

**THE OHIO VETERINARY MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2010**

- **Call to Order:**

Dr. James Hearst, President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board called the January 13, 2010 meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. in the Board room located at 77 South High Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

- **Acknowledge Staff, AAG & Guests:**

Dr. Hearst welcomed Linda Heidenreich, Vice President of the OAVT. Dr. Hearst acknowledged the attendance of Theresa Stir, Executive Director, Barry McKew, AAG and Angela Mann, Licensure Coordinator taking minutes for the Board.

- **Roll Call:**

Dr. Lisa Mach, DVM	absent (arrived at 8:41 a.m)
Geoffrey Smith, Public Member	present
Dr. Janet Small, DVM	present
Dr. Darrell Gitz, DVM	present
Dr. James Hearst, DVM	present
Renee Jessen, RVT	present
Dr. Roger Redman, DVM	present

- **December 2009 Minutes Approved:**

Dr. Redman moved to accept the December board meeting minutes as submitted. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **President's Report:**

There was no report from the President.

- **Secretary's Report:**

There was no report from the Secretary.

- **OVMA Liaison:**

There was no report from the OVMA liaison.

- **OAVT Liaison:**

There was no report from the OAVT liaison.

- **Executive Director Report:**

Fiscal - Ms. Stir provided the Board with Q2 FY10-11 Revenue and Expense reports. As of 12/22/09, there was a balance of \$21,142.00 in the Student Veterinary Repayment Program Fund. There will be a transfer of \$20 to the fund as a result of the renewal of veterinarian licenses for the 2nd quarter.

She further explained to the Board that the operating budget is meeting the Board's needs thus far for online renewal expenditures. Ms. Stir anticipates that once the Farm Management Rule is approved, there will be enough funds to cover the costs of reprinting a small supply of new Law and Rules booklets for staff, board members, and those licensees who do not have access to a computer.

Legislative Update – Ms. Stir provided the Board with a table documenting legislative updates of interest to the regulation of veterinary medicine.

Governor's Appointments – Ms. Stir told the Board that she hopes to have information from the Governor's office in February regarding the new appointees.

Student Loan Program – Ms. Stir provided the Board with the progress reports from the 2009 student loan recipients and stated that the reports can be discussed during Old Business.

- **FYI:**

The Board acknowledged the following without comment:

A. AAVSB: Veterinary Regulation News, December 2009

- **Requests for Licensure:**

A. Veterinarians (addendum 1) – Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following requests for veterinarian licenses:

Evanne M. Szabo, DVM; Joseph S. Smith, DVM; Lauren V. Murphy, DVM; Nathan L. Ahlemeyer, DVM; Valerie F. Samii, DVM; Abdurahman G. Albalakousy, DVM; Akram H. Iftikhar, DVM.

Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

B. Registered Veterinary Technicians (addendum 2) – Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following requests for registered veterinary technician licenses:

Amber R. Hersch, RVT; Kristin M. McRoberts, RVT; Joan M. Sicree, RVT; Jessica M. Lynch, RVT; Jaclyn S. Wells, RVT; Christal G. McCray, RVT; Susan Zumberger, RVT.

Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

C. Limited Licenses (addendum 3) – Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following requests for limited licenses:

Matthew D. Winter, DVM; Elizabeth A. Lutz, DVM; Matthew S. Cannon, DVM; David J. Reese, RVT.

Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

• **Consideration of:**

A. 09-10-077, Beatrice Turk, DVM – The Board acknowledged the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing.

{Dr. Mach arrived at 8:41 a.m.}

B. Ms. Stir provided the Board with information from another State Board showing that they have taken disciplinary action against an Ohio licensed veterinarian. Dr. Gitz moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

Dr. Mach moved to go into Executive Session at 8:48 a.m. to discuss Assistant Attorney General Reports and Investigative Reports. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

Dr. Hearst announced the Board meeting back in public session at 9:29 a.m.

• **Assistant Attorney General Report:**

A. 09-09-035, Jamie Lindstrom, DVM – Dr. Redman moved to accept the Settlement Agreement. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Investigative Reports:**

A. 09-10-069, complainant Jennifer Day – Ms. Jessen moved to table the case and directed Ms. Stir to seek additional information through investigation. Dr. Mach seconded the motion. Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Public Participation:**

Ms. Stir introduced Dr. Laurie Schulze, DVM and explained that she has requested to address the Board regarding animal aid duties.

Dr. Schulze began by thanking the Board for allowing her to speak. She introduced herself and stated that she works in a Shelter setting. She asked the Board if an animal aide, while a veterinarian is in the room, can turn an anesthesia machine up or down. The Board said an animal aide can turn an anesthesia machine up or down at the direction of a veterinarian. However, an animal aide cannot induce the anesthesia. The Board further explained that under the supervision of a veterinarian a veterinary technician can induce the anesthesia, but an animal aide cannot. Dr. Schulze thanked the Board for their time and departed the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

[Break: 9:39 – 9:43 a.m.]

Mr. Smith departed the meeting.

- **New Complaints (no responses yet requested):**

A. 09-10-123, complainant Jean Stigers – Dr. Gitz moved to close the case stating no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

B. 09-10-124, complainant Patricia Bradt – Dr. Redman moved to close the case stating the Board does not have jurisdiction. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

C. 09-10-125, complainant Drs. Thomas Beighlie & Charles Mintzer, DVM – Dr. Mach moved to close the case stating no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Complaint Responses Received:**

A. 09-10-111, complainant Donna Urbaniak – Dr. Gitz left the room prior to discussing this case. Dr. Redman moved to close the case stating no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-abstain, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- B. 09-10-115, complainant Leszek & Ursula Zajac – Ms. Jessen moved to close the case stating no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- C. 09-10-116, complainant Anonymous – Dr. Mach moved to forward the case to the Pharmacy Board. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- D. 09-10-117, complainant Roy & Penny Craft – Ms. Jessen left the room prior to discussing this case. Dr. Gitz moved to close the case stating no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-abstain.
- E. 09-10-119, complainant Keren Ames – Dr. Gitz moved to close the case stating no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

[Break: 10:28 – 10:40 a.m.]

- **Continuing Education Requests - Veterinarians**

Dr. Mach moved to approve the following continuing education requests for veterinarians as follows:

- A. MedVet Associates, Ltd. –
 - 1.) Eyelid Laceration Wetlab: 11/11/09 = 2 hours
 - 2.) Cardiac Hemangiosarcoma: 12/9/09 = 1 hour
- B. Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine –
 - 1.) Feline Infectious Peritonitis: Online = Non-scientific
 - 2.) Renal Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Dogs: Online = Non-scientific
 - 3.) Canine Glaucoma: Online = Non-scientific
 - 4.) Urate Urolithiasis: Online = Non-scientific
 - 5.) Calcium Oxalate Urolithiasis: Online = Non-scientific
 - 6.) Canine Atrial Fibrillation: Online = Non-scientific
- C. Great Lakes Veterinary Specialists – Morning Rounds with the Specialists: 1/27/10, 2/24/10, 3/24/10, 4/28/10, 5/26/10 & 6/23/10 = 1 hour

Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Continuing Education Requests – RVT’s**

Dr. Mach moved to approve the following continuing education requests for veterinarians as follows:

- A. MedVet Associates, Ltd. –
 - 1.) Radiation Oncology: 9/15/09 = 1 hour
 - 2.) Cardiology: Monitoring & Managing Blood Pressures: 11/19/09 = 1 hour

Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Continuing Education Requests – Veterinarians and RVT’s:**

Dr. Mach moved to approve the following continuing education requests for veterinarians as follows:

- A. MedVet Associates, Ltd. – Updates on Diabetes: 12/2/09 = 2 hours
- B. Tier Park Hagenbeck/Elephant Business: The First European Elephant Management School: November 2009 = Hour for Hour
- C. Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica – Diagnosis & Treatment of Feline Diabetes: 12/9/09 = 1 hour
- D. Eastern Ohio Veterinary Medical Association – Stabilizing the Emergent Patient: 1/13/10 = 1.5 hours
- E. Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center – Radiation Therapy: 12/1/09 = 3 hours
- F. Geauga County Veterinary Medical Association - Pain Management: 1/14/10 = 2 hours
- G. American Animal Hospital Association –
 - 1.) Microchipping Works: Best Practices: 11/19/09 = 1 hour
 - 2.) Current Management of Feline & Canine Diabetes: 10/26/09 = 1 hour
 - 3.) Canine Influenza Update: 10/22/09 = 1 hour
 - 4.) Current Treatment of Kidney Disease: 10/27/09 = 1 hour
- H. Stark State College – Feline Lower Urinary Diseases & Obstruction: 2/14/10 = 6 hours
- I. Advanstar Communications Inc. – CVC Convention in Baltimore: 2010 = Hour for Hour

Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Requests for Reconsideration:**

A. 09-10-103, complainant Mark & Cindy Gatgens – By general consensus the Board’s decision stating no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC still stands.

- **Correspondence Received:**

A. The Board reviewed correspondence from Paige Grizer regarding the passage of the Health Care Reform Bill. The Board directed Ms. Stir to inform Ms. Grizer that the Medical Board referred the letter to the Veterinary Medical Board and recommend that she resend her inquiry related to the human medicine legislation to the Medical Board without mentioning the veterinary field.

B. The Board reviewed correspondence from Ray Miskelley requesting that the language in the May 2009 meeting minutes be changed. Ms. Jessen moved to change the meeting minutes to read “member of family” rather than daughter. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Redman-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

C. The Board reviewed correspondence from an anonymous writer asking why veterinarians must be licensed. The Board determined that this correspondence did not require a response.

D. The Board reviewed correspondence from Sarah Shuleva regarding patient monitoring. Ms. Shuleva asked: Is it required by law to have an RVT documenting a patient’s heart rate, respirations and O₂% while under anesthesia during the entire length of a surgery? The Board answered: No.

- **Old Business:**

A. **Farm Management Rule** – Ms. Stir provided the Board with the OVMA drafted rule. She noted her concerns regarding the statement ‘a veterinarian must train an animal owner’ as conflicting with Section 4741.20(A) ORC. The Board agreed. After some discussion, the Board directed Ms. Stir to make their recommended revisions, send the draft to the Board for their review and then forward the proposed rule to the OVMA.

B. **Student Loan Progress Reports** – Ms. Stir provided the Board with the progress reports from the 2009 student loan recipients. The Board reviewed them with no comment.

- **New Business: NONE**

- **Next Board Meeting:**

Dr. Hearst acknowledged that the next Board meeting will be held February 10, 2010, 8:30 a.m. in the Board room located at 77 South High Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

- **Adjournment:** 11:38 a.m.

Dr. James Hearst, President

Date

Attested to by:

Theresa Stir, Esq.
Executive Director