

MINUTES

**UTAH
Veterinarian Physician Licensing Board
MEETING**

August 23, 2012

**Room 464 – 4th Floor - 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:05 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:50

Bureau Manager:

April Ellis

Board Secretary:

Yvonne King

Board Members Present:

Gary L, Peterson, DVM, Chair
Charles Heaton, DVM
Jason L. Pozzuoli, DVM
Kerry Rood, DVM

Board Members Absent:

Bonnie East

DOPL Staff Present

Mark Steinagel, Division Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Introduction of April Ellis

Ms. Ellis introduced herself to the Board.

Approval of the September 8, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Heaton, seconded by Dr. Rood, made a motion to approve the September 8, 2011, Board meeting minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations for Chair

Dr. Heaton seconded by Dr. Pozzuoli, made a motion to nominate Dr. Rood for Board Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Donald Renda, DVM

Dr. Renda appeared before the Board for his scheduled appointment.

Dr. Renda would like to see a statutory change with regards to rabies vaccinations. Currently, rabies

vaccinations can only be given under the direct supervision of a Veterinarian with regards to animal shelters.

Dr. Renda would like to encourage law makers to allow rabies vaccines to be given by animal shelter workers, but only if they have the proper training. Dr. Renda stated that this could not take place until there was a change in the statutory code from direct supervision to indirect supervision. Dr. Renda stated with all reduced funding from city and county government, shelters have been unable to afford to have Veterinarians on site to do the vaccinations.

Dr. Renda stated that in 2004, the Rabies Compendium, (the document that governs all aspects of animal rabies on a national level), was modified to allow animal shelters to give rabies vaccines to animals adopted from shelters. This “[s]helter rabies exemption” allowed for rabies vaccines to be administered under the supervision, (not direct supervision), of a Veterinarian.

Dr. Rood stated that Dr. Renda is referencing a compendium that the state health code does not acknowledge.

Ms. Ellis stated that the Division does not have any say over the Board of Health codes.

The Board appeared to be opposed to Rabies vaccinations given out without the direct supervision of a Veterinarian.

Dr. Rood suggested Dr. Renda work on obtaining the Utah Veterinary Medical Association, (UVMA) approval, due to the fact the UVMA is not currently in favor of allowing animal shelter workers to provide rabies vaccinations.

The Board concluded that there would be no action taken on this matter. If Dr. Renda wants an outcome, he must approach the legislature for a statutory change.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Investigation Report

Ms. Ellis reviewed the investigation report.

Ms. Ellis explained to the Board how complaints were handled and stated that the Division is going to an informal process for certain types of proceedings which will speed up the overall timeframe.

It was noted to have David Furlong, Chief Investigator appear before the next Board meeting to explain the complaint process and informal proceedings with regards to Investigations.

Hearing: Richard L. Bagley

The Hearing for Dr. Bagley proceeded as scheduled.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NBVME, Approval of NAVLE test
Accommodation Requests

Reviewed, no further action taken.

AAVSB; Association Updates for 2012

Reviewed, no further action taken.

International Veterinarian Acupuncture Society

Reviewed, no further action taken.

AAVSB, Recommendations on Proposed By-Laws

Reviewed, no further action taken.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

February 7, 2013

ADJOURN:

10:50 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.

January 17, 2013

Kerry Rood, DVM

Date Approved

Chairperson, Veterinary Physician Board

January 17, 2013

April Ellis

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing