

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, ROOM 111
COLUMBIA, S.C.
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006, 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Stephen G. Colquhoun, D.V.M., Secretary, Paul D. Patrick, D.V.M., Claude H. Schumpert, D.V.M., James M. Harris, D.V.M., David M. Oliver, D.V.M. and Albert W. Platt, D.V.M.

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald W. Hayden - Board Administrator, Ruby McClain - Deputy Assistant Director, Pat Hanks, Litigation Attorney, Ronnie Blackmon and Mark Sanders, BRS/DLP Inspectors, Marcia Rosenberg and Mag Moton - Administrative Assistant.

ABSENT: Chairman, Glen B. Haynes and Consumer Member, Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners offices, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29210 and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 40-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Colquhoun presided over meeting in the absence of Board Chairman. Dr. Colquhoun called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present to conduct business.

The opening session of the meeting began with Dr. Colquhoun welcoming new Board members, David M. Oliver, D.V.M. and Albert W. Platt, D.V.M. to the Board.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 27, 2006 BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Patrick and seconded by Dr. Schumpert, to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting as printed.

APPROVAL OF MAY 4, 2006 CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

The May 4, 2006 Conference Call Meeting (election of Board officers) minutes were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Patrick and seconded by Dr. Schumpert to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2006 Conference Call Meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LITIGATION ATTORNEY

Board Administrator, Donald W. Hayden introduced Board's new litigation attorney, Pat Hanks. Attorney Hanks was not present at this time.

IRC MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2006

Meeting proceeded with the Review of July 13, 2006 IRC minutes.

IRC COMPLAINTS:

2005-2	-	Dismiss
2005-26	-	Dismiss
2005-28	-	Dismiss
2005-40	-	Dismiss
2005-52	-	Dismiss
2005-55	-	Dismiss
2006-17	-	Dismiss
2005-54	-	Dismiss
2006-7	-	Dismiss
2006-10	-	Dismiss
2006-20	-	Dismiss
2006-28	-	Dismiss
2005-49	-	Dismiss (discrepancy) follow-up required
2005-50	-	Dismiss (discrepancy) follow-up required
2005-36	-	Dismiss
2006-22	-	Dismiss
2005-43	-	Formal Complaint
2005-46	-	Formal Complaint
2005-47	-	Formal Complaint (2 veterinarians)
2005-48	-	Letter of Caution

It was moved by Dr. Schumpert and seconded by Dr. Patrick, to accept the IRC's recommendations with an amendment to remove Case# 2005-49 and Case# 2005-50 due to discrepancies printed in the report . The motion passed.

REVIEW OF APPLICANT

James M. Ray, D.V.M.'s application for examination was reviewed for discipline in another jurisdiction.

A motion was made to go into executive session to review Dr. Ray's application. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed: 9: 20 a.m.

Dr. Schumpert moved that the Board reconvene in public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

It was moved by Dr. Patrick and seconded by Dr. Schumpert that the Dr. Ray's application be accepted for examination. The motion passed unanimously.

IRC CORRECTIONS

Administrator Donald W. Hayden, presented documentation in the discrepancy of Case# 2005-49 and Case# 2005-50. Both cases were dismissed by the IRC Committee on July 13, 2006. Information within the database on Case# 2005-49 and Case#2005-50 will be corrected to reflect both cases as being dismissed.

It was moved by Dr. Platt and seconded by Dr. Patrick that Case#2005-49 and Case# 2005-50 be accepted as dismissals by the IRC. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR RACE SEMINAR APPROVAL

The Board reviewed a request for online seminar approval from Madan L. Khare, D.V.M. Dr. Khare is an AA VSB RACE provider in veterinary patient medical record and practice management. The request for approval of course (VETPMR.com) is an additional continuing education source to supplement the knowledge of licensed South Carolina veterinarians who have demonstrated that they will need additional help to improve their ability and competence in the area of patient medical record keeping.

Dr. Colquhoun questioned if Board members would be able to take this course at the Board's expense? Donald Hayden, administrator to check with sponsor to see if courses are given to Board members at no cost and report information to the Board at the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Platt and seconded by Dr. Schumpert that the request for seminar approval of the VETPMR.com course be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

FACILITY INSPECTIONS

Donald W. Hayden, Board Administrator, presented to the Board a statistical report (66 inspections to date) of veterinary facility inspections which does not include investigative inspections. Nine facilities were found to be no longer in practice.

Ronnie Blackmon and Mark Sanders, inspectors with the of BRS/DLP division were introduced to the Board and presented the following information: Five inspectors were trained for veterinary inspection, not a problem to add an additional nine inspections to complete the requested 75 inspections per year, most common problem is locating doctors that are assigned to facility and facilities being inspected have been very cooperative.

Dr. Schumpert questioned the follow-up process when a facility is found in violation. Donald W. Hayden, administrator responded that a letter is sent to the doctor, indicating the facility violation(s) and giving the veterinarian 30 days to correct the violation(s). Most violations are generally corrected at the time of inspection and do not require an onsite follow-up.

Ruby McClain, Deputy Assistant Director suggested to include in the Board's next newsletter the most common violations of facility inspections.

The Board agreed that the remaining nine facilities be inspected to complete the requested 75 facility inspections per year.

Inspector Sanders questioned whether the disposal of dead animal tissue/parts be treated as a dead animal? With no guidelines within the Practice Act, McClain recommended that the decision be deferred to general counsel.

Interpretation of Complete Services - Dr. Colquhoun questioned whether it is the Board's decision in determining what is considered complete services?

Facilities should provide public notice of limited veterinary services. McClain recommended that advice counsel define full and limited veterinary services and a report of findings be presented by Donald W. Hayden at the next Board meeting.

Board members, whose facilities had been inspected, complimented inspectors for their efforts and professional services performed during inspections.

PRACTICE ACT UPDATE – Establish Regulations Committee

Ruby McClain, D.A.D. informed the Board that Sharon Dantzler, legal counsel and Donald Hayden, administrator along with other volunteer Board members should be included on the Rules and Regulations Committee. The Rules and Regulations Committee is to meet to revise regulations in compliance with the Practice Act. Donald W. Hayden informed the Board that Rita Weeks, D.V.M., South Carolina Association of Veterinarians, Susan Glenn, D.V.M., and L.A. Williams, Dir., DHEC has volunteered to serve on the committee. At least one Board member is needed to serve on the committee. Dr. Haynes, Board Chairman was nominated to serve on the committee with the authority to appoint others to serve.

Sharon Dantzler, legal counsel will do first draft. Notice of drafting will be made public. The pre-filed Bill should come before legislature in January 2007.

It was moved by Dr. Patrick and seconded by Dr. Harris to establish a Rules and Regulations Committee to review regulations in compliance with the Practice Act, having Dr. Haynes, Board Chairman to serve with the authority to appoint others. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Practice Act – 40-69-120, 13 (c)

Donald W. Hayden, administrator presented a question from Dr. Gregory Queen, Clemson University in reference to embryo transfer as defined by Practice Act 40-69-120, 13 (c) – “Should surgical and non-surgical method of embryo transfer services for fee be under the supervision(direct or indirect) of a licensed veterinarian in the state, and are there any guidelines established?”

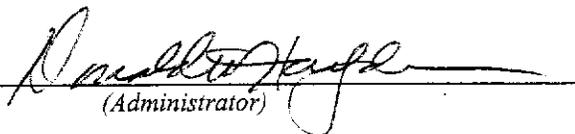
The Board requested Dr. Queen be invited to the next scheduled Board meeting for presentation and discussion on embryo transfer.

It was moved by Dr. Patrick and seconded by Dr. Shumpert that embryo transfers done by an unlicensed veterinarian in South Carolina would be in violation of the Practice Act. The motion passed unanimously.

Exam Question

Board members to be sent correct answer sheet in reference to question#60 on the state veterinary exam, whereas examinees are given a partial or all/nothing grading.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



(Administrator)



(Date)