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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MARCH 27, 2008 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine met in regular session on March 27, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Henry Vaupel, D.V.M, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

- Members Present:** Kim Beattie, Public Member  
Lawrence A. Letsche, D.V.M.  
Amanda Stitt, Public Member  
Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Vice-Chairperson  
Michelle Kopcha, D.V.M.  
Christopher Rohwer, D.V.M.
- Members Absent:** Steven Halstead, D.V.M., M.S., Ex-Officio Member  
Nancy C. Postorino-Reeves, D.V.M.  
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, L.V.T.
- Staff Present:** Brooke Parmalee, Secretary  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division  
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division  
Lidia McGee, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Merry Rosenberg, Assistant Attorney General
- Others Present:** Patricia O'Handley, D.V.M.  
Edward Liebler, D.V.M.  
Dr. Heaton, D.V.M. – MVMA  
Karlene Belyea – MVMA  
Mary Cerartier

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

**MOTION** by Letsche, seconded by Stitt to approve the January 24, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

**MOTION** by Rohwer, seconded by Stitt to approve the agenda with the following correction:

Under New Business change **B. Dr. Perkowski – Re-Appointment to Health Professional Recovery Program to B. Resolutions.**

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS***

Vaupel explained the make-up of the committees and the following appointments were made:

### **DSC**

Amanda Stitt – Public Member (Chairperson)  
Kim Beattie – Public Member  
Dr. Lawrence Letsche – Professional Member  
Dr. Michelle Kopcha – Professional Member  
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, L.V.T. – Professional Member

Dr. Nancy Postorino-Reeves (Alternate) – Professional Member  
Dr. Christopher Rohwer (Alternate) – Professional Member

### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Dr. Henry Vaupel  
Dr. Lawrence Letsche  
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, L.V.T.  
Dr. Nancy Postorino-Reeves

### **VET TECH COMMITTEE**

Sandra McMahon-Pelton, L.V.T.  
Dr. Michelle Kopcha  
Dr. Christopher Rohwer

Vet Tech Committee will need one more member appointed as Schlesinger has resigned.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Veterinary Technician Exam Committee**

Clark will plan the meeting toward the end of April in Lansing. Every year the committee works on creating new questions. The committee will need to meet at least once before the exam. An email will be sent out to coordinate schedules. The exam is being held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at MSU.

### **B. Rules Committee**

The committee met after the last meeting and looked at going forward with some of the rules they had worked on. A few changes were drafted and the committee will be meeting again after this meeting.

### **C. Allegation Review Report**

There are twelve new cases and several that are ongoing. As the allegations come in, some of the DSC alternates will be asked to review some of them.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Continuing Professional Development**

Ramsdell explained the topic for the new members of the board and stated that there is no new information at this time. Vaupel stated that the board would at least like an update at the next meeting on where things stand.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Department Update**

Martha J. Schlesinger has resigned from the board. The Governor's appointment office has someone in mind, so the board will hopefully get a replacement soon.

### **B. Resolutions**

Patricia O'Handley, D.V.M., and Anne E. Lawter have been replaced. The board recognized them for their outstanding service to the board.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Heaton stated that the MVMA has taken a position on mandatory Continuing Education in Veterinary Medicine. He read a statement from the MVMA which stated its support of continuing education with specific views on how the model should be created.

Mary Cerartier is an attorney working for people whose animals have died in the care of a suspended veterinarian. She requested guidance in the complaint process.

Karlene Belyea thanked the board for what they do. The MVMA is a resource for the board if they need it.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

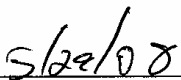
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Center, Conference Room 1 (Upper Parking Level), Lansing, Michigan.

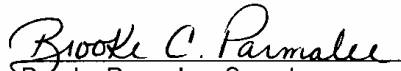
## **ADJOURNMENT**

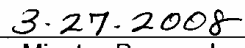
**MOTION** by Letsche, seconded by Kopcha to adjourn at 1:59 p.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Chairperson

  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Brooke Parmalee, Secretary

  
Date Minutes Prepared