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NDBVME Regular Meeting

North Dakota Heritage Center ~ Bismarck, ND

June 11, 2024

Board members in attendance:

Dr. Tammy Weiand-Ness

Dr. Lindy West

Ms. Janell Morman

Dr. Russell Behm

Ms. Naomi Day

Others in attendance:

Mr. Matthew Menge, Attorney General's Office

Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Secretary

Mr. Jim Penrod, AAVSB CEO (via Zoom)

Dr. Greg Parks, AAVSB Director (via Zoom)

Dr. Troy Dutton, NDVMA representative

Ms. Ashley Hoffman, NDVTA representative

The meeting was called to order at 9am by Dr. Weiand-Ness. All those listed in attendance were present except for Mr. Menge.

Review of continuing education waivers was added to the meeting agenda. Motion by Ms. Morman to approve the amended agenda with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. West to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Behm to approve veterinary licensure for the following individuals with second by Dr. West. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- Vanessa Aschnewitz
- Madison Baumgartner
- Angela Bell
- Cody Boyce

- Jessica Braun
- Anne Brien
- Emily Dorsey
- Shelly Ferris

- Jessica French
- Emma Fryauf
- Erin Gatz
- Jessica Gebert
- Haley Geiger
- Lillian Griffin-Duncan**
- Emily Klatzer
- Gregory Kuhlman
- Nichole Logan
- Elizabeth Millman

- Shari Sandoz
- Codi Schaper
- Paige Schmidt
- David Silliman
- Brooke St. Germain
- Jessica Stephenson
- Krystyna Stoffel
- Jonathan Sumption
- Allison Wieler
- Brittany Wynne

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve veterinary technician licensure for the following individuals with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- Emily Sprunk
- Ariana Brown
- Melissa Beck
- Sydney Batzlaff
- Tracy Bagtas

- Taylor Johnson
- Mikenzi Anderson
- Morgan Sumerfelt
- Mandy Hafner

Continuing education waiver requests were reviewed for the following veterinarians who reported more than the allowed number of technology-based credits. Motion by Dr. Behm to accept the completed continuing education and approve the license renewals with second by Dr. West. Motion passed by roll call vote with Dr. Weiand-Ness voting no and all others voting yes. Dr. Lyons will send a letter informing the licensees that a waiver was allowed but compliance is expected in the future.

- Gregory Adolf
- Beth Reineke
- Susan Lucas
- Lori Dethloff
- Kelly Thorsness

- Doreen Comrie-Bristol
- Kara Schulzetenberg
- Kaitlyn Stanton
- Sarah Davis

Mr. Penrod and Dr. Parks provided an informative presentation about AAVSB and the services that are provided to member boards.

Dr. Lyons reported that surgical records were reviewed for Dr. Kathy Pfingsten for the month of February 2024 in keeping with the settlement agreement. No concerns were found. Surgical records will continue to be requested 2-3 times per year unless otherwise indicated by the board.

Dismissal letters were reviewed for complaints against Heart of Dakota Vet Clinic and Dr. Kirk Johnson.

The draft settlement agreement was reviewed for Dr. Matt Heeb. The settlement has not yet been accepted or signed by Dr. Heeb.

The letters sent by the Attorney General's office to Mr. Keaton Brunelle and Mr. Leighton Brunelle were reviewed. No response was received from either party.

A complaint about unlicensed practice by Dr. Nichole Logan against Mr. Jason Jensen was reviewed. The board felt that the information provided did constitute unlicensed practice. The complaint was tabled until Mr. Menge was present to advise.

Proposed revisions to ND Century Code 43-29 were discussed with input from the NDVMA and NDVTA representatives.

Mr. Menge joined the meeting at 11am.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:46pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30pm.

Discussion continued regarding proposed revisions to ND Century Code 43-29 with input from the NDVMA and NDVTA representatives.

The complaint against Mr. Jensen resumed discussion. The board felt that the following advertised activities by Mr. Jensen constituted the practice of veterinary medicine: ultrasound pregnancy diagnosis, semen evaluation and cycle management (likely using prescription medications). Motion by Dr. Behm that Mr. Menge forwards the complaint to the State's Attorney for prosecution and sends a letter to Mr. Jensen informing him that he is practicing veterinary medicine without a license with second by Dr. West. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing proposed revisions to ND Century Code 43-29 and Administrative Code 87-01 with input from the NDVMA and NDVTA representatives.

Dr. Weiand-Ness' board term ends on June 30, 2024. To continue to have a President serve the board, elections were held at this meeting. Motion by Ms. Morman to nominate Dr. West for President with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A special meeting was scheduled for July 1, 2024 at 12pm to review any additional CE waiver requests. A special meeting was scheduled for July 17, 2024 at 12pm to review draft language for the NDCC and rationale for the changes. Both meetings will be held via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Behm at 3:15pm, with second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Sara Lyons, DVM

NDBVME Executive Secretary

** Dr Griffin-Duncan withdrew her application for licensure on 6-18-24 as she did not have the license requirements completed and no longer needed the license.