

# STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OCTOBER 27, 2004  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

## A. CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Mark W. Logan, V.M.D.  
Board Member Barry M. Adler, D.V.M.  
Board Member Daniel P. Keenan, D.V.M.  
Board Member Christopher P. Laffoon, V.M.D.  
Board Member Alfred Scerni, Esq.  
Board Member Marc A. Rosenberg, V.M.D

Absent: Board Member Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M.

Staff present: Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson  
Deputy Attorney General Olga Bradford  
Isaura Roman, Principal Clerk

Public present: (None)

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Mark W. Logan, V.M.D. 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.

## B. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Scerni, seconded by Dr. Logan the Board accepted the September 22, 2004 public session Minutes. All in favor.

## C. PUBLIC COMMENT

(None)

## D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Rules of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Readoption with Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:44, Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst . On a motion by Dr. Adler and seconded by Dr. Keenan the Board voted to move forward the readoption with Amendments of the Regulations" All in favor.

2. Review and Discussion of the Bill S1930, Burt Liebman, Regulatory Analyst-FYI The Board review and discussed Bill S1930 which pertains to a law which revises current procedures for suspension or revocation of licenses for overdue child support. The following are the comments:

1. The board has serious concerns about the use of the "State IV-D" agency to notify the obligor of impending suspension or revocation of his license due to child support being in arrears for over six months. (Page 6, Line 43 et seq.) The board also is concerned that if the obligor asks for administrative review concerning the revocation or suspension of his license, the "State IV-D agency or its designee shall undertake a review of the basis for the suspension or revocation." (Page 7 Line 40 et seq.) It is the board's opinion that such notification and administrative review should only come from or be performed by the SBVME office or the SBVME. Another state agency without a working knowledge and understanding of every aspect of the Veterinary Practice Act should not have the ability to revoke or suspend a veterinarian's license.

2. The SBVME believes that if there is an administrative or judicial ruling that a revocation or suspension is required of one of its licensees, then a case summary should be presented to the board. This case summary would include facts, findings, and mitigating factors and the board would reserve the right to proceed with the formal revocation or suspension after its review. It is the board's strong opinion that suspension of a licensee must remain in the SBVME's jurisdiction, not the jurisdiction of another state agency.

3. The SBVME is not of the opinion that being in arrears in child support necessarily is harmful to the consumer or the patient. The board is assuming that being arrears is a form of professional misconduct on a societal level and does not necessarily violate the medical ethics or moral obligations which veterinarians take an oath to uphold. Revocation or suspension of a license for lack of child support certainly will affect the consumer or patient if the veterinarian cannot practice for this exclusive reason. Revocation or suspension of a license is also counter-productive in some cases in which the sole source of child support payments is the veterinarian's privilege to practice and in practicing supply funds to his family.

3. Third Quarter Legislation Report for 2004, Burt Liebman, Regulatory Analyst-FYI The Board reviewed the Report for 2004 and accepted it as informational.

#### E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Welcome to the New Board Members from Leslie G. Aronson, Executive Director Executive Director Aronson welcomed the following Board Members:

1. Barry M. Adler, DVM
2. Nancy E. Halpern, DVM
3. Daniel P. Keenan, DVM
4. Christopher P. Laffoon, VMD
5. Marc A. Rosenberg, VMD

Executive Director, Leslie G. Aronson highlighted the responsibilities of the Board Members.

2. Update on State Exam for October 29, 2004

Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson reported that 84 candidates will be taking the examination on October 29, 2004 and that everything is in place for the day of the exam.

#### F. CREDENTIALING

1. Thomas Priano, D.V.M. -Jurisprudence Examination On a motion of Mr. Scerni and seconded by Dr. Keenan the Board voted to request additional information from Dr. Priano regarding his clinical experience. All in favor.

2. John Shaskas, D.V.M.-Jurisprudence Examination On a motion of Mr. Scerni and seconded by Dr. Adler the Board approved Dr. Shaskas to sit for the next jurisprudence exam. All in favor.

3. Christopher Lindquist, V.M.D. -Jurisprudence Examination On a motion of Mr. Scerni and seconded by Dr. Adler the Board approved Dr. Lindquist to sit for the next jurisprudence exam. All in favor.

## G. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Report of the AAVSB meeting, Kansas City September 16-29, 2004, Mark Logan, Board President. Dr. Mark Logan reported on the conference he attended. Dr. Logan highlighted the main issues and topics raised at the conference, the Board thanked him for his time and accepted his report as informational.
2. Letter from Dietrich H. Volkmann, Veterinarian- The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Volkmann that Ms. Aronson write to Dr. Volkmann to contact AVMA for (ECVFG) Educational Commission Foreign Veterinary Graduates requirements and also for NAVLE Examination requirements.

## 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. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is December 08, 2004 9:30 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE G. ARONSON  
Executive Director

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