

# **New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**

## **Public Session Minutes**

January 23, 2003

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:45a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Neal L. Beeber, DVM  
Board Vice President Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq.  
Board Member John G. De Vries, DVM  
Board Member Mark W. Logan, VMD  
Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD  
Board Member Carolyn Self, DVM

#### **Absent:**

(none)

#### **Staff present:**

Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson Deputy Attorney General Olga Bradford Susan Flores, Secretary to the Executive Director

#### **Public present:**

Christopher Laffoon, NJVMA

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Beeber.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Star Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Bergen Record and the Courier Post.

### **C. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion of Dr. DeVries, seconded by Dr. Self and unanimous vote of the Board, the December 11, 2002, public session Minutes were approved pending the correction of the meeting date for December 11, 2002.

### **D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

(none)

### **E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

Executive Director's Report - Ms. Aronson advised the Board about the updated renewal procedure for all

licensing Boards including the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The Division has sent out letters to veterinarians under Ms. Aronson's signature who have branch licenses requesting they inform the Board office of any changes. The fee for a branch license is \$80.00. The renewals will be preprinted with all fees thereon. There is going to be a 90 day window instead of the 60 day window for renewals. The Division will be sending out post cards to all licensees reminding them of renewal and informing them of the process and to make all necessary changes before the renewals are sent. Renewals are anticipated to be sent out the end of February 2003 or beginning of March 2003. Consumer Service Center will deal with the volume of telephone calls re: renewals.

Ms. Aronson highlighted that all addresses of record will be public information. A licensee will have a choice of an address of record; it can be your home, business or a mailing address including a post office box, yet the licensee must provide the Board with a street address if they choose to have a post office box as their address of record.

The renewal date for CDS license has been changed to October 31, 2003. The renewals will be sent out for a CDS license August 2003.

If someone wants to go on inactive status, the fee for inactive is \$150; the renewal application must be filled out.

The fee for active renewal is \$250. If a licensee renews after June 30, 2003; the fee is \$350; and any renewal received after July 30, will result in suspension of license without a hearing; and anything after July 30 will be only for a request for reinstatement.

2. Pet Crematories - Board President Beeber, Board Member DeVries and Leslie Aronson, Executive Director met with Reni Erdos, Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, Rick Alampi, Executive Director of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, along with two representatives from the NJVMA and Deborah Holzman, Esq. for the NJVMA. The meeting was a fact finding discussion from the Director to get an overview of how pets are cremated and how veterinarians handle the after death process. Both Dr. Beeber and Dr. DeVries felt that they informed the parties at the meeting of the procedures regarding pet crematories.

## **F. CREDENTIALING**

### **Evelyn Seiden Ivey, DVM**

On a motion of Mr. Scerni, seconded by Dr. DeVries and unanimous vote of the Board, Dr. Ivey was approved to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

### **Alan Donnell, DVM**

On a motion of Mr. Scerni, seconded by Dr. DeVries and unanimous vote of the Board, Dr. Donnell was approved to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

### **Wendy Kozak, DVM**

On a motion of Mr. Scerni, seconded by Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote of the Board, Dr. Kozak was approved to sit for the jurisprudence exam pending receipt of a notarized letter on professional letterhead, to be notarized by someone other than the person writing the certification.

### **Gordon Brackee, DVM**

On a motion of Mr. Scerni, seconded by Dr. Self and unanimous vote of the Board, Dr. Brackee was denied for the jurisprudence exam since he failed the New Jersey state requirements for the Clinical Competency Exam (he received a 69) and it did not appear that he had active clinical practice for three of the past five years. Dr. Brackee will be notified that he will need to take the NAVLE exam.

### **Evelyn Orenbuch, DVM**

On a motion of Mr. Scerni, seconded by Dr. Self and unanimous vote of the Board, Dr. Orenbuch was approved to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Copy of Notice of Final Action/NJ Register - FYI - The Board reviewed the copy and accepted it as informational.

Copy of memo re: information on our web-site - The Board reviewed the memo and accepted it as informational.

Copy of list to receive wall certificates - The Board reviewed the list and accepted it as informational.

4. Copy of Memo from AVMA - FYI - The Board reviewed the memo and accepted it as informational.

## **H. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is February 26, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board unanimously moved to executive session to consider new consumer complaints and new and pending disciplinary matters.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE G. ARONSON  
Executive Director

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