

MINUTES

**UTAH
Veterinarian Physician Licensing Board
MEETING**

September 17, 2009

**Room 475 – 4th Floor - 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:11 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:25 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Terry Shields, DVM - Chairperson
Charles Heaton, DVM
Gary Peterson, DVM
Vaughan Park, DVM
Bonnie East

Board Members Absent:

Guests:

DOPL Staff Present:

Judge Steve Eklund – Administrative Law Judge
Ray Walker – Regulations and Compliance Officer

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Welcome Dr. Charles L Heaton, DVM to the Board

Ms. Stewart issued the Oath of Office to Dr. Charles L Heaton, DVM, and welcomed him to the Board.

Election of the Fiscal Year 2010 Board Chairperson

Ms. East, seconded by Dr. Peterson, made a motion to nominate Dr. Shields as the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Chairperson. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the June 4, 2009 Board Meeting minutes

Dr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. East, made a motion to approve the June 4, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING:

Rules Hearing

Conducted by Judge Eklund.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mandatory Drug Information Disclosure

This issue was discussed at the June 4, 2009, Board Meeting. The Board had determined that there currently were no mandatory requirements regarding this issue. The Board, further, did not feel that it should be a mandatory requirement. After the previous Meeting the Division had contacted the concerned individual who requested further review by the Board.

This issue was discussed in detail. The Board felt that any drug could potentially cause a harmful reaction. Additionally, they noted that to require the issuance of a "Drug Information Disclosure" for each patient and individual drug would be an added unnecessary burden to this profession, and could open the Veterinarian up for litigation. It was also explained that most Veterinarians verbally explain each drug, and the information could be obtained from the internet by the patient.

Dr. Park, seconded by Ms. East, made a motion for the Division to contact the concerned individual and again explain that this was not a mandatory requirement in Utah; adding that at this time the Board does not feel that it should be. The motion carried unanimously.

Accreditation – Wyoming vs. Utah

An email from a recent Veterinary graduate who is working at a clinic in Evanston, Wyoming, referenced his inability to perform "Federal accreditation" in Utah, where he can in Wyoming. The graduate requested for Utah to consider changing its requirements to allow this procedure.

Dr. Shields explained that it would require a Statutory change to grant the graduate's request. The Board felt that the current Statutory requirements are in the best interest of the Public.

Ms. East, seconded by Dr. Park, made a motion to contact the graduate and explain that the Board did not feel that the Statute should be changed at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Executive Order – Ethics

Reviewed, with no further action taken.

NAVLE Retakes

Reviewed, with no further action taken.

Proposed Amendment to AAVSB Practice Act Model – section 103

Reviewed. Dr. Shields explained that the AAVSB (American Association of Veterinary State Boards) is proposing an amendment to its Practice Act Model. The proposal would restrict cities and counties from prohibiting a licensed Veterinarian from performing any duties which are within the “Scope of Practice” of this profession.

Ms. East, seconded by Dr. Peterson, made a motion to approve AAVSB’s Practice Act Model amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

Qualifying Examination Technical Report – NBVME

Reviewed, with no further action taken.

NAVLE examination fee increase

Reviewed, with no further action taken.

AAVSB - 2009 Nominating Committee Report

Reviewed. Recommended approval of the proposed candidates.

VTNE Examination changes

It was explained that VTNE (Veterinarian Technician National Examination) will be a computerized exam, as of January 15, 2010. Dr. Park estimated that there are between eight and one hundred Technicians within this State. He further commented that the cost and restrictions which would need to be imposed would make it difficult to require licensure for this profession.

Investigative issues

Dr. Heaton expressed his concern with individuals who have been “Floating teeth” while not being appropriately licensed. Judge Eklund and Ms. Stewart recommended Dr. Heaton discuss this issue with a Division Investigator.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

February 4, 2010

Due to conflicting schedules the Board requested that the June 2010 meeting be moved to June 9th, and the September 2010 meeting be moved to the September 16th.

ADJOURN:

10:25 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

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Date Approved

Chairperson, Veterinary Physician Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing

Awaiting Formal Approval