

New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

January 24, 2001

Public Session Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:42 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Carolyn Self, DVM
Board Vice President John G. De Vries, DVM
Board Member Neal L. Beeber, DVM
Board Member Nancy E. Halpern, DVM
Board Member Thomas M. Jacks, Ph.D. to Item T, executive session
Board Member Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq.

Absent: Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD
Board Member Ernest Zirkle, DVM

Staff present: Executive Director Diane I. Romano
Deputy Attorney General Darlene Lapola
Isaura Roman, Principal Clerk
Susan Flores, Secretary to the Executive Director
Marilyn Salles, staff

Public present: Robert Gordon, NJVMA
George R. McKay
Kim McKay

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Self.

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

Upon unanimous consent of the Board, the December 27, 2000 public session Minutes were approved as submitted.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Regulations

The Board reviewed a worksheet prepared by Mrs. Romano outlining the status of all outstanding proposals. Mrs. Romano indicated that she was advised by Chuck Manning that DAG Flanzman still has the first set of proposals; DAG Lapola indicated that DAG Flanzman told her that he returned them quite a while ago to Chuck Manning. Mrs. Romano will attempt to ascertain who has the proposals and why they are not moving forward.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Division of Law billing

The Board reviewed and discussed the billing summary for the first quarter fiscal year 2001 (July 1, 2000 ' Sept. 30, 2000) and directed Mrs. Romano to send a memo to Director Herr indicating that they feel they are not getting the amount of work that they are being billed for.

F. CREDENTIALING

(none)

G. FINAL ORDERS/CONSENT ORDERS

(none)

H. MISCELLANEOUS

(none)

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is February 28, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 9:56 a.m. to hold two investigative inquiries and to consider new and pending consumer complaints and disciplinary matters. Immediately subsequent to executive session the Board returned to open session to vote on those matters resulting in disciplinary action:

1. File #00-090 - Sammie L. Mickles, DVM

On a motion of John DeVries, seconded by Neal Beeber, the Board determined to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 for repeated acts of negligence and \$2,500 for inadequate and incomplete patient records, totaling \$5,000. Voting in the affirmative: Drs. Beeber, DeVries, Jacks, Self and Mr. Scerni. Voting in the negative: Dr. Halpern.

2. Dr. Philip DeBaecke

On unanimous vote, the Board determined to fine Dr. DeBaecke \$750 for failing to list the name of a veterinarian and failing to disclose the regular prices against which discounts are offered in one advertisement and for misleading advertising in another advertisement.

K. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE I. ROMANO
Executive Director

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