

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main St, 3rd Floor, City Center, Montpelier, VT 05602
Approved Minutes
Meeting of February 12, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:59 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: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist; Colin Benjamin, Director; and Peter Comart, Licensing Administrator.

Others Present: Alison "Sunny" Knox, DVM

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting. Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting with and amendment. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Case Managers Report:**

Carla Preston reported on the number of current cases. There are currently eight (8) pending cases. Five (5) are ready for Investigative Team meetings, and three (3) are recommended for closing (two to be reviewed at today's meeting).

Request for Removal of Conditions. Ms. Preston presented a request for removal of conditions for Dr. Thomas J. Stuwe. Ms. York made a motion to approve the removal of conditions for Dr. Stuwe's Veterinarian license. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report of Concluded Investigation. Ms. Preston presented a report of concluded investigation to the Board for docket numbers 2014-556 and 2014-557. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the report of concluded investigation with a minor amendment to language. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Dr. Boardman did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

4. **Hearings:** None

5. **Guests:**

9:30 am – Colin Benjamin, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation. Mr. Benjamin addressed the Board on behalf of OPR requested the Board consider using an Administrative Law Officer for all disciplinary matters moving forward. Ms. York made a motion to adopt "The Board supports review and selection by the case manager of cases which should be heard by the Board. Unprofessional Conduct cases that do not involve practice issues, scope of practice issues, determination of what the standards of practice are or should be, or the role of veterinarians may be heard by an Administrative Law Officer. The Board authorizes utilization of title 3V.S.A. § 129(f) for those cases." Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Benjamin also informed the Board that Ronald Klein resigned his position with the Office of Professional Regulation. As Mr. Klein was previously approving completed Veterinarian applications, Mr. Benjamin requested this function be tasked to Ms. Morrison and Mr. Comart so as not to hold up licensure for incoming applicants. Dr. Canales made a motion to delegate to Ms. Morrison and Mr. Comart the authority to approve licensure applications independently. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve Dr. Twyla Angelos' request for six (6) hours of CVME approval for the "**Equine Rehabilitation Strategies and The Canine Athlete**" conference that was held November 7-9, 2014. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Canales made a motion to approve Dr. Kimberley Maise's request for one and a half (1.5) hours of CVME approval for the "**Current Topics in Internal Medicine: Update on Canine Leptospirosis, Feline Infectious Disease Prevention and Feline Injection Site Sarcoma**" conference that was held January 29, 2015. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve Dr. Katherine Maraist McNamara's request for four (4) hours of CVME approval for the "**United States Animal Health Association**" conference that was held October 16-22, 2014. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Canales made a motion to approve Dr. Peter Averill's request for fifteen (15) hours of CVME approval for the "**National Mastitis Council 54th Annual Meeting**" that was held February 1-3, 2015. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve Dr. Virginia Clarke's request for six (6) hours of CVME approval for the "**Animal Cruelty Response Summit**" conference that was held October 21, 2014. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board tabled discussion of Dr. George Glanzberg's request for one (1) CVME hour per examination taken for "**The New England Journal of Medicine CME**". The Board requested Dr. Glanzberg supply them with information as to how the journal meets the requirements of Administrative Rule 3.9(a)(1) that the programs are relevant to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of animal disease and 3.9 (c) Online courses must include an examination or completion requirement. Ms. Morrison will respond to Dr. Glanzberg.

Dr. Kristin Haas requested the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) be added as an approved provider to the Board's list on the website. Dr. Katherine Maraist McNamara requested USAHA and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostics (AAVLD) also be added. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept USAHA and AAVLD as approved continuing veterinary medical education providers and add them to the website list. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Morrison will update the approved provider list on the Board's website.

7. **Discussion Items:**

AAVSB Annual Meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this year from September 17-20, 2015. Dr. Boardman and Dr. Wheeler expressed interest in attending.

Dr. Wheeler presented the members present with an article that was in the December 2014 issue of the AAVSB newsletter regarding Veterinarian continuing education tracking (VCET). He would like the members to review the article and Ms. Morrison to add this as a discussion item for the April Board meeting.

The Board also discussed the e-mail sent by Mr. Klein after the October 2014 meeting regarding participation in the New Hampshire prescription drug monitoring program. This will be a discussion item added to the April Board meeting.

The Board members discussed sending a newsletter to all licensees. Ms. Morrison informed them that anything they wished to send out as far as notices could be done electronically by the office. The Board stated it had been some time since they issued a newsletter and wished to do so, possibly in May. Ms. Morrison will e-mail the Board regarding items they wish to be included and compile documentation submitted for a rough draft review at the April Board meeting.

8. **Public Comment**

Dr. Knox attended the meeting as a representative from the VVMA. She asked whether the Board would be willing to send an information letter from the VVMA out with the initial licensure packets. Ms. Morrison stated the Office did not send packets out upon initial licensure. Mr. Novins informed Dr. Knox that the office gives the public the ability to download a roster from the Board's website where they would be able to download a mailing list of all licensees to send the information to.

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

10. Ms. York made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Canales. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.