

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

**AGENDA – BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2004
1 p.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Request for Reconsideration - Thomas Koepke
4. Consideration of Petition for Unconditional License - John Johnson
5. Meeting closed for disciplinary deliberations
6. Reopen
7. Online license renewals – demo and update
8. Licensure, review and approve
9. Report on National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
10. Report on American Association of Veterinary State Boards (Meg Glattly)
11. Budget Update
 - ◆ License fee changes
 - ◆ Charging for other services
12. College of Veterinary Medicine Faculty Licensure
13. Emerging Issues
 - ◆ Mandatory prescription writing
 - ◆ PAVE acceptance
 - ◆ Foreign veterinarians practicing in Minnesota
14. Old business
15. New business
 - ◆ AAVSB Meeting, Kansas City, September 16-19, 2004
16. Executive Director Report
17. Next meeting: May 12, 2004 - time?
17. Adjourn

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, February 4, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Meg Glattly, Ms. Lynn Green, Dr. John Lawrence, Dr. Fred Mehr, Ms. Susan Osman, Dr. Lorna Reichl, Dr. Joanne Schulman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. John King and Donna Carolus, Staff; Susan Damon and Rosellen Condon, Attorney General's Office, Thomas Koepke, Robert Koepke, Eric Dison, Minneapolis Police Dept.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on February 4, 2004, in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. President Joanne Schulman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the September 17, 2003 meeting were approved as written.

Dr. Mehr led the proceeding in the matter of Thomas Koepke's request for reconsideration of the revocation of his license. Mr. Koepke spoke on his own behalf. Ms. Damon spoke on behalf of the Complaint Committee. Following questions, the meeting was closed for deliberation. Dr. Glattly moved to deny the motion to vacate and to reaffirm the order of revocation. Ms. Green seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. King gave background on Dr. John Johnson's request for unrestricted license. Dr. Mehr moved the board approve the request. Ms. Green seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Damon presented background on the proposed Stipulation and Order regarding Dr. Larry Cass. Ms. Green moved and Dr. Mehr seconded to accept the Stipulation and Order. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. King reported on the online renewal process which began in December. To date, 752 licensees have renewed, of which 82 renewed online. Dr. Reichl gave a demonstration of the process by renewing her license at the meeting. Dr. King asked if board members feel other questions regarding such things as felony convictions, DWI arrests, chemical impairment, etc., should be asked as part of the renewal application. Currently, these questions are asked upon initial application, but are not asked during the renewal process. There was interest in further discussion. Dr. King will check with other boards and bring information for discussion at the next board meeting.

Dr. King distributed a list of licensure candidates who have met all requirements for licensure. Dr. Lawrence moved and Dr. Reichl seconded to license all candidates who have completed the requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. King distributed copies of a letter from a holder of a temporary license who is requesting extension of the expiration date due to possible inability to schedule the ECFVG exam. Dr. Reichl moved and Ms. Green seconded to grant a 6-month extension. Following discussion, motion was withdrawn since the individual's temporary license

won't expire until January, 2005. Matter will be reconsidered if the individual's scheduling request is not met.

The NAVLE fee will increase from \$375 to \$425 in the fall 2004 and to \$450 in 2005. The application deadline will be changed from 60 days prior to testing date to 90 days prior. Applicants who fail in the fall testing window will be automatically approved for the April testing window. There were 6 fails of 92 who applied through Minnesota during the fall 2003 NAVLE testing window.

Dr. Glattly reported on the AAVSB national meeting. Dr. Glattly has been nominated to serve as the AAVSB's representative on the NBVME. If another board member is interested in the position Dr. Glattly held on the AAVSB Board of Directors, contact Dr. King.

Budget projections indicate a fee increase will probably be needed in 2006. Dr. King asked for conceptual approval to make the increase large enough to absorb the convenience fees associated with online renewal. Other possible fee changes to consider are increasing the application fee, charging for license verifications to other states and charging for CE sponsor approvals. These matters will be researched and brought to the May meeting. All fee changes must now be done in statutes, not through rulemaking.

Dr. King distributed copies of the revised bill for statute changes regarding faculty licensure. Senator Dille is carrying the bill in the Senate and Representative Swenson is carrying the House bill.

Emerging issues:

21 states have mandatory prescription writing requirements in their statutes. Rather than making changes in statute or rules, Dr. Glattly suggested requesting an article be published in the MVMA newsletter encouraging veterinarians to write prescriptions even though it isn't mandatory.

PAVE acceptance was discussed. The board office has received requests from students to accept PAVE as well as ECFVG. Consensus was to not pursue the necessary statute changes at this time.

There are a number of foreign veterinarians being hired by large farms because the law says the owner of an animal and their regular employee can practice on their own animals. Following discussion, board consensus was to have complaints submitted in writing, then deal with them on an individual basis, specifically, with the veterinarian writing the prescriptions.

Old business:

The judge in Ohlmsted County dismissed Daniel Kamen's lawsuit against the board.

Permanent injunction against Tom Koepke's unlicensed practice was granted in Dakota County.

New business:

Dr. Margo Myers, a former licensee, requested special dispensation from the continuing education requirement so she can provide limited services to disadvantaged people in greater Minnesota. The board has no authority to grant such requests.

This year's AAVSB annual meeting will not be held in conjunction with the AVMA convention. Dates of the AAVSB meeting are September 16-19, 2004, in Kansas City.

Executive Director's Report:

The current governor will not allow any changes in job compensation ranges until further notice.

Dr. King will be on vacation June 29 to July 9.

AAVSB list serve is available for board members. Dr. King will email the link and board members can sign up if they wish.

Ms. Osman and Dr. Mehr have both applied for reappointment to the board. The Governor hopes to announce appointments by the end of February.

The May 12 board meeting will begin at 2:00.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Fred Mehr, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer