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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2012

### 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 October 25, 2012 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, 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  
Carlene Allen, Public Member (arrived at 1:36 p.m.)  
Kim Beattie, Public Member (arrived at 1:36 p.m.)  
Charlotte Kim, DVM  
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, LVT  
Colleen Thorp-Stout, DVM  
Renee Werth, Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Steven Halstead, DVM, MS, *Ex-Officio* Member  
Nancy C. Postorino Reeves, DVM

**Staff Present:**

Christine Hanson, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Adryne Boynton, Licensing Operations, Health Licensing Division  
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General  
Pam Millben, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Ann Ward-Fuchs, Administrative Law Specialist, Health Regulatory Division  
Laury Brown, Enforcement Section, Health Regulatory Division

**Others Present:**

Karlene Belyea, Michigan Veterinary Medicine Association

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## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Rohwer, seconded by Werth, to approve the June 28, 2012, meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Stout, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Under **New Business**; Item D, Discussion of Veterinary Cases and Contact of Board Members from Outside Sources.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAM COMMITTEE**

Rohwer reported that there will be a Committee meeting following today's meeting.

### **ALLEGATION REVIEW REPORT**

Letsche reported that 15 additional allegations have been received since the last Board meeting.

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

### **Reciprocity Agreements under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact**

This matter will be deferred to the December Board meeting.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Report on AAVSB National Meeting**

Letsche reported that he attended the AAVSB meeting held September 13-15, 2012 in Seattle, WA. He provided a written report and highlighted on the same. See Addendum #1

### **Discussion on Legality of Diagnostic Testing**

Letsche distributed a copy of the AAVSB's 2012 Member Board Profile Survey relating to the legality of diagnostic testing and provided a summary of Michigan's requirements. He asked that Board members keep this information for discussion at the December Board meeting.

### **Department Update**

Lind informed that the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs created the Bureau of Health Care Services, combining the current Bureaus known as Health Professions and Health Systems. The transition will occur over the next several weeks and she will keep the Board members apprised of the progress.

### **Discussion of Veterinary Cases and Contact of Board Members from Outside Sources**

Letsche informed that several Board members have been contacted by outside sources regarding regulatory cases. He reminded Board members that the allegation and investigative process is confidential and cautioned members to be extremely careful when responding to inquiries on ongoing cases. He also reminded Board members to direct inquiries from the media to the Bureau for appropriate response.

Smith reminded Board members to recuse themselves from voting on matters where they have personal knowledge.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Donna Huffman Simons, DVM – Petition for Reinstatement**

Allen and Stout recused themselves from this matter.

*MOTION* by Rohwer, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to grant Petitioner a limited license for a period of two (2) years with the following terms and conditions in the matter of Donna Huffman Simons, DVM.

- 1) Petitioner shall not own or operate her own veterinarian clinic.
- 2) Petitioner shall be employed by and supervised by direct, on-site supervisor who is a licensed Veterinarian and shall be pre-approved by the Board chairperson or designee.
- 3) Supervisor shall submit quarterly supervisory reports.

Petitioner shall apply for reclassification.

Petitioner shall be placed on concurrent probation with the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Petitioner shall complete ten (10) hours of continuing education in the area of surgical technique. This course shall be in person and pre-approved by the Board chairperson or designee. This course shall not count toward license renewal.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Rohwer, McMahon-Pelton, Kim, Werth, Beattie, Letsche

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karlene Belyea stated that MVMA is working with the Governor's office to further legislation to require continuing education requirements for the profession.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

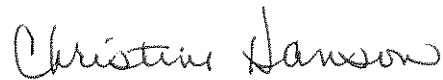
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 19, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

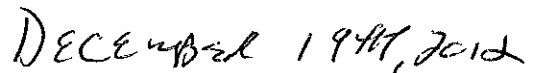
*MOTION* by Werth, seconded by Beattie, to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.



Lawrence Letsche, DVM, Chairperson



Christine Hanson, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Approved



Date Minutes Prepared

UPDATE FROM AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY STATE BOARDS  
ANNUAL MEETING- SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
SEPTEMBER 13-15TH, 2012

I attended meeting as voting delegate for State of Michigan. Voting was for new officers and by law amendments. There were voting members from 38 states and territories and 4 Canadian provinces.

Updates on Four Major Functions of AAVSB-

A. VTNE- Veterinary Tech. National Exam-

Exam is written and reviewed by two different groups of veterinary professionals. Exam was new and updated on July 18th, 2012. A new exam format is coming in July/August 2013. Increased areas of concentrations from 7 to 9. Adding areas of emergency/critical care and pain management. Expanding areas of animal care and anesthesia. Pictures and Slides have been added to exam. So far 28,000 people have or will take exam. VTNE committees state that exam is current for entry level vet. techs.

B. PAVE- Program for Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence-

Assessment is done for foreign vet. college graduates to obtain licenses in U.S. Now recognized in 38 states. Four new states in 2011 including Michigan. Florida coming on board in 2012. Only 36 new applications in 2012. There were 194 applications in 2011. The decrease has been due to AVMA accreditation of more foreign schools.

C. RACE- Registry of Approved Continuing Education-

Committee sets standards for continuing education programs in U.S. Committee reviews and accepts C.E. proposals for approval. There are currently over 9700 approvals and 1000 applications pending.

D. VIVA- Veterinary Information Verifying Agency-

Organization for veterinary professionals and state boards to verify credentials and licenses for veterinarians and vet. techs.

Topics and Seminars covered in Meeting included continuing education, social media, veterinary education, National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, monitoring impaired professionals, stress and substance abuse, sanctioning and legal cases.

Next Years meeting is in Kansas City on September 19-21, 2013.

Submitted by Larry Letsche