

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

AGENDA – BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2004
2:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Review and approve licenses
4. Hearing for alleged violations of Order & Settlement Memorandum
5. Meeting closed for deliberation and other disciplinary matters
6. Reopen
7. Hearing for alleged violations of Stipulation & Order
8. Meeting closed for deliberation and other disciplinary matters
9. Reopen
10. HPSP report (Mary Olympia)
11. NBVME report (Meg Glattly)
12. AAVSB report (Meg Glattly)
13. VMC clinicians licensing update
14. Authorization of purchases up to certain \$ amount without board approval
15. PAVE strategy
16. License renewal questions
17. Future meeting dates
18. Budget update
19. Old business
20. New business
21. Executive Director report
22. Adjourn

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, September 15, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Meg Glattly, Ms. Lynn Green, Dr. John Lawrence, Dr. Fred Mehr, Ms. Susan Osman, Dr. Lorna Reichl, Dr. Joanne Schulman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. John King and Donna Carolus, Staff; Susan Damon and Peter Krieser, Attorney General's Office; Eric Dison, Minneapolis Police Department; Dr. Gary Newman

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on September 15, 2004, in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. President Joanne Schulman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes of the May 12, 2004, meeting were approved as written.

Dr. King gave a brief update on the Health Professionals Services Program. There are currently two veterinarians enrolled in the program, both of whom were referred by the board.

Dr. Glattly reported on proceedings of the AAVSB and the NBVME.

The new requirement for licensure by University VMC clinicians went into effect 8/1/04. A list of faculty licenses issued was distributed.

Dr. King stated that the Legislative Auditor recommended the board have an authorization in place for purchases that may be made without board approval. Dr. Reichl moved the executive director be authorized to make purchases up to \$3000 without board approval. Dr. Mehr seconded. Passed unanimously.

Dr. King requested approval of his re-draft of the questions to be asked on license renewal applications as discussed at the last board meeting. If any of the questions are answered "yes" (with the exception of the continuing education question), the licensee would need to explain in writing before renewal could be completed. After discussion, Dr. Mehr moved and Ms. Osman seconded to use the questions as written. Passed unanimously. The final version of the questions:

1) Within the last 5 years, have there been any criminal charges filed against you or are any criminal charges pending? This includes any felony, gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor charges even if they are not related to the practice of veterinary medicine.	Yes	No
2) Within the last 5 years, have you been the subject of any investigation relating to your practice of veterinary medicine, has any veterinary board or state licensing authority taken adverse action against your license to practice veterinary medicine, or have you voluntarily surrendered, failed to renew or otherwise terminated a license while an investigation or other action was pending? The term "adverse action" as used in this question includes, but is not limited to, revocation, suspension, conditioning, limitation, reprimand, censure or the imposition of monetary penalties or costs.	Yes	No
3) Within the last 5 years, have you been the subject of an investigation by any federal, state or local agency having jurisdiction over controlled substances, or has any adverse action been taken against your federal accreditation by USDA-APHIS?	Yes	No

4) Within the last 5 years, has your ability to practice veterinary medicine or surgery with reasonable skill and safety been in any way impaired or limited by your use of alcohol or chemical substances, including prescription medications, or has anyone expressed concern about your use of alcohol or chemical substances, including prescription medications? If you have signed a participation agreement with HPSP, you may answer "No" to this question.	Yes	No
5) Within the last 5 years, has your cognitive, communicative, or physical ability to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine or surgery with reasonable skill and safety been impaired or limited in any way? If you have signed a participation agreement with HPSP, you may answer "No" to this question.	Yes	No
6) I will have completed 40 hours of veterinary continuing education between 3/1/03 and 2/28/05 (exempt for first renewal). If the required 40 credits cannot be completed, request a 6-month extension. Signing the renewal form without completion of required CE is false certification and could be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.	Yes	No
If you answered "Yes" to any of questions 1 through 5, explain in writing the reason(s) for the answer and include any action taken by you to address the situation.		

Susan Damon gave background information regarding Dr. Todd Varnes's violations of the Stipulation and Order he signed on March 16, 2004. As a result of the violations, the complaint committee temporarily suspended Dr. Varnes's license on September 1, 2004. On September 14, 2004, Dr. Varnes signed an order for immediate revocation. Ms. Green moved and Dr. Mehr seconded to approve the Order of Revocation. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Schulman led the proceeding in the matter of Dr. Gary Newman's hearing for alleged violations of his March 6, 2002 Order & Settlement Memorandum. Peter Krieser was the board's advising attorney. Susan Damon gave oral argument on behalf of the complaint committee. Dr. Newman spoke on his own behalf. Following discussion, Mr. Krieser instructed the board on their decision-making process. Meeting was closed for deliberation. Dr. Glattly moved and Ms. Osman seconded that the proposed suspension order be approved by the board. Passed unanimously.

PAVE strategy. Dr. King asked what the board wants to do regarding legislative changes to allow acceptance of PAVE. The clinical exam will be available December 2005. Seventeen states currently accept both PAVE and ECFVG. Dr. Lawrence moved the board begin discussions with the MVMA regarding the future acceptance of PAVE as a foreign graduate licensure process. Ms. Green seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting dates for 2005 were tentatively set for February 2, May 18, and September 21.

Budget update: The FY 2004 budget costs were below projection due to lower AG bills; FY 2005 AG bills have been higher however. Biennial budget preparation for 2006-07 is currently underway. There will likely need to be a fee increase in 2007, which would be the first renewal fee increase since 1997. Dr. King stated that we are considering charging for miscellaneous services such as license verifications to other states and CE sponsor approvals. Dr. Glattly moved approval of fees rates of \$25 for CE course approval and \$20 for license verifications. Ms. Osman seconded. Passed unanimously. Dr. King stated that the intent is to incorporate the convenience fee currently paid by licensees who renew online into the cost of the renewal starting with 2006 renewals.

Old business. None

New business. A temporary license extension request was received from a Ross graduate who may not be able to take the CPE before his temporary license expires. The board does not have authority to extend licenses; therefore, the licensee must attempt to move up the date of the test. In the future, a letter will be sent with temporary licenses calling attention to this fact so applicants are aware that they must apply immediately even though the temporary license is valid for two years.

Executive Director's Report:

The NAVLE technical report is available for review by board members.

AAVSB meeting begins tomorrow and runs through the weekend in Kansas City.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Fred Mehr, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer