

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 8, 2012

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. John King and Donna Carolus, Staff; Karen Andrews, Attorney General's Office, Chris Addington, Jane Anderson, Dr. Tom Hagerty, Dan Tjornehoj

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on February 8, 2012 in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President John Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The proposed agenda was amended to add discussion of a proposed bill at the legislature. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was closed for disciplinary actions.

1) A proposed Stipulation & Order signed by Dr. Larry Lewis was discussed. Ms. Todoroff moved and Mr. Geske seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order. Passed unanimously.

2) A proposed Stipulation & Order signed by Dr. Ross DeWitt was discussed. Ms. Todoroff moved and Dr. Fischley 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. Dr. Schulman moved and Dr. Fischley seconded to issue licenses to all of the applicants. Passed unanimously.

Dr. King reported on behalf of Kim Horne that the MAVT is working on more complete language and does not intend to introduce legislation this session.

The results of the Fall 2011 NAVLE were discussed. Dr. King stated that he participated in the NAVLE score validation process this year.

Dr. Lawrence gave a report on AAVSB. Information was distributed on leadership opportunities in AAVSB. The 2012 annual meeting will be in Seattle September 13-15. The 2013 meeting will be in Kansas City.

Dr. King gave an update on the board's annual budget and reported on problems involving the State's implementation of a new financial system, SWIFT.

### OLD BUSINESS

Dr. King presented the results of the Rabies Vaccination Committee's survey. Dr. Fischley presented the committee's report along with a recent letter from Dr. Robert Washabau of the University of

Minnesota. Ms. Todoroff moved to include Dr. Washabau's letter and the accompanying journal article in the committee's findings. Dr. Fischley seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. Geske moved to accept the committee's report and recommendations. Dr. Schulman seconded. Discussion followed. The Board voted unanimously to accept the committee's report. Discussion was then held on how the information in the report should be distributed to veterinarians. Dr. Schulman moved to send via email to all Minnesota licensed veterinarians a one-page guidance document along with the complete report and that preparation of the guidance document be delegated to staff and counsel without further board approval. Mr. Geske seconded. Passed unanimously. Dr. Schulman moved to ask the MVMA to help distribute the report. Mr. Geske seconded. Passed unanimously. The committee report and the guidance document will also be posted prominently on the Board's website.

Dr. King discussed the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy's report to the Legislature on diversion of controlled substances dispensed by veterinary practices for outpatient use. Veterinarians will continue to be exempt from the reporting requirement.

Dr. Fischley reported on Dr. James Wilson's Online Law and Ethics Course, which was discussed at the last board meeting for possible use in disciplinary cases. Dr. Schulman moved that the executive director contact Dr. Wilson and ask if certain modules of the course can be bundled for our use rather than requiring the entire course be taken. Mr. Geske seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dr. King stated he was contacted by Representative Erin Murphy regarding a constituent's concerns about the Board's method of handling discipline for continuing education deficiencies. Since a statute change or rule writing would be necessary, the board will not make any additional changes at this time.

Dr. King stated that the Board's report to the Sunset Commission has been submitted and favorable comments were received from the Commission. Proactive legislation is required to continue the agency beyond June 30.

Dr. King distributed copies and shared information on a draft bill by Representative Jim Abler regarding malpractice insurance and criminal background checks for health professionals.

The AAVSB Annual Meeting will be in Seattle September 13-15, 2012. New board members are especially encouraged to attend.

Dr. King discussed the problem of licensees not notifying the board of address changes.

Dr. King asked board members about the possibility of scheduling a strategic planning session to address the legislature's request for outcome based measurements of all health licensing boards' effectiveness in fulfilling the individual board's mission and statutory requirements. Discussion followed. This will be further discussed at the next meeting with input from the director of another board.

Dr. King asked for input about ways to better inform veterinarians about recurring issues such as standard of care, medical records, etc.

The next meeting will be held at 1p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

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

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Barbara Fischley, DVM  
Secretary-Treasurer