

**NEW JERSEY
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2003

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:50 a.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

Upon unanimous consent of the Board, the May 28, 2003 public session Minutes were approved with a typographical correction. Page 2, Item E. Administrative under Renewals change "TOFU" to "TOEFL".

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On a motion of Dr. Meirs, seconded by Dr. Self and unanimous vote, the Board elected Mr. Scerni president of the Board and Dr. Logan vice-president of the Board for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

E. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

N.J.A.C. 2.8 - Proposed New Regulation

The Board reviewed and supported the new rules and believes they are based on sound veterinary medical practice and are comprehensive in their scope and appear to be positive towards consumer protection.

S2627 - Adoption of Proposed New Legislation

The Board reviewed and determined that they do not disagree with the premise of the legislation. However, it feels it is not necessary and opposes the exemption for shelters and non-profit organizations.

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The Board accepted it as informational.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

Renewals

Executive Director Aronson reported that June 30, 2003 licenses are expired and the renewal period is over. 80% of our licensees have renewed their license. Ms. Aronson clarified pursuant to Division of Consumer Affairs directives, that a licensee may have a post office box as their mailing address, but only for those Boards whose Statutes and Regulations do not need to specify a street address for the address of record as ours does pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44-31.

F. CREDENTIALING

Henry Lester, DVM

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

Caroline Catona, DVM

On a motion of Mr. Scerni, seconded by Dr. Self and unanimous vote, the Board determined to request from Dr. Catona her transcript from Glasgow University and additional official information from the University of Tennessee.

G. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is July 23, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE G. ARONSON
Executive Director
