

**Board of Veterinary Medicine**  
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation  
89 Main St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Center, Montpelier, VT 05602  
**Approved Minutes**  
**Meeting of August 13, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

Members present: J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Paula Yankauskas, VMD, Vice-Chair; Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary; Crager J. Boardman, Jr, DVM; Terry York, Public Member; and Jeannette Hogan, Public Member

OPR Personnel present: Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist

Others Present: Kathy Finnie, Executive Director, VVMA

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting. Ms. York made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting as presented. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Case Managers Report:**

Aprille Morrison reported on the number of current cases. There are currently six (6) pending cases. One (1) is recommended for closing, one (1) is pending a hearing, one (1) is pending an Investigative Team meeting and three (3) are with the Investigative Division.

Modification of Order 2012-83 (M2012-52) Jennifer Ruopp, DVM. Dr. Ruopp is requesting modification of reporting requirements for her treating professionals to better comply with the Boards initial stipulation and consent order. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the modification of the order as presented. Ms. York seconded the motion. Dr. Wheeler did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

4. **Hearings:** None

5. **Guests:** None

6. **Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME) request:**

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve Dr. Joel Russo's request for two (2) hours of CVME approval for the "**Vermont Dairy Producers Conference**" that was held February 24, 2015. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. York made a motion to approve Alex Nodes request for four and a half (4.5) hours of CVME credit for each of the four sessions for "**Basic Veterinary Acupuncture – certification course**" with the first course being held June 9-14, 2015 and then monthly through September 2015. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Boardman opposed the motion.

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to oppose the adding of the **International Veterinary Acupuncture Society** to Vermont's list of approved Continuing Veterinary Medical Education providers. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve Dr. Kimberly Maise's request for two (2) hours of CVME approval for the "**Lyme Disease: A Review and What's New**" course that was held July 16, 2015. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Julia Smith requested approval of ten (10) hours of CVME for the conference "**Beef not from Steers: A Challenge...**" that was held May 27-28, 2015. After discussion the Board felt many of the areas presented were regarding practice manager. Dr. Canales made a motion to approve the conference for five (5) hours of CVME credit. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion Items:**

E-mail from Dr. Sara White regarding out of state Veterinarian participation in continuing education wet labs in Vermont and whether licensure was required. The Board requested this e-mail be shared with general counsel, Larry Novins, before responding to Dr. White. Ms. Morrison will speak with Mr. Novins.

AAVSB – Revised RACE standards. The AAVSB has revised their RACE standards and now has three categories for approval of CVME. The Board is concerned that there may be a conflict with their current Administrative Rules and the new RACE guidelines. The Board requested guidance from Mr. Novins on this topic.

Dr. Wheeler asked Ms. Morrison to reach out to AAVSB regarding a representative coming to a Board meeting to provide a presentation on the services AAVSB can provide to the Board.

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8, 2015** at 9:00 am.

10. Ms. York made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Boardman. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.