

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING: September 17, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. John Lawrence, David Richter, Sharon Todoroff, Dr. Michelle Vaughn, Dr. Barb Fischley, Dr. Mary Olson, Dr. Ron Swiggum

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Julia Wilson, and Mollie Brucher, staff; Jennifer Middleton, Attorney General's Office

GUESTS: Barbara Carter, Board of Pharmacy; Dr. Rebecca McComas and Paula Sallmen, Peaceful Pet Passing; Marilyn Miller, Health Professional Services Program

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on September 17, 2014, in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President Michelle Vaughn called this meeting of the board to order at 1 p.m.

Motions to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes of May 14, 2014 were approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed for disciplinary considerations.

- 1) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Sharon Dreifus was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 2) A proposal for a continuing education stipulation and order for Dr. Genevieve Bergman was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 3) A proposal for a continuing education stipulation and order for Dr. Cheryl Freske was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 4) A proposal for a continuing education stipulation and order for Dr. Charles Hanvy was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 5) A proposal for a continuing education stipulation and order for Dr. Gregory Miller was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 6) A proposal for a continuing education stipulation and order for Dr. Kirsten Frederickson was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 7) A proposal for the findings of fact, conclusions, and final order for Dr. Diane Hansen was discussed. A motion was made to approve the order, and was approved unanimously.
- 8) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Lori Ballinger was discussed. A motion was made to approve the unconditional license, and was approved unanimously.
- 9) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Allen Lande was discussed. A motion was made to approve the unconditional license, and was approved unanimously.
- 10) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Lisa Mekka was discussed. A motion was made to approve the unconditional license, and was approved unanimously.
- 11) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Stanley Thompson was discussed. A motion was made to approve the unconditional license, and was approved unanimously.

The meeting re-opened. The agenda was altered to allow for guest presentations.

Dr. Rebecca McComas and Ms. Paula Sallmen, of Peaceful Pet Passing, presented their business concept of pet hospice care to the board, seeking input from the Board. No serious concerns were expressed by the board. Dr. Olson recommended they seek input from MVMA regarding recruitment for potential focus group participants to further refine their model.

Ms. Marilyn Miller gave an update on veterinarians' participation in HPSP. Ms. Miller provided an overview of the program and staff at HPSP. She noted that the Board and HPSP have good communication and she was happy with the number of referrals from the Board.

A list of applicants who have completed the requirements for licensure was reviewed. Dr. Julia Wilson gave a clarification about VMC Clinician licenses. The applicants passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson presented the NAVLE score report for the 2013-14 testing window. Board members opined that a program to assist new graduates that fail the NAVLE was not within the Board's purview, and that these individuals must abide by all statutes that restrict the practice of veterinary medicine to licensed individuals.

Ms. Barbara Carter, Board of Pharmacy, presented the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to the Board. The program is operated under the Board of Pharmacy and collects information from dispensers in Minnesota. She discussed the PMP database and how veterinarians can participate in the program. Through the PMP database, prescribers and pharmacists have access to prescription history. She distributed registration applications to the Board and encouraged the Board to distribute them to licensees.

The Fall 2014 newsletter was reviewed and approved with a few requests to emphasize points in several articles.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the budget. She noted there will be future expenditure increases associated with MN.IT ;s rising prices and with the pending Criminal Background Check program implementation.

Dr. Lawrence provided an update on AAVSB. Dr. Olson provided feedback about the annual AAVSB meeting she attended in September 2014. Dr. Lawrence discussed VCET, AAVSB's new continuing education tracking program.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Lawrence reported there was no update from the Veterinary Practice Act review committee, which has not met.

Dr. Wilson discussed extensions for Temporary faculty Veterinary Medical Center clinician licenses. The Board agreed that a request for an extension will be presented to the full Board for discussion in the future.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the licensee response to the spring 2014 newsletter and veterinary technician licensing.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the ALIMS database.

Dr. Wilson presented a new records retention policy that meets the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget to the Board. A motion was made to approve the retention policy, and was approved unanimously.

Dr. Wilson discussed the legislative audit the Board responded to in spring 2014. The auditors reviewed the financial records and were satisfied with the performance of the Board.

Dr. Wilson discussed her participation in CLEAR training.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on professional firms registered with the Board. She noted an increase in registration of professional firms with the Board over the past year.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Wilson provided a legislative update. There was a discussion about the licensing of veterinary pathologists. There were two proposed rule changes from the public presented to the board. The first proposal was to pre-approve national veterinary conferences wishing to circumvent RACE approval. The Board noted they do not have plans to open the Practice Act, so pre-approval of conferences will not be considered at this time. The second proposal was regarding ownership of a professional firm by a non-veterinarian. The Board does not see any rule changes regarding professional firm ownership in the future.

The discussion about Veterinary Feed Directives and VCPR is tabled for future discussion.

Dr. Wilson presented the results of the continuing education audit.

The Board discussed the need to recruit a new Board member.

Dr. Wilson presented the Board's biennial report to the legislature.

Dr. Wilson presented a proposal for the tracking of annual Board dashboard performance parameters to document internal controls. The Board encouraged staff to track parameters and present them to the Board at future meetings.

The Board discussed veterinary school graduates who do not pass the NAVLE and their participation in the practice veterinary medicine.

The Board discussed mandatory site visits for veterinary hospitals.

Dr. Wilson gave the executive director report. Topics included her participation in PMP meetings, the MVMA lunch and learn, tramadol issues, and animal cruelty regulations. She also discussed her upcoming travel schedule.

The 2015 Board meeting dates were selected: February 11, 2015, May 13, 2015, and September 9, 2015.

Tentative Special Board Meeting dates were determined to be April 8, and July 15

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Dr. Lawrence was recognized for his service to the board as president and presented with a plaque on behalf of the Board. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Barbara Fischley, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer