of an ethics course as part of the Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME) requirements. The members felt that it would be difficult for licensees to obtain these credits as many of the programs currently offered do not address ethics. The Board decided to require an ethics course for CVME. The Board is considering broadening its Rule regarding Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship to include more than just prescription drugs. These topics will be revisited at the next meeting.

6. Complaints/Follow-up cases

2008-162 (ULP-VE13-0408) – The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Haas, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude this case without formal prosecution. The question was called and the motion passed. Dr. Basol, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

2009-223 – The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Bergman 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. Svec, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

6. Complaints/Follow-up cases- continued

2009-154—The Board reviewed the Report of Conclusion, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to accept the investigation and the motion to conclude this case without formal prosecution. The question was called and the motion passed. Dr. Svec, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

2009-153—The Board reviewed the Report of Conclusion, seconded by Ms. Johnston, to accept the investigation and the motion to 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. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to formally approve the following applicants for licensure based on their completed applications. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Tracey A. Billick, D.V.M. (Examination)	Ryan D. Canna, M.V.B. (Examination)
Mary J. Hiltz, V.M.D. (Endorsement)	Diana G. Martinez Sanchez, D.V.M. (Examination)
Patricia S. Regen, D.V.M. (Examination)	Bethany S. Souers, D.V.M. (Examination)
Cristy L. Towers, D.V.M. (Examination)	Sally D. Umlauf, D.V.M. (Endorsement)

8. Continuing Veterinary Medical Education

a. **“CVC in Baltimore,”** submitted by Peggy Shandy Lanew with CVC Group, was reviewed. The Board deemed it appropriate for CVC Group to wait for a decision from the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) regarding their pending approval.

b. **“FSIS Public Health Veterinarian (PHV) Training Program”** submitted by Dean C. Wyatt, D.V.M., was approved to meet the Vermont Board’s 24-hour CVME requirement for the current license period (June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011). Dr. Wyatt participated in the training on the following dates: July 13th through July 24th of 2009 and September 14th through September 18th of 2009.

9. Newsletter Topics!

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence

a. The Board reviewed the updated Application for Licensure as a Veterinarian. The Board approved the application as presented. The updated application will be posted on the Board’s website.

b. The Board discussed the option of having the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) handle the Board’s approvals for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). Candidates would then be able to apply directly to the NBVME to sit for the NAVLE. Dr. Svec made a motion to approve the NBVME to handle the NAVLE approvals for the 2010-2011 testing windows. The motion was seconded by Ms. York. The question was called and the motion passed.

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

a. The Board discussed initiating a random audit on their most recent renewal cycle. They have decided to start with auditing 10% of the renewals submitted. The Office will send notices to the chosen licensees.

12. Public Comment

13. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 8, 2010** at 9:00 AM. Additional meetings in 2010 are scheduled as follows: June 10th, August 12th, October 14th and December 9, 2010.

14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Regulation