

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING: May 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. John Lawrence, David Richter, Sharon Todoroff, Dr. Michelle Vaughn, Dr. Barb Fischley, Dr. Mary Olson

REMOTE MEMBERS: Dr. Ron Swiggum

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Julia Wilson, and Mollie Brucher, staff; Jennifer Middleton, Nick Leinesch Attorney General's Office

GUESTS: Drs. David and Kara Nelsen

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on May 14, 2014, in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President John Lawrence called this meeting of the board to order at 1 p.m.

Dr. Julia Wilson gave an introduction for Dr. Mary Olson, who is serving as a new board member. She has been a mixed animal practitioner for most of the past 40 years, but now limits her practice to small animals. She is a past MVMA president and also co-created and organizes the Miracle of Birth exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair.

Motions to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes of February 5, 2014 were approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed for disciplinary considerations.

- 1) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Warren Black was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 2) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Allen Lande was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 3) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Lisa Mekka was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 4) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Paul Dettloff was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 5) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Paul Dettloff was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 6) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Kenneth Greiner was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 7) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Stephen Lavalley was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.

There was discussion regarding two licensee applicants who reported discipline on their initial license application.

The one year evaluation for Dr. Wilson, Executive Director was discussed. An achievement award based on performance and a step increase were awarded to Dr. Wilson.

The meeting re-opened.

A list of applicants who have completed the requirements for licensure was reviewed. The applicants passed unanimously, with the condition that one applicant be cleared by HPSP.

Dr. Lawrence gave an update on AAVSB. He noted that AAVSB will pay for a new board member to attend the annual conference in St. Petersburg in September. The board nominated Dr. Mary Olson to attend. Dr. Olson will check her schedule and get back to the board. Other Board members that will be attending with the support of AAVSB include Dr. Fischley, Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Swiggum. Dr. Wilson will also attend with the same support.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the budget balances for the current fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

A list of licensees to be suspended for nonpayment of license renewal fees was presented. One licensee on the list has pending discipline, so Dr. Barb Fischley proposed an amendment that the list is approved with the exception of the one licensee. The amended list was approved unanimously.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the renewal period ending March 1, 2014, including the number of continuing education extensions requests.

Dr. Wilson discussed the updated jurisprudence exam and results. The quality of the exam was improved and there is no significant change in the mean score compared to the previous version of the exam.

Dr. Wilson provided an update on responses to the initiative to register all professional firms with the board.

Dr. Wilson presented the new form for licensees to track continuing education requirements. She noted that continuing education, rules and tracking have been an issue in the past and that the new form will be both easier for licensees and expedite the audit process for the board. Dr. Lawrence noted that AAVSB is also working on improving the continuing education tracking process through the VIVA Task Force.

The added feature of specific species and topic categories for offerings on the continuing education calendar were brought to the Board's notice. Dr. Wilson credited Mollie Brucher for enabling this feature on the Board of Veterinary Medicine website.

Dr. Wilson reported on her presentation at the MVMA conference about drug compounding. Cody Wiberg of the Pharmacy Board co-presented, with good attendance and audience discussion.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the new database (ALIMS), explaining the expected time frame for completion, the firewalls that will be in place, and the likely additional cost for incorporating professional firms and criminal background checks.

Dr. Wilson presented an overview of the new board member orientation handbook that was discussed at the previous board meeting, and reminded the Board that suggestions and updates will be incorporated as needed. Dr. Olson commented on its usefulness.

NEW BUSINESS

Kara Nelsen, DVM and David Nelsen, MD, presented their business concept for new applications of telemedicine in veterinary medicine to the board, seeking input from the Board. Several potential applications were suggested based on the use of telemedicine for humans. Several issues were discussed. Dr. Lawrence said the board would consider the proposed models and seek input from colleagues from other states via AAVSB before providing any formal feedback.

Dr. Wilson gave a synopsis of proposed Senate File 2326 that represented interpretation of the proposed language regarding temporary suspension by Jennifer Middleton.

The board discussed concerns regarding the practice of anesthesia-free dentistry. The practice was not supported by the board.

Dr. Michelle Vaughn gave an update on the task force for review of the Veterinary Practice Act and Board of Veterinary Medicine Rules.

Dr. Wilson discussed the Summer 2014 newsletter. She noted that veterinary technician licensing is on the front page of the newsletter and that the board is interested in getting feedback from veterinarians on this issue. There was a motion to approve the newsletter for distribution. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jennifer Middleton gave the Attorney General Office update. She introduced Mr. Nick Leinesch, who will be working as a back up to serve the board.

Dr. Wilson gave the executive director report. Topics included her experience testifying at the legislature, status of bills impacting veterinarians, the upcoming CE audit, issues with visas and licensing requirements for foreign veterinarians hired at the College of Veterinary Medicine, and ongoing conversations with MVMA on several topics,

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11th for a special board meeting. Dr. Lawrence concluded his service to the board as president, but will continue his position as a board member until January, 2015 Dr. Vaughn was nominated as the new board president, and approved by the board. Dr. Ron Swiggum was nominated and approved as vice president, and Dr. Barb Fischley will remain secretary-treasurer. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Barbara Fischley, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer