



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Public Minutes: July 30, 2010

The regular board meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Veterinary Medicine was held at the Concord Center, FSA Conference Room, 10 Ferry Street, Concord, NH.

Members present: Jennifer Sula, President; Michael Maki, DVM, Vice President; Laurie Farrell, DVM; Timothy Fallon, DVM; John L. Gleason, DVM, and Stephen K. Crawford, DVM, Ex Officio Member. Elaine Forst, Temporary Public Member, was absent.

The public segment of the meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

1. A new member, Dr. John Gleason, was welcomed to the Board. Dr. Farrell motioned to nominate Dr. Jennifer Sula as president and Dr. Michael Maki as vice president as Dr. Eileen Peterson's 5-year term on the Board is completed. Dr. Fallon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
2. The minutes from the April 30, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Maki motioned to accept the minutes as written and Dr. Fallon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
3. A letter was received from Christina Minshew-Lewis, Lewis-Barnes Law Office, Houston, TX, inquiring about veterinarians not licensed in NH but using telemedicine services to provide consultations to an in-state veterinarian under certain circumstances. After discussion, Dr. Farrell made a motion to send a letter stating that the consultation is acceptable as long as it is done through a NH licensed veterinarian with a valid VCPR. Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
4. The National Board Report was reviewed and will be filed.
5. The AAVSB sent memos regarding proposed bylaws changes as well as guidelines for resolutions to be sent for consideration to the AAVSB Delegate Assembly. The memos will be filed for future reference.
6. A letter from the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture (AAVA) was received. The Academy no longer recognizes AAVSB's RACE program as one of its certifying bodies. A response will be sent that they are free to submit CE programs to this Board whether or not they are approved by RACE.

7. The InTown Veterinary Group (IVG) requested 2 CE credits for the program “Current Kitty Cardiology Queries (Recent Advances in Feline Cardiology)”. After discussion, Dr. Maki motioned to grant the requested CE credits and Dr. Farrell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
8. Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. requested 1 CE credit for an ACVIM Cardiology Update. After discussion, Dr. Farrell motioned to grant the request and Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
9. A veterinarian asked for the Board’s input on a non-compete clause his employee, a large animal veterinarian, had signed for a previous employer. The veterinarian will be told it is a legal issue and an attorney should be contacted for that type of information.
10. A veterinarian asked if it is legal to hold a pet in lieu of payment of medical bills. The Board’s attorney will research whether laws allow it.
11. Laurie Clute, PT, MS, member of the Physical Therapy Governing Board, met with the Board. The Boards will be collaborating on specifics for Animal Physical Therapists relating to educational standards, applications, verifications, renewals, investigations and disciplinary actions.

Upon the motion of Dr. Farrell and the second of Dr. Maki, the board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), RSA 91-A:3, II(e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 NH 574 (1978), and the board’s executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The non-public segment of the meeting was held.

Upon the motion of Dr. Maki and the second of Dr. Farrell, the board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public sessions from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III, on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The next regular meeting will be held August 20, 2010 at the State House Annex, Room 201, 25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH, at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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