

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 15, 2018**

At 8:15 a.m., President William K. Dean, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. Present were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Jane Barber, Susan Bull, Kim Gemeinhardt, Douglas Meckes, Ronald Komich, and Robin Lazaro, RVT, and Mrs. Krissie Newman. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn and Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler, and Jeffrey Tyrrell, NCSU-CVM student liaison to the Board.

Dr. Dean reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' 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: Kim Lewis, RVT, Jennah Bosch, RVT, Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO of North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP), and Mr. Doug Brocker, Counsel for NCPHP.

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The January 18, 2018 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Dean, moved to approve the January 18, 2018 Board minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Dean called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jonathan Loftis, former Board member, who passed away two years ago.

Dr. Joseph Jordan, of NCPHP, gave an updated report on the status of participants in the program. He continues to give presentations at conferences.

Mr. Doug Brocker, Counsel for NCPHP, who is experienced in working with other licensing boards, gave insight to the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (NCVMB) members concerning mental health and cognitive impairment. The Board is considering adding that aspect to the Practice Act.

Dr. Schadler will give the Board sample language to add mental health to the Practice Act at the next meeting. Dr. Schadler asked permission from the Board to check into using “Webcrawler” to do background checks. The Board agreed.

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Dr. Jordan and Mr. Brocker left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Jeffrey Tyrrell gave an updated report on activities with students and faculty. Mr. Tyrrell proposed that the Board sponsor lunches about becoming a licensed veterinarian at North Carolina State University – College of Veterinary Medicine. Mr. Tyrrell was seeking \$200-\$250 per event. Dr. Meckes volunteered to be the first speaker.

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion to approve \$250 per semester for the lunch-time events at NCSU-CVM, seconded by Mrs. Krissie Newman. It was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tyrrell suggested for future student activities that he will invite them to attend Board Meetings. The Board suggested that he target the class of 2018.

At 9:50 a.m. the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

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Dr. Meckes gave a report on the new NCDA&CS diagnostics lab being built. He is anticipating ground breaking either in April or May 2018, and for actual construction to begin in the Fall of 2018.

An update on the World Equestrian Games (September 12-23, 2018) in Tryon, NC was given by Dr. Meckes. There will be a dry run for Trials April 24-25, 2018. The games still need more veterinary volunteers. Legislation is being proposed to eliminate temporary veterinary permit fees for out-of-state veterinarians during the time period of the World Equestrian Games.

There are still concerns with GenX and the water quality in the Cape Fear River and ponds, lakes, wells and other water supplies in the general area of the river.

The Legislative Committee, Dr. Barber, Dr. Gemeinhardt, Dr. Schadler and Mr. Hearn gave a report. They went over the proposed definitions of immediate, direct, and indirect supervision for registered veterinary technicians. The Committee has decided to change the term “Premise Permits” to “Facility Permits” in their ongoing work to propose changes to the Practice Act.

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Mr. Hearn reminded Board members that April 15, 2018 is the deadline to file Statement of Economic Interest. Mr. Hearn reported that he has completed eleven closing letters. There is still a concern and continuing evaluation about tax designation of per diem and reimbursements to Board members.

Robin Lazaro, RVT made a motion to approve payment of \$4,500, to secure as a client of Young Moore law firm a tax research report on the tax designation issue. Dr. Meckes seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Dr. David Marshall, Chief Inspector, gave a report. He is working on cleaning up dates for facility inspections. The Inspector's Manual is being updated to give more clarification to the violation section. Dr. Marshall is researching different forms from hospitals that have overnight hospitalization of critical animals.

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At 12:25 p.m. Dr. Gemeinhardt moved to go into a closed session during the lunch break, pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(6), concerning personnel issues. This was seconded by Dr. Komich and approved unanimously.

At 1:00 p.m. Dr. Barber made a motion to return from closed session, seconded by Mrs. Lazaro. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Bull made a motion to act on what was discussed during the closed session. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, was passed unanimously.

Dr. Tod Schadler, Executive Director, gave an update on activities and finances. He informed the Board they have liability insurance and he is looking into the non-owned auto insurance to expand to Board members. Dr. Schadler also reported that the Board now has cyber-insurance. On March 23, 2018, the Board office will install a new phone system.

Keith West will be starting on March 19, 2018 as the new Facility/Corporation Coordinator.

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards has SPA (State Provincial Assessments) online testing or paper jurisprudence exams for

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Boards. They can be proctored or non-proctored. He still is investigating as to the cost of individual applicants.

Dr. Schadler has been asked to be a representative at AAVSB's International Council for Veterinary Assessment meeting April 9-11, 2018.

Dr. Dean selected a nominating committee for Board officers that will be voted on at the next meeting. The nominating committee is Dr. Barber, Dr. Meckes and Mrs. Krissie Newman.

There is a change to the NCPHP committee in which Dr. Dean and Dr. Barber will be replaced with Dr. Komich and Mrs. Krissie Newman.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

2017054-1 **Tracy Whittaker Land, DVM** (Tri-State Spay/Neuter Clinic) – Mr. Evan Crisp – Letter of Reprimand

2017059-1 **Enid Espinosa-Walker, DVM** (Countryside Animal Hospital) – Ms. Joyce Scott – No Probable Cause / Dismissed

2017057-1 **John H. Isaacs, DVM** (Quail Corners Animal Hospital) – Ms. Twyla Stamps McGovern – No Probable Cause / Dismissed

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

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

2017051-1 **Steven A. Walker, DVM** (Countryside Animal Hospital) – Ms. Jean Wiggs – Continued

2017053-1 **Jami Nichole George, DVM** (Brigadoon Animal Hospital) – Mr. Marshall Williams – No Probable Cause / Dismissed

2017055-7 **Richard Johnson Hawkes, DVM** (Arendell Animal Hospital) – Ms. Jocelin A. Alves – Letter of Caution

2017056-7 **Jennifer Foshee Hanes, DVM** (Piedmont Animal Emergency & Referral Center) – Ms. Moressa Wagner – Continued

2017058-7 **William Kent Dean, DVM** (Southern Oaks Animal Hospital) – Mr. Randall L. Scales – Letter of Caution

Mrs. Krissie Newman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 7. Dr. Dean

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recused himself from the discussion and vote on Complaint 2017058-7. The report from Committee 7 was approved.

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

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Dr. Komich, seconded by Dr. Barber, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director