

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, May 17, 2018**

At 8:08 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.

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: Anne Myers, RVT, Jennifer Shults, DVM, Vice President of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA), Tom Kuhn, DVM, Immediate Past President of NCVMA, Claire Holley, Executive Director, NCVMA, Jon Carr, Attorney for NCVMA, and Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO of North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP).

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Dr. Joseph Jordan gave an updated report on the status of participants in the program. Due to the State audit done in 2014 of the NCPHP, they had an independent audit done in 2017. This audit revealed that they have complied with all recommendations from the 2014 audit. Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

The March 15, 2018 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, moved to approve the March 15, 2018 Board minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Schadler asked the Board to approve discontinuing the Bank of America business credit card and obtaining a new one from Fidelity Bank. Dr. Gemeinhardt moved to discontinue the Bank of America credit card and replace it with one from Fidelity Bank. Dr. Bull seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Dr. Meckes gave an update on the World Equestrian Games (WEG). The trials conducted on April 24-25, 2018 went well. The hospital has not

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yet been constructed on-site for WEG and there is still no housing for volunteers.

There have been no more reports concerning Extension Agriculture Agents performing veterinary services.

At 8:45 a.m., Dr. Barber from the Legislative Committee reported on the progress of drafts for Practice Facility Permits and Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics. Jon Carr, Attorney for the NCVMA, presented several questions and concerns and different aspects of the proposed Practice Facility Permit language.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board took a break and reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

Mr. Hearn reported that the Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee has proposed a bill which would standardize accounting and fiscal year endings for all regulatory boards.

At 10:20 a.m., Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to go into a closed session, pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(3), concerning

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communications subject to attorney-client privilege. This motion passed unanimously.

At 11:44 a.m., Dr. Bull made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. Motion approved.

At 11:45 a.m., Dr. Marshall, Chief Inspector, gave an updated report. He announced that Dr. Schmid was leaving employment with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board as of June 30, 2018. There is currently an ongoing search for a replacement.

There will be a realignment of counties assigned to the inspectors for facility inspections. There will be a meeting on June 20, 2018 with Mike Callan, a DEA Enforcement Officer, to discuss record keeping requirements of controlled drugs.

Mobile clinic inspections have been conducted this month by Dr. Marshall, and next month Dr. Schmid will conduct two mobile clinic inspections. Dr. Marshall gave glowing commendations to Keith West, the new Facilities/Corporations Administrator, on the job he is doing for the Inspectors.

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At 12:10 p.m. the Board took a working lunch break.

Dr. Schadler presented the financial report to the Board. He also presented research on a web-based criminal background monitoring services. Dr. Schadler will look into other web-based services.

Dr. Schadler presented information about the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' (AAVSB) State & Provincial Assessments (SPA) services for jurisprudence examinations that can be administered online. Robin Lazaro, RVT made a motion to adopt AAVSB's SPA program to replace the on-site jurisprudence exams given at the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Bull moved to approve Dr. Christie Hall's renewal, which was seconded by Dr. Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Schadler presented a proposed draft of the definition of veterinary impairment. Dr. Dean gave the Legislative Committee direction to work on this definition so that it may be included in the Practice Act in the future.

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An Application for Temporary Emergency License form was presented to the Board by Dr. Schadler for approval. Dr. Meckes was going to look into agreements already in place by the State.

Mr. Jeffrey Tyrrell's report on activities with NCSU-CVM students and faculty was given in his absence. A North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (NCVMB) sponsored event will take place this fall. Dr. Bull suggested that one of the Board meetings should be held at NCSU-CVM. The Board will see if the January 2019 meeting would fit with the school's schedule.

The Board approved of replacing the office chairs at the NCVMB.

There was a discussion of the Board members using iPads for Board emails and other confidential materials and documents for security purposes.

For the upcoming AAVSB annual meeting September 13-15, 2018, held in Washington, DC, the following will be attending: Dr. Gemeinhardt, Dr. Bull, Dr. Schadler, Mr. Jeffrey Tyrrell, Mrs. Krissie Newman, and Janice

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Schoew, Office Manager at NCVMB. Everyone's travel and lodging expenses will be covered by AAVSB except for Ms. Schoew. Dr. Barber has not made a decision if she will attend.

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion that NCVMB pay for Ms. Schoew's expenses to attend the AAVSB annual meeting in September 2018. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bull and approved unanimously.

At 1:50 p.m. the Nominating Committee gave their report. Dr. Meckes moved to keep the current officers: Dr. Dean, President; Dr. Barber, Vice President; and Dr. Bull, Treasurer for the upcoming year (July 1 through June 30, 2019). Dr. Komich seconded the motion and it was approved.

Claire Holley, Executive Director of NCVMA informed the Board that Kentucky passed a bill requiring a 6% tax on small animal veterinary services. Ms. Holley also stated there has also been a HOPE Act, which is related to the STOP Act, introduced into legislation.

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At 2:05 p.m. the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1**

- a. 2017052-1 Susan Michele Rohrer, DVM (Atlantic Animal Hospital Pet Care Resort) – Ms. Renee Sauer – Dismissed, no probable cause
- b. 2018001-1 Paula Kay Bullock, DVM (Affordable Animal Care) – Mrs. Elizabeth Angell – Hearing to be scheduled
- c. 2018007-1 Christopher Ross Konvalinka, DVM (Bahama Road Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Nita Walker – Dismissed, no probable cause

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Krissie Newman, 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**

- a. 2017051-7 Steven A. Walker, DVM (Countryside Animal Hospital) – Ms. Jean Wiggs - Continued
- b. 2017056-7 Jennifer Foshee Hanes, DVM (Piedmont Animal Emergency & Referral Center) – Ms. Moressa Wagner - Continued

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- c. 2018002-7 Melissanne Dalena, DVM & Elodie Emmanuelle Huguet, DVM (VSH of Cary) – Mr. Kenny & Mrs. Debbie Fowler – Dismissed, no probable cause for both Dr. Dalena and Dr. Huguet
- d. 2017060-7 Laura Marie Theobald, DVM (Banfield Pet Hospital) – Ms. Kimberly Easley Blakely – Letter of caution and 10 additional continuing educational hours in emergency stabilization
- e. 2018005-7 Andrea Grace Watson, DVM (Roanoke Animal Hospital) – Mr. David & Mrs. Sallie Twine – Letter of caution

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

Dr. Gemeinhardt's motion to approve expenses, seconded by Mrs. Krissie Newman, was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Dr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Komich, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tod J. Schadler, DVM  
Executive Director