

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

AGENDA – BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2009

1:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Meeting closed for disciplinary deliberations
4. Re-open
5. Licensure - review and approve
6. NAVLE results
7. NBVME update - Meg Glattly
8. AAVSB update - John Lawrence
9. Budget update
10. Old business
 - a. AHS Policy on Sterilization Complications
 - b. CE audit for paper renewals - revisited
11. New business
 - a. Legislative update
 - b. Lawsuit - Carl Seemann vs. Board of Veterinary Medicine
 - c. MN Disaster Response Committee - John Lawrence
 - d. Request to carry over surplus CE hours - Heather Norton-Bower, DVM
 - e. Misc. correspondence
12. Executive Director report
13. Next meeting
14. Adjourn

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, February 4, 2009

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Dr. Joanne Schulman

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

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on February 4, 2009 in Conference Room C, Third Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President John Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Change of agenda - request to carry over surplus CE was moved to closed session.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written.

Meeting was closed for disciplinary actions. The following matters were considered.

- 1) Proposed Stipulation & Order for Angela Ladwig, DVM. Dr. Murphy moved and Dr. Lawrence seconded to accept. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Proposed Stipulation & Order for Jane Sprangers, DVM. Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Murphy seconded to accept. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Proposed Stipulation & Order for Kathryn Marr, DVM. Dr. Glattly moved and Ms. Todoroff seconded to accept. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Proposed Stipulation & Order for Melody Pust, DVM. Mr. Geske moved and Ms. Todoroff seconded to accept. Passed unanimously.
- 5) Request of Dr. Heather Norton-Bower to carry over excess CE credits to next renewal was discussed. Dr. Glattly moved the variance be granted. Mr. Geske seconded. Motion failed 3-2 with one abstention.

Meeting re-opened.

A list of applicants who have met all licensure requirements was distributed. Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Gockowski seconded. Passed unanimously.

Results of the Fall 2009 NAVLE were distributed.

Dr. Glattly gave a report on NBVME.

Dr. Lawrence gave a report on AAVSB.

Dr. King gave an update on the board's budget and requested a motion to authorize the purchase new computers, printer, and fax machine. Dr. Glattly so moved and Dr. Murphy seconded.

Passed unanimously. Dr. King distributed information on proposed increases to fees which were included in the Governor's budget proposal; no increase in spending authority was included in the Governor's budget. The Governor also included a 10 percent surcharge on licensing fees to be used to fund the Office of Enterprise Technology's development of online licensing services for agencies that do not currently have these services. Dr. King will testify before the Senate House and Human Services budget committee next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. King distributed the policy of the Animal Humane Society on spay neuters that was submitted by Dr. Meiners after the last board meeting.

Discussion was held on the decision to increase audits for paper renewals versus electronic renewals. A complaint was received from a licensee alleging that the policy discriminates against older veterinarians. The board will revisit the issue at the May meeting before making a decision for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

There are some proposals in the Legislature to sunset all licensing boards. Senator Dille has introduced a bill on loan forgiveness for veterinarians who practice in under-served areas. The Veterinary Technician group will not be introducing legislation this session but is preparing to do so next year.

Dr. Carl Seemann's lawsuit was moved to Hennepin County and a trial date has been set for January, 2010.

Dr. Lawrence reported on his attendance at a meeting of the MN Disaster Response Committee. Ms. Todoroff will attend the next meeting.

Dr. King distributed a letter from Dr. Robert Washabau and Dr. David Lee at the University of Minnesota supporting licensure of veterinary technicians.

Dr. King distributed correspondence from the Governor's Office regarding ethics in government.

Dr. King distributed correspondence from the Commissioner of Management & Budget regarding hiring and travel restrictions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

There is a possibility that board members will need to testify at Legislature, but it's not likely. Also, Dr. King will be giving a presentation about the Board at the MVMA convention; Board members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Dr. King has been requested to attend the AVMA Convention in Seattle in July and speak on a panel about licensing boards.

The chair of the Animal Law Conference asked Dr. King to speak at their annual conference and also to grant continuing education for veterinarians. No objections were raised.

Dr. King asked for input on how to deal with the increasing number of unlicensed practice complaints, which are gross misdemeanors but typically are not prosecuted by county attorneys.

The next board meeting will be held on May 5, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Glattly, DVM
Secretary