

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 6, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Fischley, Mr. Jeremy Geske, Dr. John Lawrence, Dr. Ron Swiggum, Ms. Sharon Todoroff, Dr. Michelle Vaughn

MEMBER ABSENT: Dr. Joanne Schulman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. John King and Donna Carolus, Staff; Ben Garbe, Attorney General's Office, Chris Thomson, SCAVMA AAVSB student representative.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on February 6, 2013 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 p.m.

The proposed agenda was amended to add Department of Human Services correspondence and SCAVMA report (Chris Thomson). The minutes of the September 5 and November 8, 2012, meetings were approved as written.

The meeting was closed for disciplinary actions.

1) A proposed Stipulation & Order signed by Dr. Wayne Scanlan was discussed. Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Swiggum seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order. Passed unanimously.

Meeting re-opened.

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

Dr. Lawrence, Mr. Thomson and Dr. Swiggum reported on the AAVSB annual meeting. Dr. Swiggum also reported on the FARB annual meeting.

Dr. King gave an update on the board's annual budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. King gave an update on the Sunset Commission Report requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

There have been discussions about the possibility of moving the board office to a shared space with other boards, but nothing definite has been decided.

The veterinary technician taskforce will not be approaching the legislature during this session.

Dr. King distributed correspondence from the Society for Theriogenology regarding their position statement which considers embryo transfer procedures as the practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. King distributed correspondence from the Minnesota chapter of NADDI (National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators). Mr. Garbe encourages the board to cooperate with this organization when indicated.

Dr. King distributed correspondence from the Department of Health regarding offensive language in statutes.

Mr. Thomson stated that he has created a NAVLE Student Testing Preparedness Report which is available to board members.

Dr. Lawrence and Mr. Geske reported on the search for a new Executive Director. Mr. Geske moved the Board offer the position to Dr. Julia Wilson. Dr. Fischley seconded. Passed unanimously. The tentative start date for Dr. Wilson will be March 18. Dr. King will continue on a part-time basis to assist with the transition.

Dr. Lawrence recommended a \$2500 achievement award for Dr. King. Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Vaughn seconded to grant the award. Passed unanimously.

Dr. King updated the board on Donna Carolus's anticipated retirement in early May.

Mr. Geske announced that he had decided not to apply for reappointment. The Governor will appoint a new public member to replace Mr. Geske.

Dr. King stated that the Board must find a more secure method to distribute complaints and other confidential documents to board members. Possible solutions are to revert to mailing paper copies or to provide Board members with State-owned computers and email addresses. Dr. King will research the possibility of getting State email addresses and used laptops from the Board of Nursing.

The AAVSB annual meeting will be in Kansas City September 19-21, 2013.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Veterinary Technician task force is still dealing with resistance from the profession on licensure for CVTs.

Dr. King has been approached by several veterinarians interested in having an emeritus status for licensure. This is something that could be considered if Practice Act changes are proposed in the future.

Some veterinary boards are using social media as outreach to board members. This was briefly discussed but no action was taken.

Dr. King updated the board on possible plans to move the licensure database to a new system.

The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Barbara Fischley, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer