

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 17, 2019**

At 8:06 a.m., President William K. Dean, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board which was held at the North Carolina State University-College of Veterinary Medicine. Present were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Susan Bull, Kim Gemeinhardt, Douglas Meckes, Ronald Komich, Azure Holland, and Robin Lazaro, RVT, and Mrs. Krissie Newman. Also, present were Board Attorney, George Hearn, and Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler, Jeffrey Tyrrell, out-going NCSU-CVM student liaison to the Board, and Elisa Meier, new NCSU-CVM student liaison.

Dr. Dean reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Ethics Commission's statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. He also reviewed G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

The following guests were introduced: Steven Marks, BVSc, Associate Dean, North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ed Faulkner, DVM, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA), Claire Holley, Executive

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Director, NCVMA, and Natalie Young, PharmD and Director of Realo Veterinary Pharmacy.

Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO of NCPHP, gave an updated report on participants in their program. Dr. Jordan announced that the NCPHP has a new online application for screening schedules and meeting locations for clients. Dr. Jordan is still working on making a video on Substance Abuse available for continuing education for the 2020 renewal cycle for veterinarians and technicians. Security, validation of people viewing the presentation are among the factors still to be addressed.

The November 8, 2018 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Komich, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, moved to approve the November 8 2018 Board minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Meckes updated the Board about concerns with African Swine Fever. North Carolina is preparing exercises for this potential disaster.

On December 6, 2019, Dr. Meckes, Dr. Patricia Norris, and two attorneys for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer

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Services, met with Dr. Schadler, Mrs. Newman, and Mr. Hearn to discuss potential amendments to the department's administrative rules regarding inspection of animal shelters which could permit Board inspectors to inspect and approve areas in the shelters specifically designated for spays, neuters, and possible other surgeries.

The committee working on Facility Permits will have an update in approximately two weeks. It was discussed that the Board will contact Senator Rabon to seek his advice regarding the best way to secure amendments to the Veterinary Practice, including the proposed new definition of "impairment". Dr. Komich and Dr. Holland are still working toward finalizing language for Telehealth/Telemedicine.

Mr. Hearn completed 54 closing letters and consent orders for complaints in 2018.

Jeffrey Tyrrell assisted Robin Lazaro, RVT in selecting his successor, Elisa Meier, as the Student Liaison from North Carolina State University – College of Veterinary Medicine (NCSU-CVM). Elisa will continue to reach

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out to all students and coordinate a lunch at the school with a speaker. Elisa was invited to attend the AAVSB meeting, September 26-28, 2019, which is to be held in St. Louis.

Dr. Schadler gave an update on licensing activities and the financial report. The continuing education audit for renewals is going well. The new online testing program began on January 2, 2019, and we have had a few difficulties, but these are being addressed.

Dr. Schadler had a meeting with Liz Hale, from the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents. They discussed increasing liability coverage for the Board, the inspectors' coverage while traveling for inspections, and Board member travel coverage.

Dr. Schadler reported that he has three auditors working on proposed bids to provide audit services for the Board.

Dr. Schadler reported that Suite 105 has been cleaned to enhance the sale of that property. Recent improvements in Suite 106 have been the installment of desk risers for the staff's desks, enabling them to work comfortably either sitting or standing.

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Dr. Schadler reminded the Board that if anyone wants to be considered for the AAVSB, the NCVMB will have to nominate them. Dr. Gemeinhardt would like to be nominated for Treasurer and Dr. Schadler for the Board of Directors.

Dr. Gemeinhardt gave a brief report from the AAVSB Board Meeting: Canada is working on consistency of disciplinary actions; attendees were alerted to beware of Linked-In scams; medical records need to be more detailed; there were questions and a discussion presented concerning confidentiality of patient records.

At 9:45 a.m. Dr. David Marshall, Chief Inspector, gave an updated report. The inspectors completed all assigned 2018 inspections. They inspected 190 facilities since the last Board meeting. The inspectors will have a meeting during the next Board meeting on March 14, 2019. Dr. Marshall stated there is a trend toward new practices and changes of ownership. The Board would like Mrs. Newman to recommend that the AAVSB present our online inspection process at their 2019 annual meeting.

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There was a discussion about hiring an investigator for the Board. Hiring on a case-by-case basis was deemed best at present. Dr. Schadler will investigate further.

The letter to “Facilities Providing Limited Veterinary Services” concerning verbiage on their posted signs was discussed. Dr. Dean appointed a committee of himself, Dr. Holland, Dr. Marshall, Dr. Bull, Dr. Gemeinhardt, and Mr. Hearn to study the issues.

The Board took a break at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Meckes to go into a closed session, pursuant to G.S. §143-218.11(a)(6). The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:45 a.m. the Board returned to its open meeting. Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion to ratify personnel decisions from the closed session. Dr. Holland seconded the motion which, was approved unanimously.

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Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Komich, made a motion to purchase iPads for all Board members for Board-only business and correspondence. The Board approved with two opposed.

A request from NCVMA for information on new licensees with contact information was discussed. The Board will ask ThoughtSpan if it can create a report for this information.

At 12:30 p.m., the Board took a brief break for lunch and the meeting continued during a working lunch.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

- a. 2018038-1 Amelia Hamilton Huff, DVM and Ellyn Dzenski Gouldin, DVM (Carolina Veterinary Specialists) – James J. Batley, MD – Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- b. 2018043-1 Vivian Shereen Cash, DVM (The Cottage Animal Clinic) – Ms. Michele Moore – Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- c. 2018045-1 Martin Nathan Granick, DVM; Bailey Elizabeth Brame, DVM; Thomas Joseph McEntegart, DVM; Sarah Elizabeth Musulin,

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DVM (NCSU-CVM) – Ms. Sandra Clarke – Dismissed, No Probable Cause

- d. 2018042-1 Daniel Henry Johnson, DVM (Avian & Exotic Animal Care)
– Dustin Couture & Tara Gardiner – Continued

Dr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Robin Lazaro, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1. The report from Committee 1 was approved unanimously.

At 1:45 p.m., Committee on Investigations No. 7 took a five-minute break to discuss complaint 2018037-7.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

- a. 2018037-7 Natalie Morris Shelton, DVM (Neuse Veterinary Clinic) – Mr. William Biddle and Mrs. Lynn Biddle – Letter of Caution and Letter of Reprimand. Regarding the Letter of Reprimand, upon motion by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the Board voted unanimously to impose a Civil Monetary penalty of \$500, pursuant to G.S. § 90-187.8 (b)(1) and (5); and to require that she complete five hours of continuing education credits in the area of analgesics and anesthetics by December 15, 2019. These CE credits are to be in addition to the 20 credit hours required for license renewal for 2020.

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- b. 2018041-7 Heather Renee Rubi, DVM (Veterinary Referral Hospital of Hickory) – Mr. Robert and Mrs. Brenda Hefner – Letter of Caution
- c. 2018040-7 Robbins L. Miller, DVM (Riverview Animal Hospital) – Mrs. Sandra Pennie Ann Foster – Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- d. 2018044-7 Derrich Alexander Phillips, DVM (Long Animal Hospital & Emergency) – Ms. Angela Mincolla – Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- e. 2018047-7 Matthew Eric Braun, DVM; Stephanie Loughlin Bedwell, DVM; Steven Michael Cogar, DVM (Carolina Veterinary Specialists Referral Animal Hospital Winston-Salem) – Ms. Louise A. Pecevich –
Continued

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Newman, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 7. The report from Committee 7 was approved unanimously.

Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Bull, made a motion to approve expenses. It was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Mrs. Lazaro, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director