

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, November 13, 2014**

At 8:00 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. William K. Dean, Susan K. Bull, Robert Douglas Meckes and Jane A. Barber; and Jonathan S. Loftis, R.V.T. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

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

On motion by Dr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the minutes for the August 28, 2014, Board meeting were approved.

Dr. Gemeinhardt welcomed R. Douglas Meckes, DVM, who replaced David T. Marshall, DVM as the new North Carolina State Veterinarian. He has been appointed to the Board by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Ms. Katie O. Morgan joined the meeting.

Dr. Gemeinhardt introduced to the Board a new employee, Ms. Emily Kremer. She has taken the place of Kimberly Wade as the new Practice Facility Coordinator and Corporations Coordinator.

In the presence of the Board staff, Dr. Gemeinhardt recognized their work and thanked them for their efforts.

Dr. Dwight E. Cochran joined the meeting.

At 8:12 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the NCVHP since the last Board meeting. Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

A report was given by the Board Investigator of the activities since the last meeting.

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The Board discussed the material from Stacey Hathaway, RVT concerning her proposal to the Board about updating the Veterinary Practice Act to further define the roll of registered veterinary technicians and assistants.

At 8:39 a.m., the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

A discussion was held to review the Appalachian Care Medical Mission a U.S. Army Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) event, that took place in the communities of Bryson City, Murphy, and the surrounding region between June 2 and June 12, 2014.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported on the American Association of Veterinary State Boards meeting held on September 11-13, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Florida and the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards meeting held in Annapolis, Maryland on October 2-5, 2014.

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Dr. Gemeinhardt asked permission to serve on the AAVSB board. Dr. Bull made a motion recommending Dr. Gemeinhardt be nominated by the Board to the Executive Board of the American Association of Veterinary State Board, seconded by Dr. Cochran. The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Bull would like to be considered to attend the AAVSB meeting next year in September 2015.

At 9:45 a.m. the Board recessed for a break and resumed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Stacey Hathaway, RVT; Beckie Mossor, RVT; Stephanie Parker, RVT; and Kristin Callis, RVT joined the meeting. Ms. Hathaway presented a proposal to enhance the Veterinary Practice Act concerning Registered Veterinary Technicians. They left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board recessed for a short break reconvening at 11:02 a.m.

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Major Gary L. Andrews joined the meeting to give the Board an understanding and purpose of the U.S. Army Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) event that took place in the communities of Bryson City, Murphy, and the surrounding region between June 2 and June 12, 2014. He informed the Board that May 1, 2015, is the application deadline for 2017 IRT programs. Major Andrews left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch and resumed the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Mickey reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the last Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed with him.

At 1:45 p.m., the Board recessed for a short break reconvening at 1:55 p.m.

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The Board set the meeting dates for 2015. The Board will be meeting January 23; March 27; May 21; July 23 October 8; and December 3.

At 2:30 p.m., Mr. Mickey gave a synopsis of N.C. State Auditor's Report to the Board. The Board discussed the three issues in the findings of the report. The Board discussed the posting of complaint closing letters on the internet as discussed in the report. The Board will continue the discussion at its January meeting.

The Board reviewed the letter from Mr. Mark Cushing requesting that the NAVC, Western Veterinary Conference, and CVC organizations be added as acceptable organizations to 21 NCAC 66 .0206 (4). A motion was made by Mr. Loftis to have Mr. Mickey explain that these organizations meet the requirement of "such as seminars" required by the Rule. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Mickey presented the amendment to 21 NCAC 66 .0108, (Fees) as published in the North Carolina Register. Mr. Loftis made a motion to

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approve the amendment. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Mickey presented some technical corrections to The Veterinary Practice Action that would require legislative action. Dr. Barber made a motion to approve the language as presented. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

At 3:15 p.m. the Board took a break and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt appointed Dr. Dean to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Investigations No. 2.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014002-3 **Courtney Lynn Barnes (Gray), RVT** – (Healthy Paws
Animal Hospital of Brier Creek & Wake Forest) – Dr.
Dawn Lanza – Continued.

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- 2014014-2 **Rebecca Ann Tudor, DVM** – (Tarheel Veterinary Surgical Specialists) and **Maria Elisa Serrano, DVM** (Banfield Pet Hospital) – Mr. Mark VanHouten – Letter of Caution for Dr. Tudor. The portion of the complaint against Dr. Serrano is continued.
- 2014023-2 **Shana Candice Silverstein, DVM** (Bowman Animal Clinic) – Mr. John L. Franklin – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 2014011-2 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** – (North Wake Animal Hospital) – Dr. Justin Church – Continued.
- 2014016-2 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** – (North Wake Animal Hospital) – Mr. Glenn Voisine – Continued.
- 2014017-2 **Ryan Alexander Thames, DVM** – (CareFirst Animal Hospital at Falls Pointe) – Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Dominique Parrish – Withdrawal, no probable cause.
- 2014035-2 **Thomas S. Redding, III, DVM** – (Tri-County Veterinary Service) – Ms. Mary Longhill – Letter of Reprimand.

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2014037-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** – (Affordable Animal Care Spay Neuter Clinic) – Mr. Blake Barrington – Continued.

2014038-2 **Frederick J. Knowles, DVM and Natalie Morris Shelton, DVM** – (Neuse Veterinary Clinic) – Ms. Ann Frye – No probable cause for Dr. Knowles; letter of reprimand for Dr. Shelton.

Mr. Loftis made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 2. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 9

2014024-9 **Brent W. Crutchfield, DVM** – (North Mecklenburg Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kristine Nelson – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2014018-9 **Danny Jay Taylor, DVM** – (Outer Banks Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Kyla Goodwin – Letter of Reprimand.

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2014029-9 **Richard Lannis Brinegar, DVM** – (Animal Ark Veterinary Hospital of Elkin) – Ms. Joyce Ann Wright – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2014030-9 **Crystal Lee Leath, DVM** – (Hopkins Road Animal Hospital) – Ms. Felecia Atkins – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2014012-9 **Barry Thomas George, DVM** – (Archdale Animal Hospital) – Ms. Deborah Proffitt – Letter of Reprimand.

2014019-9 **Charles Bocholis, DVM** – (Abri Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. LaToya Bailey – Letter of Reprimand.

2014032-9 **David Vafek, DVM** – (Vet Ref. Hospital of Hickory) and **Alison Marie Reed, DVM** – (Lake Hickory Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Jay Curtis – Continued.

2014033-9 **Carrie Dianne Edgerton, DVM** – (Griffin Exotics) – Ms. Marcia Wright – Withdrawn.

Dr. Gemeinhardt recused herself from voting on complaint 2014029-

9. Dr. Dean made a motion to accept the report of Committee on

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Investigations No. 9. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cochran to approve expenses. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director