

MINUTES
KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
Meeting held Friday, August 28, 2009 in Wamego
(draft version until signed by Board President)

This August 28, 2009 meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order by Board President Dr. Vern Otte at 9:30 a.m.. Dr. Otte welcomed everyone in attendance. In addition to Dr. Otte, Board Members Dr. Christen Skaer, 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, and Board General Counsel Ms. Mary Feighny.

A motion made by Olson and seconded by Correll 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. No requests to address the Board had been made prior to the meeting, and no requests were made at this point in the meeting.

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

The Board reviewed and signed license certificates, and reviewed a report of current license statistics.

Dr. Nathan Hopkins appeared before the Board requesting the conditions originally established as part of his license being issued be removed. A motion by Carlson, seconded by Barta, that the Board order removal of the conditions of Dr. Hopkins license passed without dissent. Ms. Feighny agreed to draft the order.

The Board briefly discussed the issue of accreditation status of veterinarians, and instructed staff to communicate with USDA and the Animal Health Department asking them for language this agency could post on its website clarifying the distinction between 'licensed' and 'accredited' status of veterinarians and raising awareness for the need for licensees to get accreditation.

The Board next discussed the upcoming meeting of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). It was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Painter would serve as the Kansas Board delegate during the meeting. A motion made by Barta seconded by Carlson to have the Board's delegate vote in favor of the changes proposed to the AAVSB practice act model passed without dissent. A motion by Carlson seconded by Skaer to have the Board's delegate vote for candidates for AAVSB office as the delegate best sees fit passed without dissent.

The Board reviewed a proposal that will be made by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) at the AAVSB meeting whereby the individual state licensing boards would no longer have the option of declaring national board exam candidates eligible for the exam. Instead, the NBVME proposal will be that NBVME itself would declare them eligible. The Board consensus was that Dr. Painter, as the Kansas delegate, express the Board's opposition to, and vote against this proposal.

The Board next discussed its procedures for complaint case investigation and resolution, and how to best utilize its non-veterinarian member in that process. The consensus of the Board was that agency staff are to involve the non-veterinarian in select cases for probable cause determination and informal resolution. The Board will assess this process during its November meeting.

Further on the subject of complaint case procedures, the Board directed agency staff to utilize conference call meetings of probable cause teams between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board.

The Board heard reports of completed cases, ongoing caseload statistics, and recently received feedback from respondents and complainants in completed cases. Board members held a discussion regarding the 22 May, 2009 correspondence Board members and the agency staff had received from Vet Med Consulting. It was the consensus of the board that a response be sent stating the Board would not approve continuing education credit for a course given by Vet Med Consulting on the subject of Kansas statutes and regulations.

The Board recessed for lunch and for probable cause meetings at 11:30 a.m. The Board reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

The Board reviewed agency expenditures for the previous fiscal year as well as anticipated expenditures for the current fiscal year.

The Board discussed a presentation to be given by members of the Board on October 31 in Manhattan. Carlson and Correll indicated they would willing to participate in a Board member panel presentation about the standards of practice regulations and the type of cases the Board has where these standards are an issue. All other Board members were asked to plan to also participate if they could.

The Board heard information about discussions between Greg Dennis, JD., and members of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association concerning the use of the words 'companion' and 'companionship'.

The Board reviewed and approved dates & locations of future Board Meetings on November 20, 2009; February 3, 2010; April 30, 2010; July 16, 2010; September 24, 2010; December 3, 2010; and February 18, 2011.

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 3:35 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____