

MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
Conference Room A, Fourth Floor

AGENDA – BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2008
1:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Review and approve licenses
4. Meeting closed for disciplinary actions
5. Re-open
6. Veterinary technician licensure - Kim Horne, CVT
7. Animal Humane Society - Jim Meiners, DVM
8. NBVME report - Meg Glattly
9. AAVSB report - John Lawrence
10. Board legislative plans for 2009
11. Budget update
12. Old business
 - a) Laparoscopic OVH
13. New business
 - a) collection of administrative penalties
 - b) NBVME approval of NAVLE applicants
 - c) Medical records CE course
14. Future meeting dates
15. Executive Director report
16. Adjourn

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING September 9, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jeremy Geske, Dr. Meg Glattly, Dr. John Lawrence, Dr. Delores Gockowski, Dr. Mike Murphy, Dr. Joanne Schulman, Ms. Sharon Todoroff

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. John King and Donna Carolus, Staff; Daphne Lundstrom, Attorney General's Office; Kim Horne, Dr. Jim Meiners

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on September 9, 2008 in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President John Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. King requested the addition of the following to the agenda:

Old business: Chris Johnson vs. Board of Veterinary Medicine lawsuit
New business: Online renewals
Secured website for board members

Agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

Dr. King distributed a list of applicants who have met all the requirements for licensure. Dr. Murphy moved and Mr. Geske seconded to issue licenses to all of the applicants listed. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was closed for disciplinary actions.

A proposed Stipulation and Order for Dr. Kathy Lovaas was discussed. Dr. Schulman moved and Dr. Murphy seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order. Motion passed unanimously.

A proposed Stipulation and Order for Dr. Mark Wagner was discussed. Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Murphy seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting re-opened.

Kim Horne, CVT, spoke on behalf of the MN Assn. of Veterinary Technicians Practice Act Committee and the MVMA Committee on Veterinary Technicians seeking support for adding the credentialing of veterinary technicians to the Veterinary Practice Act. Discussion followed. Dr. King will continue to work with the Technicians Committee as they develop proposed legislation.

Dr. Jim Meiners of the St. Paul Humane Society requested consideration by the board to allow them to sterilize animals after the animals have been adopted. Currently, if an animal is determined to not be sterile after it has been adopted, a private veterinarian must sterilize the animal since it is no longer owned by the Humane Society. Dr. Schulman moved that the Humane Society provide the board with a proposal as to how they will take care of animals for whom their spay/neuter contracts have not been fulfilled and the board will review the proposal and act on it accordingly. Dr. Murphy seconded. Dr. King requested clarification on how the board will be notified of cases. Dr. Meiners will include this information in the proposal to the board. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Glattly reported on NBVME

Dr. Lawrence reported on AAVSB.

Sharon Todoroff will be the board's official voting delegate at the AAVSB annual meeting.

Dr. King stated the board does not plan to introduce any legislative initiatives for the 2009 session but will likely be asked to respond to initiatives from other sources.

Dr. King gave an update on the board's budget and the biennial budget process for 2010-2011 which is currently underway. It is anticipated that all inflationary cost increases will be expected to be absorbed with no increase to the current budget. The legislature again swept revenue from health licensing boards to help balance the General Fund. The board's contribution to this second revenue sweep is \$54,233. Increases in license fees, application fees, and renewal fees will be sought to make up the current deficit resulting from the contested cases and lawsuit.

OLD BUSINESS

More inquiries from veterinarians have been received regarding whether laparoscopic spays meet the standard of care and whether it needs to be an ovariohysterectomy or can be an ovarioectomy. The Theriogenology Society has no opinion at this time. Discussion followed. Consensus was reached to not set a board policy, rather to let the complaint committees deal with the issue on an individual case basis and according to the appropriate standard of care.

The Institute for Justice did not appeal the Judge's decision in the Chris Johnson lawsuit..

NEW BUSINESS

The board currently has two disciplinary cases with significant unpaid administrative penalties. Dr. Glattly moved to set a board policy to send to Revenue for collection any penalty over \$1000 after six months. Ms. Todoroff seconded. Passed unanimously.

The NBVME is proposing that all NAVLE candidates would apply through them rather than through individual states. This will be discussed at the AAVSB meeting and will need to be taken into consideration during the budgeting process.

Dr. King obtained information on a medical records course developed by Michigan State University which could be used as a tool for complaint cases.

Dr. King stated approximately 70 percent of the board's license renewals last year were completed online. Most of the other licensing boards have a higher percentage. The Governor continues to encourage agencies to provide online services and uses this as an agency performance measure. Dr. Glattly moved to increase the number of CE audits for paper renewals to twice as many as those renewed online in order to increase the percentage of online renewals. Ms. Todoroff seconded. Passed unanimously.

A new security system for complaint committee members to view complaints files online is being developed.

Meeting dates for 2009 were tentatively set for February 4, May 5 and September 15.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. King reported that Dr. Seemann's motion for change of venue was heard on 8/27/08 but a decision has not been received from the Judge yet.

The MVMA asked Dr. King to speak at the 2009 convention regarding the board.

AAVSB's 2009 meeting will be held at the Marriott in downtown Minneapolis September 23-26.

Copies of the Chiropractic Board's first draft of rules regarding animal chiropractic were distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Meg Glattly, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer