

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 October 9, 2014

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

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

OPR Personnel present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Ronald Klein, RPh, Executive Officer; Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist; Christopher Winters, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR); and Gabriel Gilman, staff Attorney.

Others Present: Eileen Wolfe, DVM; Elizabeth Poulsen, DVM.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting. Ms. York made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting as presented. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Case Managers Report:**

Carla Preston reported on the number of current cases. There are currently twelve (12) pending cases. Two (2) are ready for Investigative Team meetings, six (6) are under investigation, and four (4) are recommended for closing (to be reviewed at today's meeting).

4. **Hearings/Reports of Concluded Investigation:**

Report of Concluded Investigation – 2014-224 – Ms. York made a motion to accept the closing report as presented. Dr. Boardman seconded the motion. Dr. Canales did not participate in the vote as she was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

Report of Concluded Investigation – 2014-60 – Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the closing report as presented. Ms. York seconded the motion. Dr. Yankauskas did not participate in the vote as she was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

Report of Concluded Investigation – 2014-220 & 2014-221 – Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to accept the closing report as presented. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Dr. Boardman did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

Notice of Dismissal 2010-310 - J. Leroy Hadden. The Board received paperwork from the case manager regarding a prosecutorial dismissal of the above case.

5. **Guests:**

9:30 am – Dr. Elizabeth Poulsen, DVM. Dr. Poulsen addressed the Board about Homeopathic Veterinary Medicine Practice. Dr. Poulsen requested the Board approve Continuing Veterinary Medical Education in the area of homeopathic veterinary medicine.

Gabriel Gilman, Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) staff attorney, discussed the specific Rules regarding the content of continuing Veterinary Medical Education as written in Administrative Rule 3.9.

10:00 am – Budget – Chris Winters. Mr. Winters address the Board regarding their current and proposed budget and requested the Board consider a \$50.00 reduction in their biennial renewal fees. Dr. Boardman made a motion to accept the recommendation of reducing the biennial renewal fee from \$250.00 to \$200.00. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Dr. Canales made a motion to approve Joan Bowen's request for sixteen (16) hours of CVME approval for the "**American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners – American Dairy Goat Association meeting**" that will be held October 19 & 20, 2014. Dr. Boardman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy's request for eight (8) hours of CVME for their "**Practical Homeopathic Philosophy**" conference that was held September 12 - 14, 2014. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion Items:**

Mr. Klein informed the Board about attending the American Association of Veterinary State Boards meeting in September. He said it was a well-attended and informative meeting.

Continuing Education database updates – The Board held a discussion regarding their current CVME list that is posted on the website. The Board decided that they would only list approved providers and not the individual courses as they are quickly outdated. Dr. Wheeler requested the Board consider adding the Allied Organizations to the approved provider list as they were previously included in the Administrative Rules, but inadvertently omitted in the rules change. Ms. York made a motion to accept the list of Constituent Allied Organizations as Board approved Continuing Veterinary Medical Education providers. Dr. Boardman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Morrison will update the list accordingly and post to the website. In reviewing the education approval policy previously created by the Board, and posted to the website Ms. Morrison noted the administrative rule reference was no longer correct. Mr. Novins agreed it was acceptable to remove this policy from the Board's website as with the new Rules changes the policy was now incorrect and outdated. Ms. Morrison will update the website accordingly.

Proposed Amendment to Continuing Education Rule – Letters from Mark Cushing. The Board reviewed Mr. Cushing's request to add four organizations to the approved provider list. Dr. Boardman made a motion to add the four organizations requested to the approved provider list. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Morrison will update the list accordingly.

Dr. Boardman addressed the Board regarding a notice he had received for changes in New Hampshire's controlled substance policy. The policy states that all Veterinarians who dispense schedule 2-5 drugs to New Hampshire residents must report to the New Hampshire prescription monitoring program. Mr. Klein recommended issuing a prescription for the client to fill instead of dispensing directly to the patient. The Veterinarian would then not have to report the New Hampshire prescription Monitoring System

Dr. Wheeler requested Mr. Klein include information regarding the federal Veterinarian Mobility Act that was signed into law August 1, 2014 in the newsletter. The new law makes it legal for mobile Veterinarians to carry controlled substances in their transport vehicles.

8. **Election of Officers**

Dr. Boardman made a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers, Dr. Wheeler – chair, Dr. Yankauskas – vice-chair and Dr. Canales – secretary, for the next year. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 11, 2014** at 9:00 am. Ms. Morrison also provided the Board with the 2015 meeting dates so they can review and adjust at the December meeting if necessary.

10. Ms. York made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Boardman. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine

Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Officer
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