



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

August 11, 2009

Public Minutes: August 7, 2009

The regular board meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Veterinary Medicine was held at the State House Annex, Room 201, 25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH.

Members present: Eileen Peterson, DVM, President; Jennifer Sula, DVM, Vice President; Michael Maki, DVM; Stephen K. Crawford, DVM, Ex Officio Member; Susan Flint, Public Member; and Timothy Fallon, DVM. Laurie Farrell, DVM, was absent.

The public segment of the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. The minutes from the June 12, 2009 meeting were reviewed and revised. Ms. Flint motioned to accept the minutes as corrected and Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
2. A proposed amendment to the American Association of Veterinary State Board (AAVSB) Practice Act Model was received from the AAVSB and reviewed. It will be filed for future reference.
3. A memo was received from the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME). The memo concerns the inconsistency in how the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) retake policy that has been adopted by licensing boards has created problems for candidates and boards. The NBVME policy is a limit of 5 attempts at passing the exam. The NBVME would like all states to agree to that policy. After discussion, Dr. Crawford motioned that candidates be limited to 5 exams as reflected in the NBVME policy, but that the Board retains the right to interview and grant licenses by reciprocity to candidates who have taken the exam more than 5 times. Dr. Sula seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
4. The 2010 renewal postcard and renewal info notice was reviewed by the Board. After discussion, Dr. Maki motioned to approve the suggested changes and Ms. Flint seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
5. The Board discussed changing the policy so candidates for licensure have a full 6 months to complete the application process and return the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Fallon motioned to accept that policy unless the candidate is granted a Temporary Permit, whereby the exam must be returned within 60 days. Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Capital Area Veterinary Emergency Services (CAVES) requested 2 CE credits for a program on Lymphoma and Histiocytic Disorders which was held July 8, 2009. After discussion, Dr. Maki motioned to grant 2 CE credits and Dr. Crawford seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
7. The Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy requested 23.5 CE credits for the program “The Power of Homeopathy” to be held October 22-25, 2009 in Savannah, GA. After review, Dr. Maki motioned to grant 12 CE credits and Dr. Sula seconded. Dr. Fallon opposed. With 5 in favor, motion carried.
8. Additional information was presented for a working dog conference held in May 2009. The information will be discussed at the next meeting after the Board has had time to review it thoroughly.
9. Two CE credits were requested by Merial for “Vaccination 2009: Selection and Use of Vaccines in Clinical Practice” which was held July 1, 2009 in Bedford, NH. After discussion, Dr. Crawford motioned to grant the request and Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
10. Dr. Peterson mentioned that Dr. Brad Taylor, former Board member, will assist the Board in writing rules to be adopted when HB 345, animal physical therapist law, takes effect. Also, Dr. Peterson and Dr. Taylor will meet with the Chiropractic Board president for a discussion relating to a similar collaboration.

Upon the motion of Dr. Maki and the second of Dr. Sula, 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 called to order.

Upon the motion of Dr. Maki and the second of Ms. Flint, 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.

11. The Intown Veterinary Group submitted a request for 2 CE credits for the program “The Role of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation in Veterinary Medicine” to be held October 13, 2009 in Portsmouth, NH. After review, Dr. Maki motioned to grant the request and Dr. Fallon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

12. A request was made by a veterinarian for approval of a CE program she plans to attend in Providence, RI on November 18, 2009. The goal of the program, "Pets, People and Pathogens," is to increase awareness of zoonotic diseases in the medical and veterinary communities. An application for 3.5 CE credits is pending RACE approval. After discussion, Dr. Maki motioned to grant the request if RACE approves the program. Dr. Sula seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
13. Correspondence was received from the NBVME regarding a possible visit to the Board from their representatives for a presentation/discussion. The next 2 meeting dates were set and will be sent to the NBVME so a visit may be planned.

The next board meetings will be held September 18, 2009 and October 30, 2009 at the State House Annex, Room 201, 25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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