

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 14, 2008

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

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

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on May 14, 2008 in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Joanne Schulman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Two new board members, Dr. Delores Gockowski and Ms. Sharon Todoroff, were introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the January 31, 2008 meeting were corrected and approved.

Dr. Larry Cass's petition to remove conditions of a 2003 Stipulation and Order was discussed. Dr. Glattly moved and Dr. Lawrence seconded to approve the petition and grant Dr. Cass an unconditional license. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was closed for disciplinary actions.

A proposed Stipulation and Order for Dr. Susanna Ahrens was discussed. Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Murphy seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting re-opened.

The NAVLE results for the April 2008 testing window were distributed and discussed.

Dr. King distributed a list of licensees whose licenses expired 2/29/2008 and have not been renewed. Dr. Lawrence moved and Dr. Glattly seconded to suspend the licenses for nonpayment. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. King distributed a list of new license candidates. Dr. Murphy moved that the applicants be approved pending meeting all requirements for licensure. Mr. Geske seconded. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Glattly reported on NBVME

Dr. Lawrence reported on AAVSB.

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - 2008 SESSION

The proposed changes to the Practice Act (PAVE, foreign trained faculty license, mailing C&D orders, pharmacy wording) were signed into law on May 12, 2008 and will take effect August 1, 2008. The bill to allow human chiropractors to work on animals passed, but the chiropractor must take an approved course of at least 210 hours and must be referred by a veterinarian before treating an animal. The Chiropractic Board will be regulating the practice. The Humane Society's bill did not move forward; there is a task force of the MVMA and Humane Society working on language for next session.

Legislature is taking money from the licensing boards to help balance the state budget; this will likely mean approximately \$50-60,000 from the board's reserve.

Dr. King provided additional information for the board's consideration of the request from the Academy of Equine Dentistry in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, that was discussed at the previous board meeting. Dr. Glattly moved to accept the credentials from the Academy of Equine Dentistry as a certifying body for equine dentistry. Mr. Geske seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. King stated that the Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians is progressing with proposed changes to the practice act that would require licensure of veterinary technicians. Licensure would require training by an accredited college. Model practice acts of the AVMA and the AAVSB both have language regarding technicians. Discussion followed. Dr. Murphy moved the executive director or a volunteer board member work with the veterinary technicians group regarding drafting language that would be appropriate for this legislative initiative. Dr. Lawrence seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The board has not had a policy on a service charge for NSF checks. Dr. Glattly moved the board establish a service charge of \$30 for NSF checks and that the fee be posted on the website. Dr. Lawrence seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Inquiries have been received from licensees regarding laparoscopic spays where only the ovaries are removed. Dr. Lawrence moved to table the matter pending obtaining more information from the University and from the Academy of Theriogenology. Dr. Gockowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Requests for CE have been received for Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART), which teaches first responders and fire fighters to do basic triage and care on animals caught in emergency situations, such as fires, floods, etc. Part of the curriculum is National Incident Management Command System (NIMS) training. Dr. Lawrence moved that the board accept BART CE for NIMS training for up to 10 hours of management CE in a licensing period. Dr. Gockowski seconded. Passed with one abstention.

Dr. King reported on a meeting he had with Senator Mary Olson of Bemidji and her request for the health licensing boards to change their system of imposing administrative penalties in disciplinary cases. The matter was discussed at length by the board and was also presented to the executive directors of the other health licensing boards.

Dr. King stated that there are positions available for board members on the AAVSB board of directors.

The AAVSB annual meeting is September 18-20 in Newport Beach, CA. Dr. King recommended that the new board members attend the AAVSB meeting if possible.

Dr. King reported on correspondence from Rep. Karen Clark and Sen. Linda Berglin regarding cautionary statements of extra-label use of over-the-counter drugs.

An inquiry was received from a former licensee who hasn't practiced in over ten years and is now interested in getting licensed. Board consensus was that the individual would need to meet the requirements of a first license, including passing the NAVLE.

Discussion was held on the timeframe for tracking CE credits, i.e., by calendar year or by license renewal cycle. The CE cycle will continue to coincide with the renewal cycle.

Next board meeting was tentatively changed to September 10.

Election of officers: Dr. Lawrence was nominated and unanimously elected President. Mr. Geske was nominated and unanimously elected Vice President. Dr. Glattly was nominated and unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Director's report was given by Dr. King

Dr. Murphy moved and Dr. Lawrence seconded to grant a \$2000 achievement award to Dr. King. Passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Meg Glattly, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer