

MINUTES
KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
Meeting held Wednesday, February 3, 2010, Docking State Office Building
(draft version until signed by Board President)

This February 3, 2010 meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order by Board President Dr. Vern Otte at 9:03 a.m.. Dr. Otte welcomed everyone in attendance. In addition to Dr. Otte, Board Members Dr. Greg Bogue, Dr. Richard Barta, Dr. Mark Olson, Dr. Mary Sue Painter, Dr. Verle Carlson and Mr. Jim Correll were also present at the meeting. Also in attendance were agency staff members Dr. Dirk Hanson, Mr. Larry O'Hara, Ms. Cheryl Mermis, and Board General Counsel Ms. Mary Feighny. Also in attendance were guests Gary Reser, Executive Vice President of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, and Greg Dennis, legal counsel to the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, and also Dr. Jay Hedrick.

A motion made by Olson and seconded by Carlson to adopt the proposed agenda for this meeting passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

A public forum for non-agenda items was offered. Dr. Hedrick briefed the Board on the North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium (NAVMEC). Dr. Hedrick encouraged the Board to be involved in meetings and activities of this consortium.

A motion made by Barta and seconded by Painter to approve the minutes of the prior Board meeting passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Board reviewed the itinerary for the day.

The Board heard information about, and discussed HB 2442. This legislation would create a commission that would require all executive branch agencies to submit any information the commission requested for the purpose of the commission's evaluation of the efficiency of the agencies. The Board consensus was to support an amendment to the bill which would exclude all agencies that operate only from license fees, and not from any state general fund dollars.

As the bill was scheduled to be worked by the House Appropriations Committee at this time, the Board recessed at 9:45 a.m. to attend the Committee's hearing as well as to meet with legislators.

The Board reconvened their meeting at 10:50 a.m.. During the recess the House Appropriations committee did vote to amend the bill and exclude agencies that operate only from license fees from the legislation.

Dr. Christen Skaer, a former member of the Board joined the meeting by telephone. The Board next heard recommendations by Greg Dennis, on behalf of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, concerning the Board's proposed modifications to the standards of practice regulations. Board members, Dr. Skaer, and Mr. Reser then joined Mr. Dennis in lengthy discussion regarding the recommendations.

Included in the recommendations presented was language stating: "Pain management. In their relations with clients, each veterinarian, in the exercise of his or her professional judgment, with client consent and when appropriate, shall use humane methods of anesthesia, analgesia or sedation to minimize pain and distress of companion animals." A motion by Olson seconded by Painter to adopt this language into the minimum standards of practice regulations passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch, and then reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Also included in the recommendations that had been presented by Mr. Dennis was language modifying current regulations dealing with employee supervision, and addressing the use of the word

"associate". The Board asked the staff to review these recommendations and bring proposed language changes back to the Board during its April 30 meeting.

The Board next reviewed their legislative strategy. The consensus of the Board was that the current practice act language concerning a conviction of a felony being the basis for a disciplinary action should be expanded to include pleading guilty to a felony, or entering diversion when charged with a felony. Agency staff was directed to prepare language to be offered if other initiatives occurs during the current session to amend the practice act.

The Board next heard and discussed reports regarding ongoing complaint case status, completed cases, and recently received feedback from respondents and complainants in completed cases. The Board directed agency staff to prepare a written communication to all licensees regarding completed case information. Board members agreed they will provide written comments to be added to the case summaries identifying issues about the cases that all licensees need to be aware of.

The Board discussed proposed contract language from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) regarding declaring candidates for the Veterinary Technician National Exam eligible for the exam. The Board directed staff to propose modified contract language and negotiate to mutually acceptable contract terms.

The Board reviewed and signed certificates of recently issued veterinary licenses.

The Board reviewed and approved dates & locations of future Board Meetings on April 30, 2010; July 16, 2010; September 24, 2010; December 3, 2010; and February 9 , 2011.

The Board agreed to keep open the date of April 29, 2010 in case the April meeting would be held in Kansas City in conjunction with the meeting of the NAVMEC. Staff was directed to get more information regarding the April 29-31 meeting of the NAVMEC and coordinate the Board's meeting with this meeting if possible. Staff was also directed to get more information regarding the Board becoming an advisor to the NAVMEC.

Each Board member then briefed the Board on the communications they had with their respective legislators during the day.

Having no other business before the Board at this time, Olson moved to adjourn the meeting. Barta seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes. This meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____