

State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
NOVEMBER 30, 2005
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Warren Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

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

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

Public present: Judith Wright-member of the public and Steven Hornstein, D.V.M. Liaison from the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association.

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.
The meeting was presided over by Alfred Scerni, Esq.

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. Halpern, seconded by Dr. Laffoon, October 19, 2005 Public Session Minutes were approved. All in favor.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ms. Wright made a general comment regarding the need for veterinarians to be more sensitive, understanding, and taking time to explain things to the owners of the pets as the treatment progresses.
2. Dr. Hornstein recommended the Board look into accepting digital radiographs from veterinarians who have been asked to submit x-rays regarding a complaint matter.

E. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Assembly Bill #4425/ "Dog Trainer's Licensing Act" This bill recommends licensure for dog trainers.

The Board reviewed Bill #4425 and feels that this bill is not necessary. Dr. Logan, the Board's liaison to the legislative unit will re-review the bill, forward a draft with his comments to the Board and then forward to Executive Director Aronson for final presentation to the legislative unit.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Report by Executive Director Aronson

Executive Director Aronson informed the Board that the final scores for the October 2005 State exam are not in yet; however Executive Director Aronson anticipates she will receive them by next week upon which she will mail all letters to the applicants who sat for the exam.

G. CREDENTIALING/APPLICATION REVIEW

1. Clinton Todd Lavender, D.V.M.- JP/State Exam

The Board reviewed Dr. Lavender's application to sit for the JP/State exam and determined that the letters of reference were not acceptable. Executive Director Aronson will send a letter requesting three additional letters of reference.

H. MISCELLANEOUS

1. AAVSB/Adopt New By Laws

The Board reviewed them and accepted as informational

2. Letter from Richard Alampi, Executive Director of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association/Letter of Response from Executive Director Aronson

The Board reviewed the letter submitted from Richard Alampi, Executive Director of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association requesting the Board accept digital radiographs and images in their original electronic format as an acceptable method for the submission of records. Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson had explained in her letter of response that the Board currently does not have the capacity to review digital radiographs. She will check with Division's MIS department to see if there is a possibility to obtain such computer software.

3. Letter from Vincent R. Di Cicco, D.V.M. Regarding Veterinary Acupuncture

The Board reviewed Dr. Di Cicco's letter and determined to reaffirm the previous decision of not approving him for licensure since he did not meet all of our requirements for licensure; Executive Director Aronson will send him a letter with the Board's decision including the fact that he is not eligible for licensure through endorsement since New York standards are not equivalent to New Jersey. Specifically he does not have the ECFVG certification.

4. Letter from Robin F. Gwiazdowski, D.V.M. regarding Veterinary Acupuncture

The Board reviewed Dr. Gwiazdowski letter inquiring about requirements for acupuncture on animals.

Executive Director Aronson will send her a letter informing her that only licensed veterinarians are allowed to perform Acupuncture on animals and that Dr. Gwiazdowski should check with her local Health Department for additional requirements.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is January 18, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

J. 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.

K. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE G. ARONSON
Executive Director