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MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013

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 February 28, 2013 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 1, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Lawrence Letsche, DVM, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lawrence A. Letsche, DVM, Chairperson
Christopher Rohwer, DVM, Vice-Chairperson
Kimlee Beattie, Public Member
Marianne Tear, MS, LVT
Colleen Thorp-Stout, DVM
Charlotte Kim, DVM
Lynn Happel, DVM

Members Absent: Renee Werth, Public Member
Carlene Allen, Public Member
Steven Halstead, DVM, MS, *Ex-Officio* Member

Staff Present: Shellayne Grimes, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Joe Campbell, Enforcement Director
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Section
Adryne Boynton, Application Processing, Licensing Section
Heidi Johnson, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Karlene Belyea, MVMA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Beattie, seconded by Thorp-Stout, to approve the December 19, 2012, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Rohwer, seconded by Beattie, to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Under **New Business**; Item E, AAVSB Nomination Form. Under **New Business**; Item F, Department Update.

MOTION PREVAILED

INTRODUCTIONS

New Board members were welcomed. Letsche asked everyone to introduce themselves and provide a brief background of their professional experience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules Committee

Letsche explained to new Board members the function of the Rules Committee. He also updated them on the Office of Regulatory Reinvention's decision not to allow the Board to promulgate continuing education rules until the Veterinary Medicine statute is amended to expressly allow/require it. He noted that Michigan is the only state that does not have continuing education requirements for Veterinarians.

Veterinary Technician Exam Committee

Rohwer reported that the Committee has requested to view the practice exam for new Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) that is being prepared for the summer 2013 window.

Clark stated that she communicated last week with Nancy Gritman, Program Manager for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). The practice test is not available for Board review yet, as it has not yet been completed. Clark is working with the AAVSB to allow the committee to review the practice exam, which will be the same format as the final exam.

Allegation Review Report

Letsche reported that 17 allegations have been received since the last Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Elections of Officers

Lind opened the floor for nominations for elections.

MOTION by Rohwer, seconded by Beattie, to re-elect Letsche as Chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Kim, seconded by Tear, to re-elect Rohwer as Vice-Chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

Resolutions

MOTION by Beattie, seconded by Rohwer, to honor the following departing Board Members with a Resolution: Nancy Postorino-Reeves, DVM, and Sandra McMahon-Pelton, LVT.

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Assignments

Letsche explained the roles and responsibilities of each Committee. Letsche reviewed the current Committee assignments and appointed/reassigned members to the Committees as follows:

Allegation Review Committee

Lawrence Letsche, Christopher Rohwer, Charlotte Kim, Colleen Thorp-Stout

Vet Tech Exam Committee

Christopher Rohwer, Charlotte Kim, Colleen Thorp-Stout, Lynn Happel

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Primary DSC members will include Kimlee Beattie, Chair, Carlene Allen, Charlotte Kim, Marianne Tear, and Colleen Thorp-Stout. Renee Werth, Lynn Happel, and Christopher Rohwer will serve as alternate members.

Rules Committee

Lawrence Letsche, Christopher Rohwer, Marianne Tear, Renee Werth

AAVSB Practice Act Model – Comments

Letsche explained the functions and purpose of the American Association of Veterinary State Board.

Lind reported that many national associations representing a variety of health boards produce model practice acts. They routinely ask our board members to provide feedback. The Board was asked to provide any feedback to Lind by the March 31, 2013 deadline. She would, in turn, share it with the AAVSB.

AAVSB Nomination Form

The AAVSB Nomination Form was shared with Board members. Letsche recommended that anyone interested in becoming involved as a board member at the National level should attend a conference first. All Board members are welcome to attend conferences; however, AAVSB typically only covers the travel expenses of one or two people. The annual conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, September 19-21, 2013.

Department Update

Lind reported that all of the Board Chairs had a meeting with the new Bureau Director in January regarding the need to increase license fees, since many health professional license fees have not been increased since 2002. Lind shared the current fee structure for all Boards.

Lind reported that there more than 6,500 Veterinarians and Veterinarian Technicians currently licensed in the State of Michigan.

Lind distributed "Standards of Conduct" forms to the new Board members to review and keep in their Board files.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

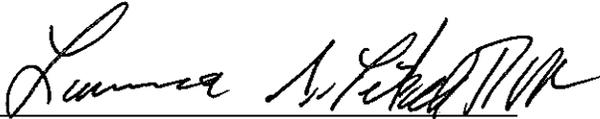
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

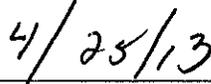
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 1, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

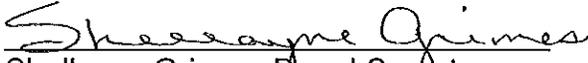
MOTION by Kim, seconded by Thorp-Stout, to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m.



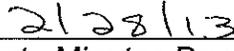
Lawrence Letsche, DVM, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Shellayne Grimes, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared