

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 14, 2000**

President Kenneth Padgett, D.V.M., called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 8:00 A.M. Others in attendance were Board members Drs. David Brooks, George Edwards, Joseph Gordon, Herbert Justus, Amy Lewis and Mrs. Nellie Jones. The Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey were also present.

The Executive Director read the minutes of the November 5, 1999, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Edwards, the minutes were approved as corrected.

The Executive Director reported that the Board's security system has been installed but some minor connections still need to be made. It is anticipated that the final hook up will be completed within two weeks.

The Executive Director reported that Dr. Guy Beretich successfully passed the Small Animal Disciplinary Exam as required by his Consent Order with the Board.

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The Executive Director reported that the National Board Examination Committee is currently reviewing the National Disciplinary Exams and in all likelihood the availability of the exam will change in the near future.

Mr. Hearn reported on the status of the Board's lease. Dr. Gordon made a motion for the Board to enter into a new lease for the current office space for a three-year period. The lease should contain a clause that would allow the Board to withdraw from the lease given a six months notice. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hearn reported on the status of Ms. Keltz's Petition for Judicial Review. The matter will be heard in Wake County Superior Court sometime in February.

Dr. Lewis reported on her meeting with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association's Executive Board concerning Allied Health Care.

Dr. Gordon made a motion the Board establish a policy regarding a veterinarians responsibility for therapy and diagnostics of Allied Health Care professional working under their direction. Dr. Justus seconded the motion.

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Following further discussion, Dr. Gordon withdrew his motion. Mr. Hearn is to report back to the Board at the next meeting concerning the possibility of having a rule developed.

The Board reviewed the letter from M. Ross Oglesbee, Esquire, concerning Richard Gregory Burkett, D.V.M. and his use of the term veterinarian. Dr. Gordon made a motion to respond to her, validating her concern, but stating this is not a public health consideration of the Board and the General Statutes allow him to work on his own animals. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the new contract for the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam with the National Board Examination Committee. Dr. Lewis made a motion to accept the contract with Mr. Hearn's amendments and have the Board collect payment for the exam as the contract allows. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Executive Director distributed a financial report to the members of the Board. Dr. Lewis made a motion to approve the report. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Board was adjourned at 10.50 a.m. for a ten minute break.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Lewis made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), to discuss current and future employment compensation. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 11:05 a.m., the Board entered into closed session.

The regular session of the Board Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

The Personnel Committee reported on the actions taken during the closed session regarding personnel.

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The Board instructed the Executive Director to purchase a digital camera and fax machine for the new Practice Facility Inspector, Dr. Benjamin S. Turner.

Dr. Gordon made a motion that the current schedule for practice facility inspections be changed. Following the opening or change of ownership of a practice facility, the next inspection will be at the end of one year with all further inspections being at a two-year interval. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

99028-1-1 Dr. Karol L. Troyer, (Complaint of Ms. Nancy S. Lowry) – Dismissed, No Probable Cause.

99037-1-1 Dr. Claire F. Hohenwarter, (Complaint of Ms. B. Sue Thomas) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

Dr. Brooks made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations Number 1 report. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

- 99025-1-7 Dr. George D. Davis, III, (Complaint of Ms. Tammy L. Edwards) – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 99036-1-7 Dr. Charlene Armstrong & Dr. Virginia Nicholls Young, (Complaint of Ms. Marcia S. Brooks) – The portion of the complaint against Dr. Armstrong was dismissed, as she was not actively involved in the treatment of the animal. Disciplinary action against Dr. Young, Letter of Caution.
- 99038-1-7 Dr. Lori Ann Norelli (Complaint of Ms. Jeanne York) – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 99040-1-7 Dr. Wendy Alphin Jones (Complaint of Mr. Douglas D. Kendrick) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations Number 7 report. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the request of Dr. Donald J. Meuten for an exemption from retaking the Clinical Competency Test based on his diplomate status with the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. R. John Amos for the approval of an educational web site. Dr. Lewis made a motion to deny the request on the basis that the Board does not approve or disapprove or sanction web sites. The motion was seconded by Dr. Justus. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request of Ms. Alice Whitelaw, registered veterinary technician in the State of North Carolina, concerning her method of earning continuing education. Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve her request given this unique situation but that future continuing education be limited to three hours of one on one training or three hours of computer based or video training. The remaining hours of continuing education will

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have to be obtained by attending other conferences. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Padgett made a motion that the remaining five hours of continuing education necessary for the renewal of Dr. John R. Puette license renewal be waived as a result of his diagnosis with Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Lauren V. Powers concerning Dr. Daniel Bossut. The Executive Director is to inform her that there is no change to the Board previous decision, but the Board continues to investigate alternative medicine and licensure.

The Executive Director reviewed the results of the December, National Board Exam and Clinical Competency Test. No further action was taken.

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On a motion by Dr. Justus, seconded by Dr. Edwards, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The members of the Board directed the Executive Director to investigate the possibility of the Board developing an Internet web site.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Dr. Justus and seconded by Dr. Edwards at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director