

Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
**STATE VETERINARY BOARD**  
**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**MEETING of THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

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.; Kristin Haas, D.V.M., Ronald Svec, D.V.M. 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 February 9, 2006 meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnston, with the following corrections:

Number 2 should read, Dr. Bergman, not Dr. Bertman.

3. Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Dr. Haas, to approve the following applicants for licensure: Edelbaum, Laura, BVetMed, Holmes, Darin, BVetMed, Moore, Kerma, DVM and Scerba, Pamels, Bvsc. Approved.

Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to preliminarily deny the application of Erica Berl, DVM. Approved.

Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to request more information regarding the application of Michael Blasser. Approved.

4. Bill S.0250 – Ear Cropping Bill. The Board wondered why they weren't contacted for input on this Bill. Attorney Novins stated that this is not a licensing issue, it is a public policy issue. The Board will watch with interest how this progresses.

Bill H.837 – An Act Relating to the Practice of Acupuncture. Attorney Novins stated that this Bill is within the Veterinary Board's functions. It is a legitimate concern of the Board. This Bill would require that anyone that practices acupuncture be regulated as such. Attorney Novins does not see that this bill will go far, but will convey to Legislature that the Veterinary Board is opposed to this bill.

5. **Closing Reports:**

VE02-1105 – Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Dr. Haas, to close this case. Approved.

6. Miscellaneous Correspondence

A. The Board received a question asking if Massage Therapists can work on animals. There is not anything in the Board's current laws and rules that speaks to this issue.

B. E-mail from Reno Raymond regarding market for reef fauna and flora was noted.

7. **Continuing Education**

- A. Vermont Farriers Association, Inc. submitted a request for a course entitled, "How to Successfully Treat the Foundered Horse" for 7 hours. The Board suggests that they apply through RACE for continuing education approval of this course.
- B. Katherin Marais, DVM, submitted a request for continuing education approval for "FSIS Public Health Veterinary Training Program". This is presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Board granted 4 hours of continuing education credit.

8. **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME)**

Correspondence was noted. No action was required.

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

- A. Veterinary Regulation News – Dr. Basol will review for next meeting.
- B. 2006 Board of Directors Nominations was noted.

10. **Strategic Planning**

- a. Active Practice Requirement – The Board may want to make the requirements the same for doctors that are current licensed in Vermont and are renewing and those that are applying for licensure on the basis of endorsement. The Board wonders if continuing education is equal to active practice. Ms. Lafaille was requested to see if other states have an active practice requirement for renewing a license or if one is applying for licensure on the basis of endorsement. This will be discussed further.
- b. Discussion on Rules will be addressed at future meetings.

11. **Public Comment**

12. **The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator