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MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine met in regular session on April 28, 2011 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Lawrence Letsche, DVM, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lawrence A. Letsche, DVM, Vice Chairperson
Kim Beattie, Public Member
Charlotte Kim, DVM
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, LVT
Nancy C. Postorino Reeves, DVM
Christopher Rohwer, DVM
Amanda Stitt, Public Member

Members Absent: Carlene Allen, Public Member
Steven Halstead, DVM, MS, *Ex-Officio* Member
Colleen Thorp-Stout, DVM

Staff Present: Laurie VanBeelen, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Lucinda Clark, Licensing Operations Mgr, Health Licensing Division
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Pam Millben, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Adryne Boynton, Analyst, Health Licensing Division (arrived at 2:04 p.m.)
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General
Kelley McLean, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Debbie Groh
Karlene Belyea - MVMA
Amy Taylor - Baker College
Elsie Velasquez - Baker College
Marianne Tear

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Stitt, seconded by Postorino Reeves, to approve the October 28, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Rohwer, seconded by Stitt, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAM COMMITTEE

Lucinda Clark, Licensing Operations Manager, advised that preparations are being made for this year's exam which will be held June 16. She further advised the subcommittee will be meeting following today's meeting to finalize details.

RULES COMMITTEE

Mitchell provided the Board with a history of the language addition relating to continuing professional development which was previously approved by the Board in October, 2010. Due to further discussion and modifications by other Boards on this topic, he suggested that the Rules Committee review the language again and bring the proposed rules back to the full Board for additional consideration. The Board was in agreement and a telephone conference will be scheduled in the near future.

ALLEGATION REVIEW REPORT

Letsche advised that 9 allegations have been received this month. He advised that it is his intention have each of the veterinarians on the Board participate in the review of allegations. Ramsdell reminded the Board that DSC members will be required to recuse themselves from voting on cases where they authorized the investigation or participated as a conferee.

OLD BUSINESS

PAVE AND ECFVG PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO FOREIGN GRADUATES

Letsche directed the Board to the information provided from the Department regarding these programs. After discussion amongst the Board and staff it was decided to table this matter until the Board determines additional consideration is necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Letsche opened the floor for nominations for chairperson. Postorino Reeves and Stitt nominated Letsche for chairperson. Hearing no additional nominations, a voice vote was held.

Letsche was unanimously elected Chairperson.

Letsche opened the floor for nominations for vice chairperson. Stitt and McMahon-Pelton nominated Rohwer for vice chairperson. Hearing no additional nominations, a voice vote was held.

Rohwer was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson.

RESOLUTIONS HONORING HENRY VAUPEL AND MICHELE KOPCHA

Board members were provided with proposed Resolutions which recognize the service to the Board of Dr. Vaupel and Dr. Kopcha.

MOTION by Postorino Reeves, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to approve the Resolutions as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Letsche advised that the following committee assignments were being made:

Veterinary Technician: McMahon-Pelton, Rohwer, Kim, Thorp-Stout

Rules: Postorino Reeves, McMahon-Pelton, Rohwer, Letsche

Allegation Review: Letsche, Rohwer, Postorino Reeves, Kim, Thorp-Stout

Disciplinary Subcommittee: Stitt (Chairperson), Beattie, McMahon-Pelton,
Postorino Reeves, Kim
Alternates: Rohwer, Thorp-Stout

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Michigan Providers Credential Center (MiPCC)

Ramsdell provided a synopsis of the "paperless" licensing application and renewal process the Bureau is transitioning to. She advised that it is the intention that all documents relating to the application for licensure be received by the Department electronically. Ramsdell advised that an information packet is being prepared for the convenience of the various medical schools which will provide additional guidance to future licensees. She also answered questions from members of the Board.

Transition of Bureau of Health Professions to Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Ramsdell stated that Governor Snyder issued an executive order that moves the Bureau of Health Professions to the newly-created Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). She advised that this will not affect the day-to-day operations of the Bureau nor will it affect the Board. Ramsdell also advised that the Bureau has had recent changes in staffing. Along with the vacancy of the policy administration manager, which Amy Allen previously held, the Bureau's Director, Melanie Brim, has accepted a position with the Department of Community Health and will not be transitioning to LARA. She advised that a bureau director had not yet been named.

Board Member Reappointment Procedure

Ramsdell indicated that with the change in administration the process for Board member appointments has changed. Those members whose terms expire on December 31 will not be able to continue to serve past December 31 unless the member has been re-appointed, even if the member is eligible to serve another term. Ramsdell asked that any members whose terms expire December 31, 2011 re-apply to be considered to continue to serve as soon as possible. She advised that the Governor's appointments division has indicated that current members will be given consideration for re-appointment.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Heidi Yaek – Proposal for Decision

MOTION by McMahon-Pelton, seconded Rohwer, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny Petitioner's application for licensure in the matter of Heidi Yaek.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Postorino Reeves, McMahon-Pelton, Stitt, Beattie, Rohwer, Kim, Letsche

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT


Marianne Tear of Baker College thanked the Board for the continued support to the LVT's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 23, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Postorino Reeves, seconded by Stitt, to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m.


Larry Letsche, DVM, Chairperson


Date Minutes Approved


Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary


Date Minutes Prepared