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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Business Meeting

January 14, 2010

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Board members present were:

James M. Harris, D.V.M. - Chairman
Albert W. Platt, III, D.V.M. - Vice-Chairman
David M. Oliver, D.V.M. - Secretary
Stephen G. Colquhoun, D.V.M.
Christine Hartman, L.V.T.
Glen B. Haynes, D.V.M.
Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.

Board members with excused absences were:

Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M.
Paul D. Patrick, D.V.M.

Staff and others present were:

Tracey Bell, LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Sharon Dantzer, Advice Attorney to the Board
P.C. Faglie, LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Dennis A. Feinberg, D.V.M., NBVME
Ken Kitts, Inspector for the Veterinary Board
Magdalene W. Moton, Board Administrative Assistant
Marcia Rosenberg
Teri Stephens, LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Karen Stone, LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Mike Thomas, D.V.M., NBVME

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 105, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Dr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted. Two excused absences were noted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to approve the Agenda as presented. Dr. Nord seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Haynes to accept the October 22, 2009 minutes of the last meeting as printed. Ms. Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS:

Dr. Harris had no remarks for the Board

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Administrative Report:

Mrs. Cox reported on the number of active licensees to date to be: Veterinarians at 1432 licensees and Veterinary Technicians at 236 licensees. She also reported on the Office of Licensure and Compliance (OLC) which continues to improve and initiate centralized licensing processes, to improve technology and database systems, and to cross train staffs for various boards and processes. Mrs Cox also discussed as a best business practice having National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) credential applicants for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). She noted that all licensure requirements would still be met as stated in 40-69-220. She reported all parties involved would benefit in time and monetary savings. The Board agreed.

Mrs. Cox also reported LLR has a Legislative Liaison who will monitor legislation that is of interest or impact for LLR boards and will inform boards when legislation is scheduled before legislative committees.
2010 Legislation - pre-filed:

- S. 958 - Chapter 47 regarding cruel confinement and restraint of animals
- S. 948 - Chapter 47 asking repeal of polo horse compounds in Statute 47-9-65
- S. 927 - Chapter 16 regarding the offense of animal fighting and to sell animals for that purpose
- S. 913 - Chapter 47 relating to pet inoculation for rabies not to exceed \$6.00 at annual rabies clinics

2009 Legislation still in Legislature:

- S. 102 - Chapter 47 - Ill treatment of Animals, does not apply to practice of veterinary medicine in accordance with accepted veterinary standards - still in Senate
- S. 223 - Chapter 47 - Cost of care and ownership, Animal cruelty - went to House
- S. 328 - Chapter 47 - Rabies bill - went to House - must be administered by veterinarian or someone under direct supervision
- H. 3319 - Chapter 47 - Dangerous animal definition - still in House

Mrs. Cox presented the Complaint Status Report for the Board members for 2009 and 2010.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox reported that the Board's financial information is available upon request. She reported that revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period; the Board is audited annually; and the Board is financially sound with no audit exceptions. She stated that the financial reports regarding the Board are kept in the LLR Finance Office and monthly statements are also maintained in the Board's office. She provided information on a change in the mileage reimbursement rate change from \$.505 to \$.50.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was given by the Chairman, Dr. Harris. The IRC Report, as per the January 6, 2010 IRC meeting, was to dismiss three (3) alleged complaints, to dismiss one (1) complaint with Letter of Caution, and to authorize one (1) formal complaint. One matter was not acted upon.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Haynes to accept the January 6, 2010 IRC Report to dismiss three (3) alleged complaints, to dismiss one (1) complaint with Letter of Caution, and to authorize one (1) formal complaint. Dr. Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION ON NBVME:

Dr. Feinberg and Dr. Thomas made a presentation on the vision, the mission, and the values of National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME). They discussed the outreach, continuous improvement of services, organization effectiveness, and financial stability of NBVME. They discussed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) process and credentialing, examination development, and examination security. They asked for input from the Board for any needs that the Board has from NBVME, for comment on development of examinations to serve the Board's needs, and for comment from the Board at any time. Discussion followed. Dr. Feinberg and Dr. Thomas were thanked for appearing.

LEGAL:

Ms. Dantzer, LLR's Advice Counsel, had no information for the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

BART:

Dr. Harris presented a letter from Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART) which was asking for the Board to consider stating that BART training and techniques are not considered the practice of veterinary medicine. After discussion, the Board asked that BART be contacted for more information such as lesson plans, for training descriptions, and for an invitation to issued for a BART spokesperson to attend the next Board meeting or a meeting in the future.

2010 Board Officer Election:

The Board conducted an election for officers for the Board for 2010. The Board elected Albert W. Platt III, D.V.M. as Chairman, David M. Oliver, D.V.M. as Vice Chairman, and Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M. as Secretary.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Dr. Colquhoun discussed RACE and changes in their guidelines which might impact the Board by having the Board receive more requests for continuing education (CE) approval. Discussion followed regarding continuing education requirements and Board Regulations regarding continuing education. Dr. Colquhoun

said he would gather information from RACE, bring complete lists of providers, and work with Ms. Dantzer and Dr. Platt for some any suggestions on approving continuing education by the Board. He said he would check the provider status of major providers. Mrs. Cox stated any additional information regarding CE can be placed on the Board's web site and links can be used.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

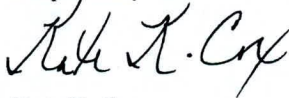
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meeting of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Mrs. Cox announced Statement of Economic Interests will be due on or before April 15, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox
Administrator