

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

“The mission of the Board is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and animals through the effective control and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.”

Board Members

- Barbara Fischley, DVM, North Branch, MN, Professional Member
(Appt Date: 1/20/2010)
- Jeremy Geske, New Prague, MN, Public Member
(Appt: 7/7/2005; Reappt: 2/3/2009)
- Meg Glattly, DVM, Eagan, MN, Professional Member
(Appt: 2/17/1998; Reappt: 3/1/2007)
- Delores Gockowski, DVM, Sturgeon Lake, MN, Professional Member
(Appt: 4/2/2008)
- John Lawrence, DVM, Lonsdale, MN, Professional Member
(Appt: 7/8/2003; Reappt: 3/1/2007)
- Joanne Schulman, DVM, Golden Valley, MN, Professional Member
(Appt: 2/8/2010; Reappt: 1/20/2010)
- Sharon Todoroff, Columbus, MN, Public Member
(Appt: 4/2/2008)

Staff Members

- John King, DVM, Executive Director
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Letter from the Executive Director

Public protection and public safety continues to be the mission and top priority of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine. The board has effectively and efficiently met this mission with the resources derived from licensing fees and spending authority appropriated by the legislature and the Governor. The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine and the 16 other allied health licensing boards in Minnesota are sole profession, collaborative state agencies that continue to be recognized nationally as a model for organizational structure and regulation. Several Board of Veterinary Medicine members also serve on national committees and boards that influence the regulation of veterinary medicine throughout North America.

Jon King, DVM, Executive Director
Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine

CREDENTIALS

Year	Credentials Renewed	New Licenses Issued	Total Licenses Issued	Online Renewals	
7/1/2008-6/30/2010	2,847	276	3,114	2,278	80%
7/1/2006-6/30/2008	3,046	304	2,758	1,783	65%
7/1/2004-6/30/2006	2,662	275	2,955	1,162	44%

COMPLAINTS

Year	Type of Complaint	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed	Cases Left Open
7/1/2008- 6/30/2010	Incompetence	66		Less than one year: 11 More than one year: 2
	Unprofessional Conduct	37		
	Chemical Dependency	5		
	Unlicensed Practice	32		
	Sanitation	4		
	Non-jurisdictional	4		
	Total		148	
7/1/2006- 6/30/2008	Incompetence	64		Less than one year: 111 More than one year: 8
	Unprofessional Conduct	35		
	Chemical Dependency	7		
	Unlicensed Practice	23		
	Sanitation	3		
	Non-jurisdictional	4		
	Total		134	
7/1/2004- 6/30/2006	Incompetence	57		Less than one year: 135 More than one year: 2
	Unprofessional Conduct	73		
	Chemical Dependency	2		
	Unlicensed Practice	40		
	Sanitation	4		
	Non-Jurisdictional	5		
	Total		182	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending In	Receipts	Disbursements
2010		\$169,094
2008		\$164,289
2006		\$155,339

FEES

Fee	Amount
Jurisprudence Examination	\$50
Application	\$50
Initial License	\$200
Biennial Active License Renewal	\$200
Biennial Inactive License Renewal	\$100
Temporary Permit	\$50
Late fee (Inactive renewal)	\$50
Late fee (Active renewal)	\$100
Professional Firm Registration	\$100
Professional Firm Annual Report	\$25
Duplicate License	\$10
Mailing List	\$100
CE Sponsor Approval	\$50
License Verification	\$25

In addition to online license renewal the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine website offers licensees the ability to update address and contact information online and allows citizens of Minnesota to check license verification of veterinarians and review disciplinary actions taken against veterinarians. The board website also provides access to complaint forms, continuing education sponsor forms and license application forms among others.

The development of additional diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in animal care and which groups of individuals are best suited to provide care to animals continues to be a challenge in the regulation of veterinary medicine. The public's desire to utilize alternative and complementary diagnostic and therapeutic services on their animals requires the board to continually evaluate scope of practice issues.

The number of complaints, the complexity of the complaints and the number of licensees regulated continues to increase. Board staff has continued to operate at 1.75 FTE in spite of additional workload demand through the evaluation and streamlining of board processes and procedures in addition to embracing, utilizing and expanding electronic government services. Prompt response to inquiries and service to the citizens of Minnesota continues to be a top priority along with public protection through the regulation of veterinary medicine.