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Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
**STATE VETERINARY BOARD**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**MEETING of THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Members present: Michele R. Tulis, D.V.M., Chairperson; Mark A. Basol, D.V.M., Vice-Chair; Ronald Svec, D.V.M., Evelenn Cecchini and Heather Hoisington. OPR Staff Present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; and Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the March 13th meeting. Ms. Hoisington made a motion, seconded by Dr. Basol, to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2003 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations** - None to report.

4. Reports:

A. The Board reviewed and noted that the Budget looks stable..

5. Candidates for licensure attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to complete the process. The Board voted to go into executive session at 10:31 a.m. and out at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Basol made a motion, seconded by Ms Hoisington, to approve the candidates listed below for licensure on the basis of their applications and successful completion of the State Board examination. Motion passed unanimously.

**Anderson, Wayne, D.V.M.**  
**Blauwiel, Ruth, D.V.M.**

**Saunders, H. Mark, V.M.D.**  
**Walker, Lynn, V.M.D.**

6. **Proposed Legislation or Rules**

A. Attorney Novins and Ms. Preston discussed the OPR Bill. It was mentioned that the section of the bill that relates to this Board appears to be doing fine.

7. **COMPLAINTS**

The following were presented for closure:

VE12-0203, Dr. Basol moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE05-1101, Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Ms. Cecchini, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE07-1102, Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE09-0103, Dr. Basol moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE11-0203 and VE12-0203, Dr. Basol moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE04-0902, Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE08-0502 and VE09-0502, Ms. Hoisington moved, seconded by Dr. Svec, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE06-1201, Dr. Basol moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE05-0902, Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Basol, to close this complaint. Approved.  
VE03-0802 - Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Ms. Hoisington, to reject this closing report. Approved.

8. **Continuing Education**

- a. Based on the information submitted by the Upper Valley Humane Society, Dr. Basol made a motion, seconded by Dr. Svec, to not approve **"Understanding Aggression and the Problem Dog"**. If individuals wish to apply for continuing education credit, they can do so independently. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Based on the information submitted by the Thomson Veterinary Healthcare Communications, Dr. Basol made a motion, seconded by Dr. Svec, to approve **"Central Veterinary Conference"** for 27 hours of continuing education credit. Motion passed unanimously. This course was approved by RACE. (Approval number CE25-0503 was issued.)

9. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

- a. **Julia Smith, D.V.M.**, sent the Board a letter asking if she was eligible for licensure in Vermont. Diane was requested to send her an endorsement application and to highlight the section of the application that outlines the 3000 hours of experience. Dr. Smith may be able to apply for licensure on the basis of endorsement if she is able to show proof of experience.
- b. **Susan McMillen, D.V.M.**, was granted a temporary license. She however, was not able to attend the Board's meeting for licensure due to family matters. She requested that the Board grant her an extension on her temporary license. Approved. Dr. McMillen's temporary license will be extended until July 10, 2003.
- c. **Donald Thompson, D.V.M.** wrote the Board asking if oxytocin could be distributed to farmers without a prescription from a veterinarian. He also indicated that dairymen have told him that they are now able to purchase 50 gallon drums of formaldehyde for use in foot-baths, from another route truck. He is wondering if this is legal. Dr. Basol will check for the answers to these questions and update the Board at their next meeting.
- d. FYI documents were noted.

10. **American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Correspondence**

- a. Correspondence noted.

11. **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) - Correspondence**

- a. Correspondence noted.

12. **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Correspondence**

- a. Correspondence noted.

13. **Strategic Planning**

What's next? Discuss topics to be addressed at future meetings.

- a. The Board reviewed information received from other states regarding provisional, special or courtesy licenses. The Board requested that Diane contact more states to see if their laws or rules allow for this provision. This will be reviewed again at the Board's July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- b. Discussion on applicant's attending a Board meeting in order to be licensed. The Board feels that this is important as well as a requirement to become licensed in Vermont. They would be interested in finding if other state boards require an interview or examination before licensure issued.

14. **Other Business Introduced by the Board**

- a. The Board will be discussing the possibility of adding an active practice requirement to their laws or rules for reinstatement of a lapsed or inactive license.

15. **Public Comment**

16. The date of the next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 10, 2003.**

**Meeting dates for 2003 are as follows:  
September 11, 2003 and November 13, 2003**

17. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator  
Office of Professional Regulation