

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING September 27, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Fischley, Mr. Jeremy Geske, Dr. John Lawrence, Dr. Joanne Schulman, Dr. Ronald Swiggum, Dr. Michelle Vaughn

ABSENT: Sharon Todoroff

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. John King and Donna Carolus, Staff; Karen Andrews and Kermit Freuchte, Attorney General's Office, Kim Horne, MVMA, Dr. Susanna Ahrens, Chris Addington, Jane Anderson, and several other guests

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on September 27, 2011 in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President John Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The proposed agenda was approved.

Two new board members, Dr. Ron Swiggum and Dr. Michelle Vaughn, were introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the May 10, 2011, meeting were approved as corrected.

Dr. King distributed a list of applicants who have completed the requirements for licensure. Dr. Schulman moved and Mr. Geske seconded to license everyone on the list. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was closed for disciplinary deliberations.

- 1) A proposed Order for Unconditional License for Dr. Richard Huston was discussed. Dr. Schulman moved and Mr. Geske seconded to approve the Order. Passed unanimously.
- 2) A proposed Stipulation & Order for Voluntary Surrender signed by Dr. Albert Batchelder was discussed. Dr. Fischley moved and Mr. Geske seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order. Passed unanimously. Dr. King stated that a Consent Cease and Desist Order related to this case was issued to Ms. Joyce Murphy; that Order is posted on the Board website.
- 3) A proposed Stipulation & Order signed by Dr. John Travis was discussed. Dr. Fischley moved and Dr. Schulman seconded to approve the Order. Passed unanimously.

Meeting re-opened.

Two citizens, Chris Addington and Jane Anderson, expressed their concerns regarding rabies vaccinations with three-year duration of immunity being given every two years without disclosing to the client the duration of immunity. Dr. Lawrence recused himself from the matter and this portion

of the meeting was conducted by Vice President Jeremy Geske. Following the presentation and discussion, Dr. Schulman moved and Dr. Fischley seconded to form a subcommittee to gather further information on the issue and report back to the full Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. King gave an update on NBVME.

Dr. Lawrence gave an update on AAVSB.

Dr. King gave an update on the budget for the current and previous fiscal year.

Mr. Freuchte made a brief statement about the importance of open meeting regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

The subject of the board's posting of disciplinary documents on its website was revisited. A new policy was drafted stating

- 1) All disciplinary action documents will be posted on the board website within a reasonable amount of time and when legally allowed after the order has been approved by the board members at a public meeting.
- 2) Approved orders for unconditional licenses will be posted adjacent to the original disciplinary order.
- 3) Disciplinary action documents that address **administrative penalty related to CE audit only** may be removed from the posted website two years after board approval and at the discretion of the board.

Mr. Geske moved approval of the draft policy. Dr. Schulman seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. King will look into having additional information displayed to clarify date of the discipline and/or reason for the discipline.

Kim Horne gave an update on the MVMA Veterinary Technician Task Force initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Vaughn seconded to approve the Texas Institute of Equine Dentistry as an academic program for certification as equine teeth floaters. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. King stated that a new online course on veterinary law and ethics is available and may be of use to the board in discipline cases. Dr. King will contact the vendor to see if the course can be reviewed by a board member before deciding if it should be used by the board.

The board received a letter from The Healing Oasis Wellness Center requesting information on how to get individual CE approval for licensees. Dr. King will provide information on the board's process for individual CE course approval.

Meeting dates for 2012 were tentatively scheduled for February 1 or 8, May 16 and September 5.

Dr. King gave the Executive Director report.

Mr. Freuchte provided advice on the formation of a board committee to gather information and make recommendations to the board on the issue of rabies vaccination. A public meeting will be scheduled as soon as committee members are determined.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Barbara Fischley, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer